

Related Arts Newsletter

2020- 2021: Cycle 1



Ready, Set, GROW!!!

Helloooo!!!!

This is Miss Langley, and I am so excited to be back in school and looking forward to a great year of Art lessons! A lot of things have changed here at McCormick Elementary since we left school on March 13, 2020 ... (Well really, things have changed ***everywhere*** since March 13th!). As you know coming to school is going to be very different for you and for all of us. This is true for Art too. Instead of you coming to the Art room, I will be coming to your class. I will be bringing some of your favorite materials with me, so you can still enjoy making things and learning about art, but I will be bringing art ideas for you to try out at home.

Our school and district theme for this year is “Full Steam Ahead: Ready, Set, GROW!!! ” This time of year when the plants are blooming and vegetables and fruit are ripening, I automatically think of how I can use and save some of the crops that are all around me. I begin to try out new recipes for the food from the garden, and I enjoy experimenting with things I have never tried before. With this being said, when I think of our school theme, I think about learning new recipes for making art, and using ingredients that you have at home. When I come into your classes each week my plan is to demonstrate how to make or do something using materials you can get easily or your family may already have in the house. You don't have to have high dollar materials to make art that is both beautiful and fun, all you need is a RECIPE FOR SUCCESS!!!

My hope is that we will all have a good time “cooking up” some fun and easy Art projects.
So...are you READY??? “on your mark, ready, set, GROW!!!”



August 2020

Dear Parents or Guardians,

This year in music class, your student will be introduced to/continue an interactive music program called **Quaver's Marvelous World of Music**. I'll be using activities, songs, games, and

some videos from the Quaver program as part of my lessons on everything from theory and playing instruments to music history. Students will be given instruments to keep in their own personal bags that will not be shared. Quaver is engaging and interactive. The students love it! **Virtual** students please watch **Quaver Back to school greetings** on youtube. I am working on lessons to send home later in Google Classroom.

Your students may come home talking about Quaver-the lead character of the program-or the website, QuaverMusic.com, which they may use in class or at home to create music and play musical games. Concerning programs due to CDC guidelines we will not be able to have group performances such as the Christmas program and recorder instruction. This month we will be going over rules and watching videos and moving to songs about keeping safe, also lessons on **Beat and Rhythm**. Related Arts teachers will be going to the classes to teach.

I hope you and your student enjoy your **Seriously fun!** journey into Quaver's Marvelous World of Music both in the classroom and at home. I'm very excited to offer this resource to my classes this year! It really works well with the new normal. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to ask me, or visit QuaverMusic's info website: (**QuaverMusic.com/InfoCenter**) You can also see what other Quaver teachers and students are doing across the country on their various social media platforms.

Facebook.com/QuaverMusic

Twitter.com/QuaverMusic

Have a marvelous day! *Mrs. Moton* MES Music Teacher
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McCormick Elementary Science Lab
Melanie Rucker

Welcome back to McCormick Elementary School! This year our theme is **Ready...Set...Grow**, because we are ready to begin a new journey with creative Science Lab activities to inspire and stimulate your child's growth. Due to Covid-19, Science Lab lessons will be taught in your child's classroom. Using technology, and hands-on activities, your child will learn to collaborate, design, and discover innovative solutions to problems in our world by conducting several STEAM activities, projects, investigations and experiments. This Nine Weeks we will be studying weather, habitats and environments, ecosystems, matter and communities. Social distancing protocols will be used in Science Lab classes because **Safety**

comes *first*! You may call me at (864) 443-2292 or email me at ruckerm@mccormick.k12.sc.us.
Melanie W. Rucker



READ and ... GROW!

Welcome to the Eleanor S. Rice Media Center! I'm thrilled to be back at school and hope to see many of you!

Library classes will look a little different this year as I will be going into the classrooms for lessons and check-out of books. Due to the M-W, T-Th class schedule and that I also serve MMS students, library classes will be on a Week A and Week B schedule. Therefore, I will only see each class every other week. For K - 2 students, I will be taking a wide assortment of books, fiction and nonfiction, into their classroom for them to choose from to check-out.***

For grades 3 - 5, I am going to take an assortment of books into their classroom, as well as utilize the **HOLD** system within Destiny Discover for students to choose books. What is Destiny Discover? It is the online public access system that students can use to search and access books to be checked out. When I start visiting classrooms, I will teach your child how to access this program to place Holds on the books that they are interested in.***

Virtual students will also have the opportunity to check out books by putting them on **HOLD** using Destiny Discover. More details as to placing books on hold and the book pick-up procedures for virtual students will be coming within the next couple weeks.

