

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Specials
2025 - 26

Art - Mrs. Pennock

Overview

In Art, we learn and work on the Elements and Principles of Art

K-3 work on proper use of materials and tools

4-6 work on perfecting techniques using different materials

Looking forward

We are planning an Arts night on March 12th

Band - Mr. Zapotocky

Learning to Read Music

Students are learning to read music! They will work on reading music without writing in the note names.

In order to be successful in band students need to:

- A) Attend all scheduled band classes.
- B) Come to class with your instrument and all supplies.
- C) Have a good attitude and try your best even when things get tough.
- D) If signed up for Band Club, come in after school for extra help.

Grading

Displays Content and Skill Knowledge in Coursework (20% of grade)
Written and Playing Assessments (80% of grade)
Performances (Concerts) (part of assessment grade)

Students will have at least three playing assessments each quarter in addition to written assessments. Students will have the opportunity to retake band quiz's/assessments multiple times in order to earn the outcome they desire. Retakes must be completed one week before grades are due for each grading period.

Lots of Performances!

Winter and Spring Concerts
District Honor Band (6th Grade)
Feeder Concert at Hillcrest (6th Grade)
Phoenix Suns! More information TBA.
Arts Showcase on May 1 and More!

All students will participate in at least two concerts. Attendance is mandatory. Every person is essential for us to have a successful performance.

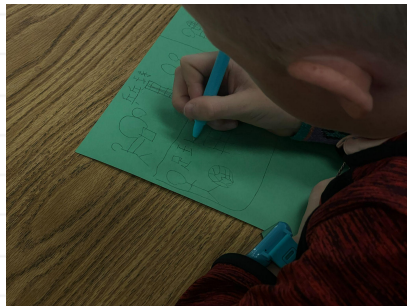
Incentives

Students earn reward points for bringing their instrument, band book and folder, materials, and displaying good citizenship.

Students who earn enough points will go on a field trip to Organ Stop on Dec 16!



Mandarin - Ms. Jiao



I can greet my teachers and classmates.

我会问候我的老师和同学。

I can introduce myself.

我会介绍我自己。

Can Do Statement
"Me and my world"

I can say "cooking, eating, sleeping, changing clothes, playing, watching tv, washing hands, using the bathroom, showering, doing homework".

我可以“做饭, 吃饭, 睡觉, 换衣服, 玩游戏, 看电视, 洗手, 上厕所, 洗澡, 做作业”

I can identify and name "Dad", "Mom", "family", "sister", "brother", "grandfather" and "grandmother.

我能认“爸爸”, “妈妈”, “家人”, “姐姐/妹妹”, “哥哥/弟弟”, “爷爷”和“奶奶”

I can describe the number of rooms in my house using "I have..."

我可以“说我的家有几个房间。”

ex. I have 4 bedrooms in my house. 我(家)有4个房间

ex. I have 2 bathrooms in my house. 我(家)有2个浴室

I can state who I love with the sentence structure "I love..."

我能表达我爱什么人.:“我爱...”



General Music K-6

We work on rhythmic, melodic and music theory elements relative to each grade level..

Music/ Chorus - Mrs. James



Chorus 4, 5, 6

We sing every day!
We will have 2 school concerts PLUS other opportunities.



Grades - All Groups

Grades are based on participation. There are some written grades but most will be performance/participation based.

Coach Patena



K-6 Physical Education Class

P.E. Class Overview + Expectations

What We Learn:

- Physical activities, both individual and team
- Locomotor movements and development
- Rules/regulations of various sports/games
- Sportsmanship and team work
- Coordination, agility, and balance

P.E. Rules:

- Come to class ready-to-play by wearing comfortable/athletic clothes and shoes
- Participate and try your best in class activities and lessons
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship - be nice :)

WHAT WILL THE DVUSD M&O OVERRIDE RESTORE FUNDS TO?

Athletics & Arts Programs

DVUSD offers competitive high school and middle school sports programs at multiple levels, and visual and performing arts such as theatre, chorus, and band for students of all talents and ages.

Free Full-Day Kindergarten

Since 2016, DVUSD has funded full-day kindergarten to our community at no out-of-pocket cost to families.

Student & Family Needs

DVUSD provides student support services such as school nurses, academic counseling, and early childhood preschool programs.

Increase Employee Pay & Maintain Class Size

Approximately 8% of employee pay comes from M&O override funding, allowing DVUSD to attract and retain teachers. This also allows DVUSD to keep the average student-to-teacher ratio at 17:1 per classroom.

Get more facts at DVUSD.org/election

YOUR VOTE

Deer Valley Unified School District



November 4, 2025

OUR FUTURE



Gecko Gathering

Desert Sage's monthly community gathering where families can join teachers, staff & students as we celebrate all things happening at Desert Sage throughout the year.

*** 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. ***

Desert Sage Playground Field

- Aug. 8th
- Dec. 5th
- April. 24th
- Sept. 12th
- Jan. 16th
- May 15th
- Oct. 10th
- Feb. 20th
- Nov. 7th
- Mar. 27th

Desert Sage Elementary



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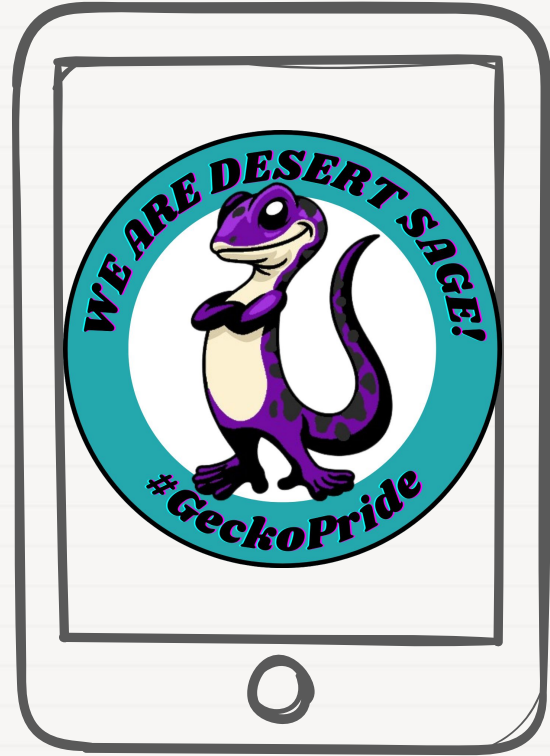
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Questions?



ANSWERS!



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