

Developing **God's Given Gifts** *with art, music and movement*
December Specials Newsletter

K-3 ART

Mrs. Rodenkirch

Hello, my most amazing families!

This month has been filled with some of my favorite projects. Kindergarten worked on circles and rectangles inspired by Wassily Kandinsky. They also worked on cutting squares into triangles and circles making mouse shapes. They also mixed primary colors to make secondary colors creating a caterpillar. They also enjoyed using the hole punch to make a habitat for their caterpillar. They were very excited to bring these home. Next month we will work on Santa's cookies, making prints with cookie cutters and writing letters to Santa. First grade worked on creating textures with their shoes! This texture rubbing became the bark for our trees. Next, they worked on drawing different types of leaves to create a tracer for the leaves on their trees. The trees are beautiful and a great addition to our hallways. They ended the month creating scarecrow and turkey drawings! Second grade started a unit based on Wayne Theibaud's work. Inspired by his deserts, they created a desert painting with highlights and shadows. Next, they practiced with model magic to make cupcakes and then they created a clay cupcake. We can't wait to glaze them with frosting colors! Third grade was inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and his vase of sunflowers. They mixed tempera paints to create new colors for their vase of flowers with a special symbol that represented themselves. They ended the month with a turkey drawing.

December will bring Santa's cookies, penguins, winter windows and snow prints! Stay tuned! It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Original Works orders are scheduled for delivery around December 6th. We will sort the items out and hopefully have them for the students to bring home that week as well. Please, let me know if you would like to pick up your order instead of having your child carry it home. (920)322-3211. We want to thank everyone for your support in the Original Works Fundraiser this year. We were overwhelmed by your amazing support!

	<h1>November K - 3rd Grade Artists of the Month</h1>		
<p>Second Grade Adelyn Brookens</p>			<p>1st Grade Eli Redig</p>
			
<p>Kindergarten Levy Galindo</p>			<p>3rd Grade Camryn Kozelek</p>

4-8 ART

Mr. Schneider

Over the past month, we have been very busy focusing on **CHRISTMAS**! The students finished up their Original Works and then we have been working on creating Christmas Cards for the Christmas Card Sale. Students have been asked to create both a religious and secular Christmas card. The cards will be sold at Holy Family sites on December 4th and 5th, as well as at the Elementary and Middle School Concerts in December. The money raised from the sale of the cards will go to Mason Abraham and

his family. Mason is a 9 year old from Fond du Lac, who is currently battling a brain tumor. Here is a picture of Mason:

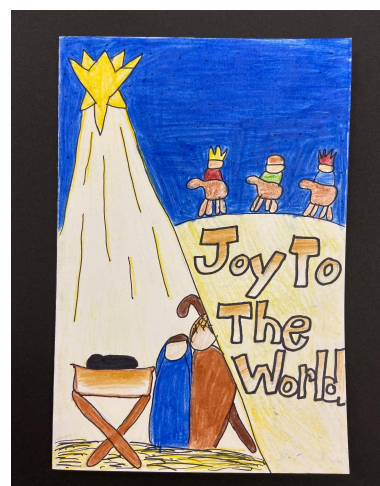


Coming up in December, we will be very busy making art in the three weeks leading up to Christmas. 4th Grade will be working on a Mixed Media Winter Landscape. We will be talking about creating **distance or depth** in artwork by using **placement on the page, size change** and **overlapping**. We will also be looking at types of trees and creating **visual movement** in their artwork. In 5th Grade, we will be working on creating a nativity scene inspired by the work of **Vincent VanGogh**, particularly his famous piece titled "**Starry Night**". The 6th graders will begin a unit in **Color Theory**. They will be designing a **Color Wheel Mandala** and mixing their colors from just the three **primary colors**. 7th Graders will be continuing to work on **Op Art** (Optical Art Designs) and also creating an **Explosion Book** to put their Op Art Designs in. 8th Grade will be working with **Texture** and **Value**, working on a drawing of an animal using Scratchboard. They will be working backwards... so instead of adding in the dark values and textures, they will be scratching in highlights, midtones, and textures. Original Works orders are scheduled for delivery around December 6th. We will sort the items out and hopefully have them for the students to bring home that week as well. We want to thank everyone for your support in the Original Works Fundraiser this year. We were overwhelmed by your amazing support!



4th Grade
Lily Mae LaLuzerne

November 4th - 8th Grade Artists of the Month



5th Grade
Lilian Anderson



8th Grade
Jaxon Lenz



7th Grade
Maliyah Galligan



6th Grade
Christopher Stoffel

K-3 MUSIC

Mrs. O'Brien

Students in grades K-4 have been working hard in music preparing for our upcoming Christmas concert! The concert will be held in Hutter Gym on

Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30pm. Here is some important information for our concert:

During the school day:

All students will wear their school uniforms

12:45pm Performance in Hutter Gym (parents and families invited)

Evening concert:

Students should arrive between 6:00pm - 6:15pm

Concert begins at 6:30pm

Dress code (for evening only) is as follows:

- Kindergarten - wear white/cream/khaki colored tops and bottoms (angel halos provided!)
- 1st, 2nd, and 4th Grade students - wear Christmas Colors or fancy Christmas attire (no jeans)
- 3rd Grade Students - dress as nativity characters: kings/queens/shepherds/villagers/animals (more information has been sent home)

We are looking forward to an awesome Faith-filled night!

- Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Lewis

4-8 MUSIC

Mrs. Lewis

4th grade students are preparing for the Christmas Program! They have been working on performing the songs on the risers without music. They are excited to show you what they have learned!

They are also wrapping testing on the red belt in recorder karate and focusing on a new Christmas Recorder packet to help us get excited for the Christmas season, while learning a few new songs!

5th-8th grade choirs are working very hard on their concert music for the Christmas Concert. Each choir is preparing three songs which include Harmony, challenging phrases, and intervals that keep us on our toes. We are very anxious to show you what we have learned. They are also doing all songs without music in hand. It is getting real!

4th grade Christmas Program: Tuesday, December 14th at 12:45pm and 6:30pm in Hutter gym-please arrive by 6:15pm and dress in your Christmas or Sunday best (no jeans)

5th-8th grade Christmas Concert: Wednesday, December 15th at 1pm and 6pm in Hutter gym-please arrive to the gym at 5:40pm and dress in your Christmas or Sunday best (no jeans)

K-3 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Bednarek

K-3 will continue to work on and explore various types of balls and beanies, displaying their talents of overhand and underhand throwing, catching, and striking. We will also begin to work on peer evaluations and self-evaluations. Of course, a lot of Christmas games will be taking place throughout the month of December.

4-8 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Jefferson

4th - 8th grade will continue working on our overhand throwing with the focus on accuracy. With our focus being on overhand throwing, we will also be moving into starting peer assessments. With these peer assessments, we will break down the skill of throwing into basic movement patterns and have the students look to see if their peers are completing these movement patterns. Some of the activities we will be using to work on this will be Team Handball and Tchoukball. There will also be some fun and silly Christmas games thrown into the classes as well.