

Related Arts Newsletter

2020- 2021: Cycle 3



Happy Fall Y'all!!!

As the weather changes and gets cooler it is a great time to cuddle up with a blanket, lay on the living room floor, grab pencil and paper, markers, crayons, or whatever you like to use and draw something!!! You don't have to be a great artist to make a card for someone, or draw a picture. All you have to do is relax and have fun experimenting with lines, colors, shapes... There are many different videos you can watch that will show you how to draw things or make things out of paper with glue and scissors.

Be sure to check out the Related Arts Google Classroom to see what activities you need to do for Art, Music, Science Lab and PE. We do check and grade your work, and there are deadlines for getting your work done. Each of us misses seeing you and we love to see what you are doing at home, so check us out!

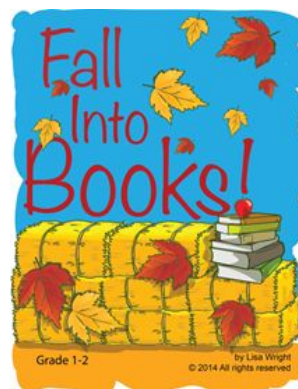
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Art

MES Media Center

Fall is my favorite time of year! It's a wonderful time to curl up with a good book! November is **National Family Literacy Month**. I hope you will take time to read with your child on a regular basis, not just November. If you have younger children, reading aloud to them is a great way to establish the habit of reading in them and helps extend their attention spans. Even older children like to be read to as I can attest to in library classes! Whether it is a picture book or a short magazine article about something you both enjoy doing, older students benefit from the interaction and the opportunity to practice good reading habits.

Finally, a resource that may be helpful to you and your child during virtual learning is SC Discus, a free program of the



South Carolina State Library. I've included the website information below. Most resources on the site do not require a username and password as long as you reside in SC. However, I'll be sending home bookmarks containing this information with your child shortly.

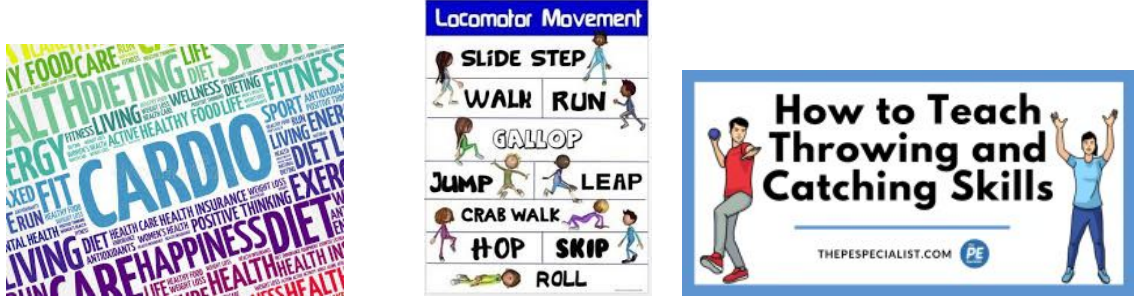
SC Discus Website: <https://www.scdiscus.org/discus-kids>

After opening the site, there will be a variety of resources for your child, depending upon his age/grade. One of my favorites for all grade-levels is Tumblebooks, which provides you and your child a variety of up-to-date books to read, including story books, digital books, graphic novels, and nonfiction.

Happy Reading!
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Cycle 3 Physical Education Newsletter
Mon Oct 26 - Fri Nov 27.

Unfortunately the pandemic shows no sign of abating but P.E at MES continues to deliver the best possible program through such trying circumstances! Throughout the duration of Cycle 3 students will continue the pursuit of excellence. All students will continue to work on their cardiovascular fitness.



Cardiovascular health is so important and we continually encourage the students to engage in cardio activity daily. Grades 2-5 will be undertaking the mile run as part of their cardio work and assessment and the younger grades will perform a similar exercise. Additionally, grades K-2 will be undertaking a unit encompassing locomotor skills, essential in skill

acquisition and gross motor skill development and individual tossing and catching with throwing to targets.

In addition to cardio work grades 3-5 will undertake a unit of racquet skills leading up to the ability to play racquet games. As part of their regular warm ups students will be engaging in a series of agility, balance and coordination exercise and stretching.



Stay safe and healthy Chiefs!!!



Cycle 3 News from the Science Lab

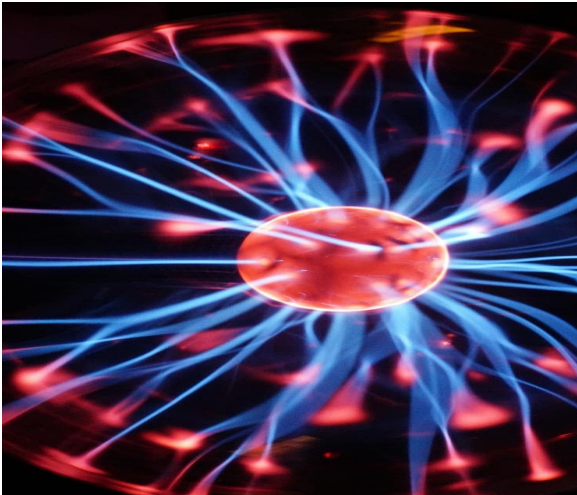
During Cycle 3, fifth and fourth graders will be soaring across the atmosphere as they study forces and motion creating and launching their own rockets, and creating cloud type presentations,

respectively. Our third graders will be using the repulsion of magnets to conduct races and static electricity to cause plastic to levitate. The hair-raising effects of the Van de Graaff generator

will also be demonstrated with third grade. Grades K-2 will be focusing on the five senses, light and shadows and properties of matter as they grow bread mold and investigate how easily germs spread.

Work for virtual students only is in Google Classroom. Please make sure your assignments are completed on time. Save your work and attach it in Google Classroom. It is **graded**. If you have trouble, attach it in an email to ruckerm@mccormick.k12.sc.us. Please watch for information concerning our Science Fair in the near future.

Melanie Rucker, Science Lab



Cycle 3 Career News



During the month of November, I will be teaching your children about LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY. I will be explaining the role of the police officers, listing situations where students might encounter police in their communities, and identifying the proper steps to take when encountering police in different settings and situations. I am also inviting the school's resource officer to talk with the students. We will be working on different scenarios and some "Do's" and "Don'ts." If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mwhitaker@mccormick.k12.sc.us or (864) 443-2292. Mamie Whitaker



Falling Into Rhythm

Music

Cycle 3

The students have been learning about Steady Beat, and Rhythm. In this study they have been exploring and practicing that knowledge through the use of instruments song and dance. They've enjoyed seasonal songs such as Pumpkin Bones, Steady Beat Street and Pumpkin Percussion using rhythm sticks. Since I only see students twice a month we will continue this which will evolve into learning about Meter, dividing beats into equal measures.

I would also like to address Google Classroom issues that some students and parents have had. Virtual students are required to turn in their Related Arts assignment in order to get a grade. My assignments will require students to watch a video and complete a quiz afterwards. Please only take the quiz once, and send a photo of the screen with the score. And other assignments will require recording yourself, singing or playing rhythms. Please record on your Chromebook and submit those recordings in the Google Classroom for a grade. You may also email them to me or your child's teacher if you are having problems. Please feel free to email me at any time with questions. Thank you! And Happy Autumn Days.

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