



Specialists' Report

December, 2008

Music:

During the month of December students in all grade levels will be learning and reviewing winter and holiday music in preparation for the all-school sing-a-long assembly on Thursday December 18th. Special December activities include the Nutcracker ballet study in third grade and the Carol of the Bells study for sixth grade.

If your family is looking for some community activities in the Redmond area, try the Redmond Lights website at:

www.ci.redmond.wa.us/recreationarts/redmondlights/redmondlights.asp

There are plenty of musical activities and concerts in the Redmond community this month.

Congratulations goes to the following sixth graders who were nominated for the LWSD honor band, honor choir and honor orchestra.

Orchestra: Christina Dias, Stone Cao, Mahre Connor, Grace Mahan

Band: Linda Li, Kyra Bliss

Choir: Roshaan Khan, Brendan Hobbs, Savanna Hewitt, Julia Rettig, Lila Balakrishnan, Alex Hoar

Physical Education:

December will be a quick month in the gym. All grades will be participating in various bowling activities, from Spelling Bowl to Fitness Bowling.



Primary classes will also continue to develop their juggling skills, moving from two bean bags to learning the three bean bag pattern.

In grades 3-6 many returning students have juggled with two and three bean bags in previous years.

We will be working to improve juggling confidence and begin adding some tricks.

With winter weather arriving it can be hard for kids to stay active. Juggling (balled-up socks work great) and cup stacking are great indoor activities that improve hand-eye coordination. Intermediate students have also worked with numerous stations, many of which can be done in a small area and without special equipment. Enjoy a nice bike ride or walk to the playground in between the show-ers.

Mr. Dahlgren



Library:

BOOK FAIR: Thank you to all the volunteers and customers who made the Library Book Fair more successful than ever before. Special thanks to **Malia Steeb, Sheila Kandeler and Kerry Lodge** for all their work.

Here's what we are doing in Library class.

KINDERGARTNERS are finishing up their unit on Life Skills which helps them become more successful at school.

1ST GRADERS are hearing the last books in the Genre unit including Science Fiction and Realistic Fiction.

2ND GRADERS are wrapping up their unit on Folklore around the

world which focuses on character, plot and setting.

3RD GRADERS are working on their Magic School Bus Ride around the Library, learning how to use the Library more effectively. They are working on the Non-Fiction and Reference sections of the Library.

4TH GRADERS are finishing up their Research Resources unit in preparation for their upcoming research project.

5TH GRADERS are continuing to learn about the wide variety of topics and types of books in the Non-Fiction section.

6TH GRADERS are beginning a long unit on research skills focusing on evaluating when and how to use different resources.