

Art Room News

Welcome to Term 1

Dear Students, Families, and Friends,

I am pleased to introduce myself as Kemptown's Art Teacher! The KES community has been so kind, I am starting to feel very at home.

There are a variety of engaging projects and activities in store. I look forward to collaborating with our young artists and watching them grow!

In an effort to optimize our experience, here's what you need to know...

Art class can be messy. Students are expected to follow procedures in order to keep themselves and the art room tidy. Accidents do happen and some art materials will stain their clothing. We have plastic aprons, however it is recommended that students do not wear their best most expensive outfits on an art day. Students should be aware that parents will be contacted if they misuse materials and they may lose the privilege to use that material in the future.

Students report cards will show two art grades each term. The first grade is based on a demonstration of skills and concepts. The second grade is based on effort and engagement (participation). Students with missing assignments who have below a 75% average will receive interim reports.

During Term 1 our K-5 artists are building a foundation for the year by studying and illustrating The Elements of Art and Principles of Design. The students have been diligently filling their Art Journals with the basics and acquiring the language of art. I was remarkably proud of the knowledge the returning students retained from the year before.

In Term 2 we will begin the time period specific study in grades 1-4 and visit each of the 7 continents in all grades. First grade will study Ancient art from the first humans to the fall of Rome. Second grade will study art of the Middle Ages. Third grade will investigate art of the Renaissance. Fourth grade will begin art of the Modern era with the Impressionist movement. Fifth grade explores art of the Age of Technology and will create digital works of art as part of their portfolios.

Kindergarten has come a long way! It takes a while for them to settle in to art class and I am proud of the effort they have put in to develop the self-control

they need to be successful! They are learning the elements too! This understanding guide them through projects that demonstrate each element specifically. You should be hearing a lot of songs about these concepts at home by now.

Volunteers and Donations:

Thank you for sending in wipes, baggies, and tissues on opening day! Kitchen paper towels are so much more effective than those that the school system supplies. If you have purchased a pack of paper towels and want to send in a roll from time to time, that would be excellent. If you wanted to take it a step further and separate and stack the individual towels and put them in groups of 30 that would be extra excellent! I am also in need of some frosting containers so please send them along. I am in need of some volunteers interested in hanging displays. Extra hands in any grade are ALWAYS appreciated, and extra appreciated with K-2. Feel free to email me about any of the above at Cara.beverage@fcps.org.

Gymnasium News

Hello Kemptown parents! Welcome to an exciting year in PE! My name is Tom Stull and I am the PE teacher this year at KES!!

All students started out the year learning about classroom routines and procedures. These routines allow PE class to run smoothly and maximize time-spent learning. During the 1st quarter, students in grades K-2 will focus on locomotor movements (running, galloping, skipping, etc) and striking with their feet (dribbling, passing, and shooting on target). Students in grades 3-5 will focus on throwing & catching skills with a football and striking skills with their feet (dribbling, passing, and shooting on target), and incorporate skills/strategies into game play.

During the 2nd quarter, students in grades K-2 will learn about various health concepts, throwing and catching skills, and striking with long handled implement (stick and/or bat). Students in grades 3-5 will learn about 4-square/archery (5th grade only), fitness concepts, and striking with a long handled implement (hockey skills).

Students report cards will show two PE grades each term. The first grade is based on a demonstration of skills and concepts. The second grade is based on effort and engagement (participation). Part of the participation grade is dressing appropriately. Please remember that students should wear only

comfortable clothes and tennis shoes/sneakers on their PE day. Please see the link to my class schedule if you are not sure. [PE Schedule 2019-2020](#) In addition, if your child should not participate in PE/recess for the day, a parent note should be sent in to the classroom stating the restrictions for the child. A handwritten note from a parent allows a child to be excused for one week. If a longer absence is required, then a doctor's note should be sent with the specific activity restrictions for the child. The following activity restriction form may be used as well. [Activity Restriction Form](#) If a child does not have a note, the child is expected to participate to the best of their ability.

Celebrations in PE

Students in grades 4 and 5 had a chance to participate in the Pappy Lorenzen cross country meet on September 24th at Frederick Keys stadium. This race allows students from all elementary schools across the county to compete in a 1 mile race. From Kemptown, we had approximately 20 students participate and I would like to congratulate Jake Brown coming in 9th place, Sarah Thornett coming in 1st place, Charlotte Thibodeau coming in 4th place, Philip Giuliani coming in 6th place, and Olivia Blanken coming in 15th place. Once again, great job to all students who participated.

Library News

Hello Kemptown! I want to thank all of our parents and students who supported our recent book fair. Although it was short and sweet, we did raise money to support our media program. I was able to purchase ten Lego WeDo kits that I am excited to incorporate into our lessons.

Please take a minute to check which day your students have media (<https://education.fcps.org/kes/node/87>) and make sure they have returned their library books. Overdue notices were sent home recently, but there are still several students with overdue books.

If you haven't heard, Kemptown has a new reading incentive tool called Beanstack. Students can log on to the website from the media center homepage or you can download the APP. After your students read, they record the number of minutes they have read and work to earn badges. Be on the lookout for school wide reading challenges!

Music News

Hello Kemptown!

All students started out the year learning classroom rules and procedures. Having these rules and procedures set in place helps class run smoothly. In quarter 1, students in kindergarten and 1st grade have been practicing using singing voices, exploring classroom instruments, keeping a steady beat through moving: locomotor and non-locomotor, singing, speaking, singing, and playing classroom instruments. Students in second grade have also been practicing those skills along with beginning to perform rhythms through speaking and playing instruments! In Quarter 2, 2nd graders will be learning new pitches, practice singing in rounds, and performing ostinatos (repeating patterns) on classroom instruments.

Students in 3rd-5th grade began the year with improvisation using instruments and speech. Students have also been practicing performing rhythms and composing using speech and classroom instruments such as drums, xylophones, metallophones, glockenspiels, and rhythm sticks. In Quarter 2, students will be learning about expressive elements (dynamics and tempo), reading pitches on the staff, singing and beginning recorders.