

# Newsletter from the “Specials” March



## World Language and Cultures

with Ms. Lux

In English, there is a saying that March “comes in like a lion and out like a lamb.” This idiom refers to the weather change we usually see in March, but we have no idea what to expect this year!

March is Read Across America month! Reading every day is the best way to increase vocabulary and test scores. Volunteers from DeVry will be coming to Chase to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2.



The Book Fair is Coming! Scholastic Book Fair will be at Chase April 17-25. Save up to buy books and support our school!

### April Newsletter Technology

#### K-2nd grade

In these grades the classes will continue to K-2nd grade students will continue to review their Google accounts and learn how to access their email and Google applications. In these grades the classes will explore basic computer science, continue their coursework in Tynker.com, and review some basic typing skills. Typing Courses (TypingClub <https://chase-elementary-school.typingclub.com/>)- applications for extra academic enrichment.

#### 3 rd -8 th Grade:

Students will continue to work with their respective computer science courses in Tynker.com. All classes will begin to explore coding through scratch.com. Students should refer to the work assigned in their Google Classroom home page. A number of readings/presentations utilizing articles from Newsela.com with a focus on digital citizenship/cyber bullying will be assigned through the course of the month.

#### **Resources:**

Tynker: <https://tynker.com/>

Code.Org Page <https://code.org/>

Scratch <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Newsela -- <https://newsela.com/>

Prodigy Math: <https://prodigygame.com/Play/>



# Music Class

**Mr. Stillmunks**

**Kindergarten** is working on performing rhythm vs. steady beat and reading iconic notation

**1st grade** is working on reading, writing, and performing quarter rest notation and preparing songs using la

**2nd grade** is working on reading, writing, and performing half note patterns and preparing do solfege

**3rd grade** is working on reading, writing, and performing half note patterns and preparing do solfege

**4th grade** is working on playing recorder and writing a musical based on “*Anansi and the Strange Moss Covered Rock*”

**5th grade** is working on reading, writing, and performing low sol solfege and playing Orff instruments

**6th and 7th grade** are beginning their ukulele unit

**8th grade** is continuing their ukulele unit and preparing their study of *West Side Story*



**Ms. Kornack**

## *IN MARCH...*

**Pre-K** will be finish their forces unit. Students will continue their experimenting with pushing and pulling, and apply them to ramps, their self-created cars, and more!

**Kindergarten – Second Grade** will continue the **Beginning Engineering, Science, and Technology (BEST)** unit from NASA. Students will work on designing landing pods for lunar buggies they create to move around on the moon. They will use their rovers to test the best type of ramp system to get them off of the space shuttle, and experiment with different types of cargos and loads. These projects will include engineering with all sorts of recycled materials!

**Third and Fourth Grade** will continue their Tower unit based on the Watts Towers built by Simon Rodia in Los Angeles. Students will use what they have learned about the science and engineering process and material properties to begin planning rough drafts of their towers. Students will work in teams of four, and have specific jobs to do in their team.

**Fifth through Eighth Grade** will continue their stop-motion animation unit by creating storylines and sets, and beginning to capture some pictures for their films. Some 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin a wood carving mini unit using the Carvey in the STEAM lab. Students will create a wooden tile of their own design that fits in with a larger class theme that they create.

**STEAM/Pi Night will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm! Be sure to come and check out some awesome science, math, and arts activities for the whole family!**