

Art—Mrs. Nara and Mrs. Ulstad

In Mrs. Nara's art class, students learn about a different artist during each visit. They are creating landscapes, still life pictures, portraits, and weavings. Their first project will be a paper weaving, and the second one will be a yarn weaving.



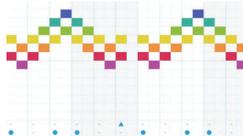
In Mrs. Ulstad's art class, students will begin the quarter by contributing to the collaborative project "Growing Together." Students will learn about dragons in art and create their own dragon painting. Students will also learn about Australian artwork and create their own Aboriginal painting.

Information Literacy

Mrs. Grindheim (grades 1 and 2), Ms. Middleton-Koller (grade 5), and Mrs. Reimer (grades 3 and 4) share the instruction of information literacy classes. For the most current information about what their classes are reading and doing, visit their teacher webpages.

Second graders will be working on these things during fourth quarter:

- ◆ Creating melodies with rhythms using Chrome Music Lab
- ◆ Coding with Scratch to program animations
- ◆ Creating comic strips using the Make Beliefs Comix website
- ◆ Playing Game About Squares, a spatial reasoning puzzle at gameaboutsquares.com



Physical Education—Mr. Gort & Mrs. Lukens

In PE during the last part of the year, all grades will be participating in the Turtle Lake Ninja Warrior course! Each class will get to experience the course twice. Each student will be challenged to get their best time through the course and to see how many times they can get through it during one class period. We will be emphasizing various fitness concepts and how they are influenced in challenge courses like Ninja Warrior. First and second grade will also be practicing their throwing, catching, striking, and kicking skills using a variety of games and activities. Our goal is to get outside as much as possible and introduce students to some outdoor activities that they can practice and play over the summer to continue improving their skills.



Music—Ms. Crockett & Miss Poppin



Second Graders recently learned a new pitch called *re*, and they are singing it in many songs, as well as learning to read the pattern *mi, re, do*. For movement in music, they have been working well together as a group while learning some folk dances. During the whole month of April, they are experiencing music and instruments from another world culture. All students from Turtle Lake are learning to play the Indonesian Gamelan, including our fabulous second graders! They are learning the focus and respect it takes to play the Gamelan ensemble. In May, they will learn the basics of African drumming and practice accompanying more of their songs on the melodic classroom instruments.



Science—Mrs. Wills

Second graders will explore balance and motion of objects by creating spinners and marble ramps. If time permits, students will also experiment using the substance, Oobleck. They will apply their knowledge of the properties of liquids and solids to their observations to determine which most describes this mysterious substance.