

Enrichment Newsletter

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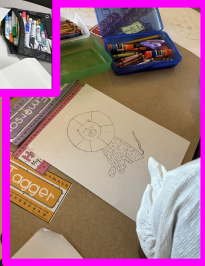
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Art

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INSPIRE IMAGINATION

Hey, Cougars!! I am so glad we are back in Art. We have hit the ground running, drawing out things about ourselves so our classmates can get to know us. Some grades have also worked on how to properly mix watercolors. We are so excited about the year coming up. If you would like to donate some things to our classroom, we constantly use baby wipes, clorox wipes, and paper towels.



Library

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INSPIRE UNDERSTANDING

I'm thrilled that we're back in the library! We've only been together for a short time but man, have we packed in the fun – from learning about magnets and growth mindset to taking care of our new books, this is going to be the most amazing year ever! Are you ready for more? How about more reading, more comprehension, more teamwork, more thinking outside of the box, more listening to each other, more learning about ourselves, more time together ... there are so many “more's” I want this year!

Speaking of books, do you need more reading material at home? Why not bring the family to our Book Fair next week – we're WILD about Reading!



Music

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INSPIRE HARMONY

Hello, my name is Lauren Hennes and I am the music teacher at NWRE. I am a double graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi. I received my Bachelor's in Music Education with a concentration in Voice in December 2012 and just recently received my Master's in Music Education in December of 2023! This is my 12th year teaching elementary music. My husband, Jacob Hennes, has been on staff with the NWR High School band for 6 years, and I am so excited to join him as a Cougar! I am a mom to Carrigan, 10, and Lochlan, 8. So far in music this year we have been getting to know each other with a lot of fun name games/dances. Pre-k through 1st grade have been practicing spatial awareness with scarf movement dances, practicing steady beat with egg shakers, and identifying 1 and 2 sound words with rhythm sticks. Grades 2-4 learned a Russian Folk Dance called Sasha and have been reviewing rhythms. 3rd grade is hard at work practicing their music program songs. 5th grade has learned a special song that we performed during our Freedom Celebration called "American Tears" as well as playing ukuleles, reviewing rhythms, and learning about composer Lin-Manuel Miranda. I look forward to an amazing year with these musicians!



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INSPIRE FITNESS

It's been a great start to the year in P.E.! We have been focusing on some activities designed to help reinforce many of the routines and procedures we use throughout the year in PE as well as cooperative games and sportsmanship. Students enjoyed Go Fish Relays as well as all the fitness challenges we have done thus far. Our next focus is on ball handling and the Pacer Challenge. Please remember to wear tennis shoes and to bring water bottle to PE class.



STEM



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INSPIRE CREATIVITY

We have been rocking and rolling in STEM this year! Students have been doing a lot of group assignments and working together on different challenges. This week we are working on a STEM challenge with notecards. I love seeing them having fun and learning all at the same time! Feel free to email me with any questions or concerns:)

Wish list: toilet paper rolls, paper towels rolls, containers