



# Specials Team Newsletter

## November



### Media Updates

Thank you so much for supporting the YSES book fair...there were some great books purchased!

**Please look for overdue notices coming home at the end of each month.** *Overdue books mean that other students can't enjoy those great books.*

**Here are October's Checkout Statistics:**

\*There have been **10,879 books checked out** since the beginning of school.

\*Books checked out this month by each grade:

Pre-K: 37	K: 219	1st: 398
2nd: 820	3rd: 852	4th: 622
	5th: 525	

\*Most **popular book** for October was Dog Man For Whom the Ball Rolls

### PE Updates

The theme in P.E. the last few weeks has been **underhand throwing**. All grade levels have been working to perfect their underhand throwing form. I like to work on this skill for about two weeks with our students as it allows them to have a week of **skill practice** and become familiar with how to use correct form. The second week allows for more **interactive underhand throwing games** as a class or in small groups. Following underhand throwing, students will move to focus on the skill of **overhand throwing**. We will use the same two-week schedule to allow for practice and then gameplay.

**The underhand and overhand throwing units are used to help prepare our students for the Magic Club unit that we do in P.E.** Magic club is

a progressive throwing and catching unit where students are challenged to **use different balls and complete different types of throws** in order to "level up". In my experience, students really enjoy Magic Club and keeping track of their own progress in order to gain levels or awards. While Magic Club occurs in grades 3-5, I preview it with a simplified version in grades K-2.

### Art Updates

Classes are diving into new learning with grade level vocabulary and concepts. **Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately when they have art as we use a variety of media.**

**PK-1st:** Lines, Geometric Shapes

**2nd:** Texture, Neutral Colors

**3rd:** Rhythm, Value

**4th:** Tertiary Colors, Positive/Negative Space

**5th:** Subject Matter, Art Elements and Principles

### Square 1 Art

**All Square 1 Art orders need to be placed ONLINE using your child's access code printed on their custom catalog. If you are in need of your child's access code, please email Mrs. Shields-Roberson. If we have at least 45% participation in our fundraiser (240 orders), we will receive a school-wide reward! The last day to place an order is November 7th.**

### 5th Grade Yearbook Cover Contest

5th grade yearbook cover design entries are due to Mrs. Shields-Roberson by **Monday November 7th.**

## Music Updates

**PreK:** Students are exploring singing, movement, instruments, and building awareness of personal space.

**K and 1st:** Students are still learning about **musical opposites** such as *same vs. different*, *fast vs. slow*, *high vs. low*, *long vs. short* in addition to steady beat. They will keep developing their voices through songs and exercises. **1st graders** will also be introduced to **solfege syllables sol and mi**.

**2nd:** Students are exploring the parts of the **treble staff** by studying solfege syllables **do, sol, mi, and la**. They continue to develop their voices through singing games.

**3rd - 5th:** Students will continue to study rhythms they have learned this year. They will learn about **expressive elements** in music: **dynamics** (*the levels of loud or quiet*) and **tempo** (*the levels of fast or slow*). Students will also explore **major v. minor** and expand their knowledge of solfege syllables **fa** and **ti**.

## Nuts and Bolts

- **Donations of tissues and Clorox wipes are always appreciated by the specials team**
- **Donations of Ziploc bags** (any size), **washed containers/lids** are always appreciated in the art room

## Upcoming Important Dates

- **November 7, 2022:** Square 1 Art Fundraiser Online Orders Due
- **November 7, 2022:** 5th Grade Yearbook Cover Design Entries Due
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Chorus Winter Concert  
December 15, 2022  
7 PM

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