

# *Related Arts Newsletter*

## **2020-2021: Cycle 2**



**Our Book Fair is going VIRTUAL!**

**September 21, 2020 - October 4, 2020**

For the first Book Fair of the 2020-2021 school year, we are having an online book sale. Starting on Monday, September 21st, you and your child can go to the link below to order books! All books ordered will be sent to your home address. As with all book fairs, the library will receive a portion of the proceeds to use to purchase more books for the library. We hope you enjoy this experience shopping from home with your child!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mccormickelementaryschool2>

\*\*\*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. Thank you!!!

**Happy Reading!**

**Mrs. Bock**

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*Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.*

**-Mason Cooley**

### **ART CYCLE 2 -----9/21-10/23 2020**

**Dots!! Dots!! Dots!! IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DOTS!!!**

Students in grades K-2 are learning about painting with dots. Another name for dot painting is Pointillism and the father of Pointillism is Georges Seurat, and he painted around the time of the US Civil War. At that time he was made fun of by other artists, and they are the ones who called his dot painting Pointillism, because he painted with either the end or the point of his paintbrush.



Google --- Pointillism and look at the many examples of the way artists do dot painting today, you will be amazed at what you see. You can also look at the Art section of Google Classroom and watch the video links there.

# NEWS

From the McCormick Elementary School Physical Education Department

Cycle 2. Monday September 21 - Friday October 23.

As the covid pandemic continues, the P.E program will still seek to continue educating as normally as possible despite the numerous mandates and initiatives in place to try to ensure the continued health and safety of our staff and students. During Cycle 2, Grades 3 through 5 will undertake an aerobic or cardiovascular fitness test. The test will be chosen from the P.A.C.E.R test, the Mile Run or the Cooper Run. As I write I am awaiting confirmation as to the parameters I can work within during present times. K-2 will engage in shortened practice versions as they seek to familiarize themselves with the components of the test. All grade levels will additionally engage in a unit of gross and fine motor skill development utilizing manipulatives (these will be sanitized between usage as per CDC guidelines) and some Speed, Agility, Balance and Coordination work as part of their physical regimen.

Please feel free to contact me on [doddp@mccormick.k12.sc.us](mailto:doddp@mccormick.k12.sc.us)

Stay Safe!



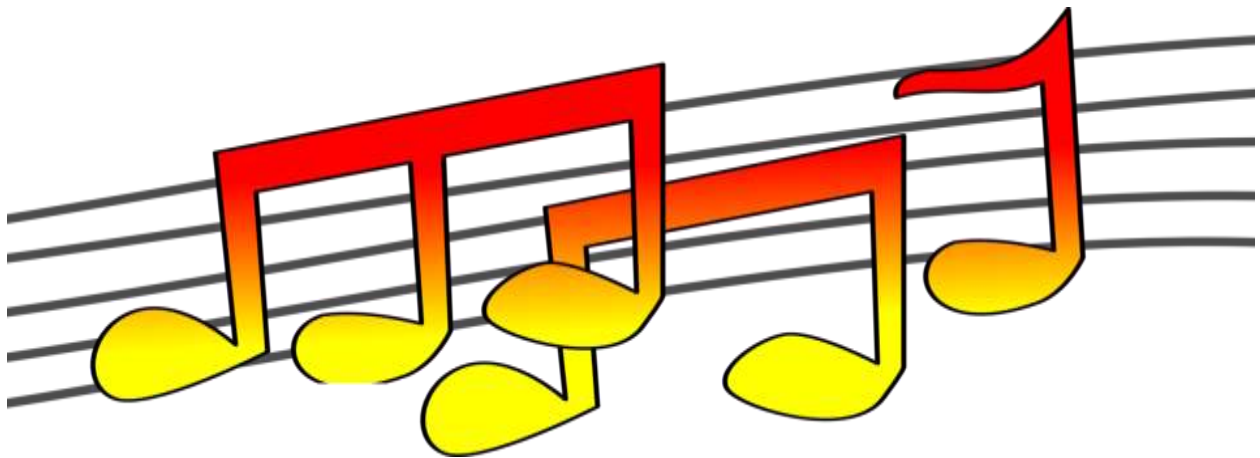


## News from the Science Lab

As the Coronavirus pandemic continues and the need for personal protective gear persists, I will be teaching students how to make their own masks and face shields during Cycle 2. Grades K-2 will also be investigating how germs spread throughout a community and the necessity for social distancing. In addition to masks and shields, third graders will be investigating bird beaks and how animals are

affected by changes in their habitats. Fourth graders will be creating cloud types, plus a video or slide presentation. Fifth graders will be observing abiotic and biotic factors in gardens and creating illustrations.

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## MUSIC NEWS

As we continue to make the best of these times still moving forward, I am happy to report that virtual students can now participate with Quaver Music through Google Classroom! These assignments will be for a grade so please students submit your work as directed. This month K-2 will be learning about Steady Beat and Voices. Grades 3-5 will focus on note values, meter and rhythm. We use hand held rhythm instruments that they keep in a ziploc bag. I take these up at the end of each week and sanitize them. I am asking my 3-5 graders to try to have a pair of sticks to practice their rhythms with the lessons. Use something around your house or you can go to Lowes and purchase a long dowel stick and have the store cut it to make two sticks 12 inches long. The size of a ruler. Or buy a

pair of drum sticks from your local music store. If this isn't possible you can clap rhythms using your hands. Any questions concerning Google Classroom or other concerns please feel free to contact me by email. [mmoton@mccormick.k12.sc.us](mailto:mmoton@mccormick.k12.sc.us).  
Mrs. Moton

## CYCLE 2 CAREER NEWS



During the next four weeks of Cycle 2, I will be teaching your child how to fill out a job application. This will give them the opportunity to look up a job on the internet using search engines, research the job's description, and locate the place where the job is. Grades K-3 will be working on keyboard coloring sheets, and learning how to count

coins using addition and subtraction. Feel free to contact me at [whitakerm@mccormick.k12.sc.us](mailto:whitakerm@mccormick.k12.sc.us) or (864) 443-2292. MAMIE WHITAKER