



The Arts



January 2025

Musical Theater

This month students will be working on thematic units of song and drama

- 1st: I Act Out Stories in Music
- 2nd: Making Up a Story with Music
- 3rd and 4th: Wild West & the American Cowboy
- 5th: Songs that use figurative language by referencing animals.

Art

This month students will be working on our STEAM fair projects. Our theme for the STEAM fair is animals. Each class will be working on an animal project. Some of our projects include drawing, painting and creating collages about animals. We are very excited to have our artwork on display in May.



Music

Singers will sing folk (traditional) & popular songs, and also, song games with rhythmically coordinated gestures & movements. Pianists will play songs that now use both white & black keys and contain more frequent skips. Guitarists will learn to fret notes & play melodies & bass lines using both open & fretted strings. We will also learn songs that alternate bass & treble strings using right-hand fingers *p*, *i*, & *m*.

Dance

This month students in grades K-2 will learn to make a variety of still shapes with their bodies, including curved, angular, and twisted shapes on high, middle and low levels - explore emotions by reading and responding to *The Color Monster* by Anna Llenas and create a class dance using shapes and movements inspired by feelings. Students in grades 3-5 will learn that a common form of storytelling has been dance, which gives us the ability to translate our thoughts and words into physical movements.

