



Spencer Borden
Fall River Public Schools
Specialist Newsletter
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Computer Class

We have been working (in grades 2-5) on logging in to student Google accounts and writing documents to share with our teachers. Please have your student show you how they do this!

**After school computer day for this month:
March 2nd, 16th, and 23rd**

Parents who wish to have their children stay after school on those Thursdays should send a note in with their child. This will notify both the office and me which students will be staying after school.



Have a great month! If you have any questions,

please contact me at cgreen@fallriverschools.org.

5th Grade Parents:

If you haven't yet sent in your child's picture, and would like your child to be included in this portion, please send in a picture of your child from when they were under the age of two years old. Please include the name and age of your child in the picture.

Several parents have spoken with me about not having a scanner to scan the picture of their child's photo to email to me. A scan isn't necessary - if you have a digital phone, you can simply take a picture of the image and email it to me at cgreen@fallriverschools.org before

Artistic Flair

K- Students will be creating collages and incorporating texture inspired by the story "Ish" by Peter Reynolds.

1- Students will be creating landscapes in the style of artist Hundertwasser while incorporating line, organic shape and painting.

2- Students will be learning about artist Faith Ringgold and her Story Quilts. Students will be creating their own story quilt using a fond memory .

3- Students will be learning about artist Frida Kahlo and self portraits.

4- Students will be using Value and their imaginations to create their own planet .

5-Students will be learning about the Aboriginal culture and their art. Students will then paint an animal of their choice using the same style as the Aboriginals.

This month we have a student teacher, Miss Mateo, from UMass Dartmouth joining the artroom. She will be teaching all classes. I am excited for her and for our students !!!!

Thank you, and Happy New Year!!!
Ms. Arruda



Important Websites

Dreambox

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/7yrf/spencerbes>

HeadSprout

<http://www.fallriverschools.org/sbheadsprout.cfm>

Prodigy

<https://www.prodigygame.com/Play/>

Typing

<https://www.typing.com/>

Spencer Borden Home Page

<http://www.fallriverschools.org/spencer.cfm>

Musical Notes:

As we head into spring grades three through five will continue their study of the elements of music through hands on training with the recorder. Classes are progressing through levels in the "Recorder Karate" program and earning belts in recognition of their increasing skills.

Grade three will be attending a field trip on March 7th to the New Bedford Symphony at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center. Students in Grade five will be attending and participating in a different program later in the spring. We are very fortunate to have this relationship with the NBSO that allows us to introduce elementary students to the orchestra through firsthand experience.

Students in grades kindergarten through three are continuing to explore rhythm through movement and performance, as well as developing their singing ability alone and with others. The focus is on games as students explore and acquire an understanding of elements and organizational patterns in music, and the ability to demonstrate this understanding in aural, verbal and visual analysis.

If you have any questions, please contact me at vmartin@fallriverschools.org.



PE Class

Hello Spencer Borden Families!

This month we will be starting our Tumbling Unit. This involves basic gymnastic movements, taking place on a mat for student safety. Students will learn different animal walks; for example, duck walk and bear walk. They will also learn forward and backward rolls, headstand, handstand, and cartwheel, to name a few.

At home students should try to practice their flexibility, which entails stretching their muscles as they are instructed in class. The more stretching they do, the more flexible they will become.

This is the last week of Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart. If anybody would like to make a donation, you should either bring it in by Friday, March 3, or go online to www.heart.org/jump. To those families and students who have donated we thank you very much.

If you have any questions please call or email either of your friendly neighborhood PE teachers!

Thank you,
Dan Comeau & John Harrington