How to access Destiny Discover:

1. In the MES website, click on Library.
2. On the Library page, click on DESTINY LIBRARY CATALOG icon (this icon should be on the Home Page of your child's device as well).
3. On the right top corner, click on Login In.
4. Your child's UN and PW is their FirstnameLastname (capital letters as seen). If you have difficulty, please email me.

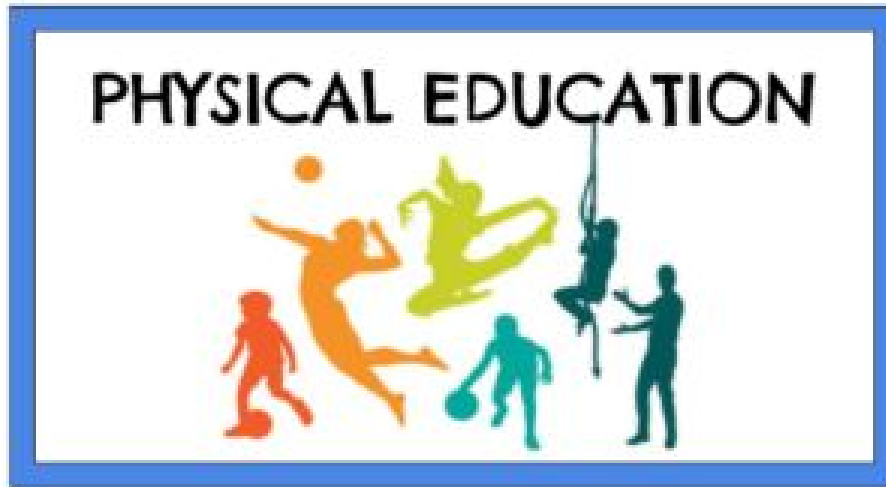
We're still missing quite a few books from last year! If you know your child has a book(s) at home that belongs to the MES/MMS Library, please send it in as soon as possible. For checking out new books, the student must not have any outstanding books. Thank you!

Happy Reading!

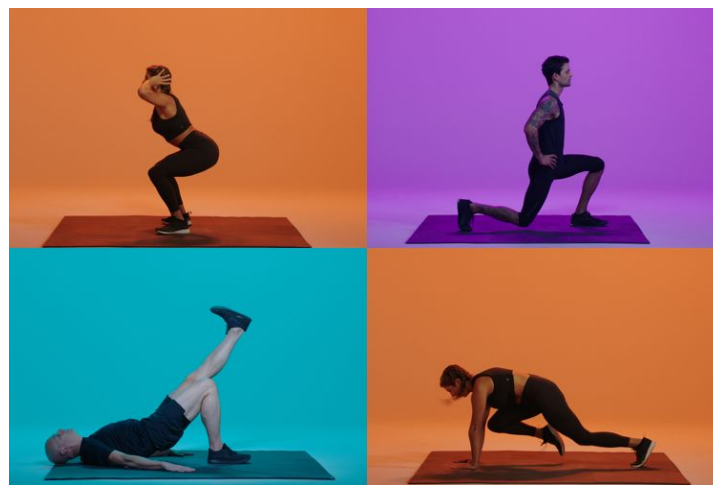
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"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." — Cicero



Welcome to the 2020/21 school year. With the current pandemic the world is experiencing Physical Education classes will look different due to mandates and protocols in place. However, the show must go on and all students will be 'Ready, Set, Go!' to be the best they can be. Lessons will be conducted in the classroom setting until otherwise directed by administration. During the first cycle all students will be undertaking a unit of physical fitness activities that can be utilized not only in the classroom but at home as well. Students will be taught fun ways they can develop their personal fitness while remaining socially distanced and safe. Please feel free to contact me on (864) 443-2292 or email at doddp@mccormick.k12.sc.us.



STAY SAFE EVERYONE!

Career News

The year is going by in such a hurry! Because of the Covid-19 schools had to make a big adjustment. I still believe that we will be able to make a difference in our children's education by working together as a team.

My focus for the month of September is going to be getting to know my students, and teaching them about why they need to know how to communicate and work as a team. This is very challenging for anyone, much less children. Often, people are focused on their points of view that they fail to see the beliefs of others. It is our goal to help our students listen to and include others when working in teams, small groups, and engaging in classroom discussions. This is also a skill to apply when playing cooperative games and activities in PE and on the playground. When sharing their point of view, we want students to explain their thinking by explaining the "Why" to their opinions. As they grow up, this skill is important as they engage in conversations with adults, parents, etc. regarding privileges, responsibilities, their roles at home and in society. This is a great opportunity for us to practice with our children. Include them in family conversations. Allow them to share their thoughts on issues and challenge them to share their "Why." They will feel empowered and valued. It will be a rewarding experience for you and for them!



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