Physical Education

As we head into the Thanksgiving break, students have been hard at work in a variety of activities in P.E. class.

The K & 1st grade students are working hard on a basketball skills unit. Students spent the first part of the unit learning / reviewing the dribble. The main areas of focus were control, head up, using the fingers. This week students began learning about and practicing various shooting skills (lay-up, jump shot, set shot).

The students in 2nd grade have been working on a bicycling unit. As part of the DCPS cornerstone initiative, all second grade students across the District have the opportunity to learn how to ride a bike and continue pushing their skills. This is an amazing opportunity for the kids and is evident through the many smiling faces.

Finally, our 3rd - 5th grade students have been participating in a mini-game basketball unit. Over the past few lessons, students have played small sided games, challenging themselves and their classmates’ skills. This week, students will start playing 3v3 and 4v4 games.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Coach Mitchell
Artists in all grades have been learning about collections and how artists use collections to make their visual statements more powerful.

Working both individually and collaboratively and with collections of all types, our artists have been busy creating meaningful works of art.

As part of our investigation into collections, we have been looking at the work of Syrian artist Nizar Ali Badr. Badr uses stones, gathered locally, to create artwork highlighting the situation in his country and the plight of refugees from the area.

Students in grades 2-5 are currently working, like Badr, to tell a story using a collection/collections that has personal relevance.
Spanish

ECE and Kindergarten

ECE and Kindergarten students have been watching story videos to hear and practice conversations that include the questions ¿Cómo te llamas? What is your name? and ¿Cuántos años tienes? How old are you? In addition, they have been practicing counting in Spanish. ECE students have been making literacy-focused art projects while Kindergarten students have been using a workbook to answer questions about the stories.

Practice singing songs at home:

What is your name?
How old are you?
Rain

First and Second Grade:

1st and 2nd Grade Students have been watching story videos to hear and practice conversations that include the questions ¿Cuándo es tu cumpleaños? and ¿Quién está? In addition, they have been practicing creating phrases to write dates and possession.

Practice singing songs at home:

Months of the year
Colors

Third Grade

Third graders have been practicing conversation phrases “¿Cómo estás? How are you?, ¿Qué día es hoy? What is today? ¿En qué mes estamos? What month are we in? In addition, they have completed two word webs azul blue, and amarillo yellow that have thematic vocabulary as well as have been learning vocabulary words for action verbs and parts of the body.

Practice songs at home:

Come right now
All of my body
Parts of the body

Fourth and Fifth Grade

See the quizlet links to see what words Fourth and Fifth Graders have been reviewing (practice at home). In addition, students have done the word web for rosado pink that present vocabulary in a thematic context.

Conversation questions:

Verbs
Items in the classroom
Parts of the body
Get ready to dance

Come right now
Starting this month all students (ECE - 5th grade) will begin getting ready for their Winter Concert to take place in December! Students will be singing, dancing, and playing various instruments as part of this concert which should make for a fun-filled evening. Tentatively the dates will be December 13 for our ECE -1st grade musicians and December 14 for our 2nd – 5th grade musicians as well as the Brent Honors Choir.

Every year for more than a decade Brent Elementary School has produced a spring musical/play. We are thrilled to announce that the 2017-2018 Spring Musical will be "Dear Edwina Jr.". Dear Edwina Jr. follows the adventures of plucky advice-giver-extraordinaire, Edwina Spoonapple, as she directs the neighborhood kids in a series of upbeat production numbers for the latest edition of her weekly "Advice-a-Palooza." Edwina and her friends share wisdom on everything from trying new foods to making new friends through clever, catchy and poignant songs. A packet with forms and dates for the musical has been sent via email as well as in TuesNews. They can also be found on the Brent homepage.

Finally over the last month we have had musicians from The Kennedy Center Jazz Outreach program, The President's Own Marine Band, The Hill Center, and the NSO come to Brent to play for our students to enrich their learning of the performing arts. If you (or someone you know) is interested in performing for our students during a music class please email me. The more we can expose our children to various types of music the better.