

Performing Arts

A new trimester has started for students in music, art, and science. The following classes will now be coming to music: Ms. Patterson's, Ms. Laskowski's, Ms. Kraemer's, Ms. Leary's, and Ms. Lee's. Students in Ms. Kraemer's class are asked to bring their recorders every day until the last day of school.

The third grade belt-testing schedule will be the following until the end of the year (belt testing is always from 8:30 – 8:45 in the music room):

KRAEMER: Monday and Wednesday

HILL/MASCHARI: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Thank you to everyone that came out to the end-of-2nd trimester concert this past week. Your support of the performing arts is truly appreciated!

Physical Education

In P.E. class, students in grades K – 2nd are currently participating in a dribbling, kicking, and trapping unit. This unit focuses on the development of foot-striking skills associated with the game of soccer. Students will also have the opportunity to learn / review how to receive passes while stationary and moving. While the physical outcomes are well defined and important, the activities during this unit foster student learning through exploration, experimentation, and the enjoyment of moving. Students will conclude the unit participating in game-like activities that further develop their skills. If you have any questions, you can contact me at brian.mitchell2@dc.gov.

Looking forward to Spring!

Library

ECE and Kindergarten friends have been exploring the topic of diversity by way of read-alouds, such as *The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz and *Happy in Our Skin* by Fran Manushkin. They created their own unique paper people, which are displayed in the library.

Book Return:

All students have the opportunity to visit the library once a week to check out books. Please look for notices listing outstanding books in your children's backpacks and remind them to return overdue items, or to renew them if they are still needed.

DCPS Wide 5 Million Minute Reading Challenge:

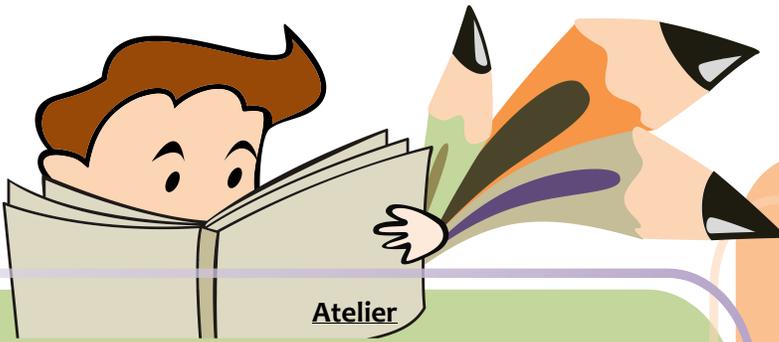
Please help your children with logging all independent reading at <https://brentes.beanstack.org> (Username: Student ID, Password: Birthdate -MMDDYY) or with the Beanstack App for the 2019 Second Semester Reading Challenge

Brent successfully completed the Reading Challenge for the First Semester. Thanks to the avid readers who logged their reading time frequently, the library was awarded a \$250 prize by sponsor Mark Cuban.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Bettina at bettina.schewe@dc.gov with any questions or concerns.

Happy Reading!





On March 7th, early childhood and kindergarten students celebrated their hard work at their winter atelier showcase! Children were eager to share their knowledge with the community on several topics including moths, planets, the sun, color interactions, the frog life cycle, and concentric circles. Thank you to all of the family members who joined us for this special event and took time to honor the children's recent explorations and creations.

The atelier will be honoring Women's History Month by highlighting the contributions of female artists, musicians, and scientists throughout March. Last week, the children were introduced to Joan Procter, an internationally recognized herpetologist and the first female Curator of Reptiles at the London Zoo. Together we read the book "Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles," and children were invited to use various reptile models as inspiration to create their own scientific drawings and paintings, similar to those Joan Procter created for reptile exhibits when she work for the British Museum of Natural History.

