

Spotlight on Specials (March Edition)

Art, Music, Spanish, PE, Technology & Library

RLS "Specials" enrich the educational experience of our students. We are blessed to be able to provide such quality programming! Each month we would like to share a brief summary of what your child is up to in specials. Enjoy our first edition of "Spotlight on Specials".



Gifted student artwork will be featured on Resurrection greeting cards. On sale at Fine Arts Night on May 14th. Proceeds will benefit RLS STEAM program.

Art

Fifth grade is in the midst of their oversized animal collages; 4th grade continues their year long study of art projects related to North Carolina; 3rd grade has finished their abstract art study of tint making and Jasper Johns "Painted States"; 2nd grade embarks on printmaking; 1st grade extended their study of their research animals by creating a portrait of their animal in their habitats; Kindergarten made their first clay project by designing and creating a robot. The Art Show is May 14th in which we celebrate all the young artists at RLS. At the end of school, students will bring home their art portfolios.

You can see all our projects on a continuous basis with monthly lessons, pictures, and art links on the [RLS Art Room Website](#)

Music

Music 5 worked with 6/8 meter and beat division; arrangements of melodies in music;

learned dances arising from folk songs; and continue their creativity and ostinato patterns on the Orff instruments.

Music 4 explored the divisions of a beat in quarter note rhythms; worked toward developing their choral tone; and the students are continuing their efforts towards mastery using the recorder karate system

Music 3 learned about phrase lengths and shapes; performed unequal and equal rhythm patterns; explored singing games from other cultures; and continued rehearsing selections on the choirchimes.

Music 1-2 learned about half notes; recurring rhythm patterns; how brass instruments produce sounds – and some of their names; and used movement and percussion instruments to reflect rhythm.

Music K discovered how different styles of music illicit different kinds of movements; explored the different sound made by rhythm instruments; and matched pitches while singing.

RLS Choir (1-4) and Chorus (5-8) are rehearsing selections which are/will be presented in Chapel Worship; at the Fine Arts Night Concert; and the National Anthem sung at the Durham Bulls game, May 6.

RLS Band (5-8) members are rehearsing their selections for the Fine Arts Night and the Resurrection Music School Recital, April 27/28. The May 14 Fine Arts Night Concert will include the RLS Choir (1-4); RLS Chorus (5-8); RLS Band (5-8); Music 5 Orff Demonstration; Music 4 Recorder Choir; Music 3 ChoirChimes; and advanced soloists.

Spanish

In Spanish class during the month of March the 4th and 5th graders have been learning about Mexico. We learned about the geography, sports, foods and Cultural events. Each student made a Pequeno Libro de Mexico that they colored and were able to read aloud in Spanish. The class also enjoyed a video about a young

girl's visit to Mexico City and heard stories and saw photos of Señora Ehler's travels there.

In 2nd and 3rd grade Spanish class the students have been practicing clothing words and body parts. They also sang a silly song about a "Familia Grande" that had many extended family members and only one "baño"! The boys and girls used the words for their extended family to draw and label a Family Tree in Spanish that included "abuelos"- grandparents, "tios"-aunts and uncles and "primos"- cousins.

The Kindergarten and 1st graders have enjoyed visits from a puppet named "Oruga" who is a very hungry caterpillar. They heard a Spanish version of the popular story and heard Oruga continually say that he was still hungry-"Todavía tengo hambre". The students have used the phrase "me gusta"-I like it, or "no me gusta"- I don't like it to describe foods and beverages presented in class and made a little booklet about foods.

Physical Education

As our school prepares for Grandparents Day, grades 3-5 are working on a special routine to entertain our Grands and Special Friends! We are dancing through the decades, a little something for everyone! The third through fifth grades are working very hard and have such great enthusiasm for what's around the corner.

Grades K-2 are working on cooperative skills and games, hula hooping, as well motor skill movements. We are currently playing a lead up racket sport to tennis, Badminton. Ask your little one if they know another name for a "birdie", or what a birdie was made of when the sport originated.

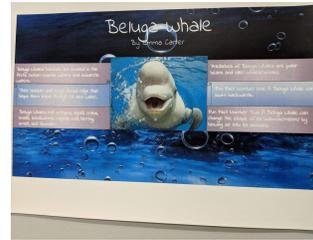
Our middle school team has been playing a team sport, handball. We use a soft, five inch dodgeball, incorporating team play and keeping things moving with a three step, three second hold, three pass rule. It gives everyone an opportunity to play. And as always, everyone has an opportunity to be goalie



That's all from the Coach's Corner!

Technology

This month the fifth grade researched arctic animals and created a poster in google drive. Wow! They did an amazing job!



For detailed information about each specific grade visit: [RLS Technology Website](#)



Library

NCCBA voting is complete! In addition to weekly lessons in how to locate the information they need quickly and effectively, students in grades K-2 have listened and reflected upon 10 picture books chosen by the North Carolina Children's Book Award committee. They have voted on which book they believed to be their favorite and the statewide results will be posted next month.

Students in grades 3 through 5 develop their information literacy with in depth practices with print materials, genre projects, and curriculum connections. 5th grade worked on a biography project of making brochure based on the research of a selected artist. 4th grade engages in literature circles and author studies, and 3rd grade has continued to learn about research materials.

Weekly lessons and a TON of resources you'll appreciate can be found on the [RLS Library Website](#).