

GJE SPECIALS

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Music – Mr. Samuels

In 3rd grade we are beginning to learn the recorder! We started in January and will be continuing through the rest of the semester.

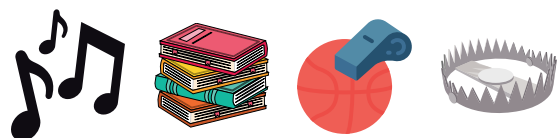
The 4th grade students recently studied the instruments of the orchestra and will eventually begin drum circles and world music.

5th grade has been studying composition and will begin a video game music project in February.

6th graders have also been studying composition and will be working on a short film soundtrack and a project about music careers.

Library – Mr. Lambert

Each class in the library starts with a discussion about a topic like “how numbers got their shape” to help the students gain knowledge and encourage questioning and looking up answers using the books at hand. Then there is a project; recently we learned how to properly fill out an envelope with an address and return address. Students then chose who to send it to – many chose popular singers or wrestling stars, but a couple chose NASA scientists. The latest project has been creating codes and ciphers. The students first learn how to use the cipher, decode a message, and then create a coded message for another person to decode.



PE – Mr. Crace

We just finished up the presidential fitness program with all grade levels. This included the arm hang, push-ups, plager, 1 mile run (4-6 grade) 3rd grade ½ mile, along with a few others. Please take a few minutes and ask your child how they did. The exercises listed above are the ones that I will be entering into the gradebook for parents to see. These exercises are not graded, just noted so you will be able to compare them when we do it again in the spring.

We are currently playing hockey for the next three weeks. Hopefully we will make it through without too many bruised shins. So far the students are really enjoying it. After hockey we will be playing soccer and then on to volleyball. Please encourage your child to exercise everyday. Push-up's and planks are great exercises to do every day. Stay healthy and enjoy the snow while it's here.

Yupik – Mr. Apu

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In December they were taught how to call family members in Yupik. Just recently they learned how to set conibear traps and what area to set. In February they are going to try out for the bird calendar contest.