

WELCOME TO SPECIAL AREA WITH MS. PEACOCK

It's great to be back again this year to share art, music and books with your child every day for their special area classes. I have lots of exciting things planned including a Veteran's Day program, a Christmas program, a school play, a tree for Festival of Trees and much more. I would like to ask that each child bring in **\$10** before October 1st to help cover things such as copy paper, general supplies, art supplies and other small items that may be needed for the classroom. Also I would like to purchase 6 more 25 note xylophones for the music room if possible (we currently only have 5). I welcome volunteers in all of my classes. If you would like to volunteer for any amount of time please let me know. You can best contact me by email at jpeacock@cdlex.org.

ART-FRIDAY AND MONDAY

- **Please bring in an oversized shirt labelled with your child's name to protect their clothing.** I have a few in the art room but most students like to have their own.
- **4th and 5th grade** will have weekly homework that will be given out every Monday. Your child may keep these organized in a sketchbook or a folder if they would like. 4th and 5th grade students will need to do all assignments on white paper, not lined paper.

MUSIC-WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

- Music classes will be singing, playing instruments and working toward performances.
- **3rd-5th grade** students will practice reading music by learning to play the recorder.
- **3rd grade** students will learn to play the recorder after Christmas break. We are using the plastic Yamaha soprano recorder. These may be bought on amazon or I will collect money later in the year for a class purchase
- **4th and 5th grade** students will be working with their recorders starting Wednesday August 23rd. If your student has lost their recorder please let me know. I have a few left over from last year that can be bought for \$10.

LIBRARY-TUESDAY

- **Library books are due every Tuesday** even if your child wants to renew their current book. Please help your child remember to bring their book(s) back on Tuesday so that they may continue to check out new books.
- **3rd-5th grade** students will be given group reading books from time to time. Please encourage your child to read these so that they may participate in the book discussion.
- **5th grade** will be setting AR goals and taking AR tests during library time in addition to reading a few selected books for group discussion. Library grades will be based on completion of AR goals.