

Art—Mrs. Nara and Mrs. Ulstad

In Mrs. Nara's art class, students study a different picture during each visit. Students use paper, ribbon, and fabric to create weavings. After weavings we will start the architecture unit. We will look at buildings from around the world. Students will create collages and paper models.



In Mrs. Ulstad's art class, students will begin the quarter by contributing to the collaborative project "Growing Together." Students will learn about symmetry, negative space, and abstract art and create projects around these art concepts.



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.

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

- ◆ Using the website Draw a Stickman to draw a character and story items to complete an animated adventure story
- ◆ 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



Science—Mrs. Wills

First graders will wrap up being astronomers and begin being soil scientists. They will take soil samples from Turtle Lake grounds and study them to see what types of soil are in each sample. If time, weather, and construction permits, students will also take an end-of-first-grade nature hike to play "Nature Bingo."



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

First graders are performing, reading and distinguishing the difference between beat and rhythm accurately. They have learned to sing the pitch *la*, and will continue learning how to read it on the staff in relation to *so* and *mi*.



They have been experiencing how to work 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 first 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 learn to accompany more songs on the melodic classroom instruments.

