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Music by Mr. Cruz

Hello CEE Friends and Families! Music class is starting to feel like it's former self. We've started singing across the grades in early October. With all the precautions taken, like sanitizer by every doorway, masks, habitual cleaning and social distancing, I felt it was safe to begin the use of our voices. Before October, music class utilized instruments and the rhythm of words (spoken not sung) to help with music theory and concepts gone over in class. I, for one, felt almost empty handed when it was expressed that singing was feared and in some places not allowed. Luckily, CEE has a spacious music room that allows every class to safely social distance. After the first few months of smooth sailing, I felt it was time to sing...OUT!

Many of you are probably wondering the same thing, "Will we have a winter concert?" Yes we will...virtually. Each homeroom will be making a holiday music video. I don't want to leak too many details, but know that the students will be showing their music ability and maybe some acting, dancing, comedy, etc. The students are not grouped up by grade like before. Each homeroom will be flying solo, giving more students the opportunity to shine. More info will be sent out soon regarding each homeroom's theme, costume suggestions, and any supplies that may be needed. Junior and Senior choir will be included in the video as well. Happy Virtual Holidays!



Library by Ms. O'Hanlon

Safari Treasure Enjoyed By All!

I hope that you had an opportunity to view our CEE Library Night video (you tube link <http://youtu.be/gRdJQLkBTMs>). It was a bit of a challenge but, when you have a creative and energetic Specials Crew, which I am blessed to be a part of, a super supportive principal who loves our children, a PTO who is always willing to lend a hand and provide some extras, and a few other extra special individuals. anything is possible!



Library Class News

- Kindergarten - Bill Martin Jr. author study
- First Grade - Book care and comparing fiction and nonfiction
- Second Grade - Library Skills, nonfiction books, and Dewey Decimal System
- Third Grade - Library Skills, using the Dewey Decimal System to find informational text.

Art by Ms. Youkers

This has been a very interesting year so far. We as a specials team have been hard at work creating fun-packed events which have been on-line. These include Library Night and Wax Museum. For the Wax Museum, each art class created an exhibit for our Arizona History Museum, which was displayed in the front office area. Be sure to watch the Wax Museum Virtual Video to see your child's art class exhibit. Middle school is hard at work learning the art of one stroke painting as they create bamboo on canvas. Elementary students created melted crayon leaves which are on display on a huge paper tree in the hallway. Onward and upwards as we continue this virtual and in-person journey!



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The middle school classes have been working on vocabulary enrichment through *advinanzas* or riddles in English. These are highly motivating exercises which develop vocabulary while learning to think literally, figuratively, and abstractly in Spanish. I really enjoy that my Spanish dictionaries are well used during this activity.

As we get closer to holiday season, we here at CEE think it's important to feel gratitude, so the students will be creating pumpkins of paper with the phrase, "Doy gracias por..." meaning, "I give thanks for..." in order to be able to discuss what they are grateful for in Spanish. There will be a display of our pumpkin patch near the South Cafeteria on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. It will be called, "Nuestra cosecha del agradecimiento" or "Harvesting Gratitude."

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. 2021 here we come!! **Felices fiestas.**

Phys Ed by Coach Kelton

CEE kids are lifting our spirits high! Everyday, despite these unprecedented times, our students show up at school with joy in their hearts and a willingness to learn. I feel so honored to be their P.E. Coach. We've covered a ton of ground already this year, mastering Giant Beach Ball Derby and Obstacle Olympics. We've played baseball, hockey, football, basketball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, and Capture the Flag. KG and first grade have worked extra hard on improving their motor skills.



Spanish by Señora Wingo

Estimadas las familias de CEE, This quarter has been such a blast working with the 4th and 5th grades on a group writing project. Each class came up with what they would like to write about their teachers and their school. It is really important to personalize content in order to store language into the long-term part of our memory. The students created brightly colored self-portraits or *autoretratos* en español. These are on display near the South Cafeteria.

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Before winter break, we plan to tackle Ultimate Frisbee, pickleball, gaga ball, and cooperative games, such as Riverboat Run and Bridge of Trust. CEE students in upper grades will be inventing their own P.E. games and activities, drawing up their own plans and rules, then teaching their fellow classmates how to perform their creations.

Stay positive and keep lifting people's spirits CEE students in everything you do. Stay healthy and remain active, you have the unique ability to make this world a brighter place.

Home Ec with Mrs. Martin



Mrs. Martin teaches Home Economics on Tuesdays to middle school classes. The students are learning life skills in order to learn how to become self sufficient adults.

The students are learning sewing and they made small pillows for their stuffed animals or their pets. They learned how to sew a button on these pillows, as well.

Home Economics students researched which university they plan to attend after graduation and how much it will cost to do so. All of us here at CEE want our kids studying hard to find a successful career that they love.

This week the students got an early Thanksgiving treat of making individual turkeys they could eat out of Oreos and candy corn. They were delicious and cute!

Three cheers for Mrs. Martin!

Life Coaching by Mrs. G

Hello CEE families,

It's been so wonderful to be back in school. The time is just flying by! October was a month spent exploring the meaning of EMPATHY, what it is, and the importance of showing it to each other. As members of the same CEE "team", our goal is to learn and support each other in that process. Empathy and kindness assist that learning in a big way.



November and December are the months we talk about GRATITUDE and GENEROSITY, two concepts that definitely go hand in hand. Who and what are we grateful for in our lives? How can we show that gratitude through time, attention, and acts of kindness? It's important to know that the monetary gifts we give and receive are secondary to the thought put into choosing them.

Cheers to a great 1st semester! See you in January. 😊

Happy Holidays

