



At Spring Creek, the specialties content curriculum strengthens the creativity and intellect, as well as, the physical and social awareness of your child. Please click on the links below to explore more about what your child has been learning.

PE

PE is a great place to be!



The students are developing their abilities in so many areas. We begin each class with warm-ups that they are now able to choose and lead on their own. Our focus has been in learning the skills used in sports like **Baseball/Softball, Bowling, Hockey & Yoga.**

Skills practiced: ***overhand and underhand throwing *rolling to a target *improving our aim and ball control *catching varying sizes of balls *catching with an implement *striking a ball with an implement *dribbling a ball with a hockey stick *mindfulness *stretching**

****Classes were able to earn a holiday 'free-play' party with scooters or the parachute because of their great participation and good listening.**





Each skill is taught, practiced, and then implemented into fun games and activities.

Our Spring Creek students are increasing their fitness and having fun! Ask them about what they are learning and get out there and move together! ~ Coach Katie Hopoate

LIBRARY



Hello Families,

There are some exciting things going on at the library:

Battle of the Books: This is our 3rd year with this reading program! Teams are formed within our 3rd-6th grade library classes. Books for this program are available to check out from the library now. If you would like to purchase your own copies, lists are available for these books at the following links:

<https://www.battleofthebooks.org/book-list/medium-20-book-list-5-6-grades-2020-21.php>
<https://www.battleofthebooks.org/book-list/medium-20-book-list-3-4-grades-2020-21.php>

We will have some amazing prizes throughout this program and our top teams will compete via Zoom against the other elementary schools in the district. More information coming soon!

ART

Exploring Art Through the Elements- we have been studying artworks to find different elements of art in each masterpiece we study to help us create our own. We talk about different things our eyes see and what we think is happening.

Impressionism & texture- Now that we know our colors and shapes, we explored famous artists like Monet & Van Gogh and the way their paintings had texture! We learned about a new style called impressionism. When looking at impressionist works of art, you will notice the brush strokes that give the artwork texture! How amazing.

Still Life & form- this week, we have been studying a series of still life artworks and we noticed that some elements of art like value, form and even revisited texture. We talked



about how value helps us to find light and shadows. Form is what makes objects look 3D. We are getting to work on our very own still life pictures inspired by some of our favorite works of art.

I love teaching art to the amazing artists of Spring Creek and I know they have just as much fun learning.
♥Mrs. Roberts

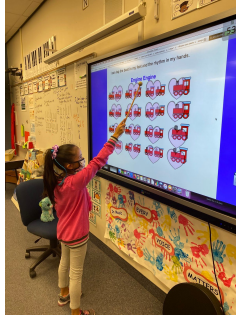
MUSIC

We have Masterful Musicians at Spring Creek!

Here are few highlights of the things the students have been learning in music recently. We have been working on laying the foundation for understanding beat, rhythm, and melody while also discovering music from many cultures around the world.



Kindergartners exploring high/medium/low sounds and shapes.



1st Graders comparing the difference between beat and rhythm.



6th Graders using their computers to play a song with an online xylphone.



3rd Graders playing sixteenth notes on an instrument.



4th Graders demonstrating the strong and weak beats with tennis balls.



6th Graders exploring sound effects as we prepare to create a sound story.

Our music room recently received a grant from the PCSD Foundation. We were able to purchase some new instruments, as well as multicultural story books so that our 6th graders can create some original sound stories. Find out more here:

<https://provo.edu/news/spring-creek-elementarys-young-foley-artists/>

Mrs. Julianna Gylseth



TECHNOLOGY

Fun New Opportunities in Typing and More!

Here at Spring Creek Elementary Schools we have had several new opportunities arise for the students to explore and learn with.

Typing -

This quarter we have started our Typing curriculum and we are so excited. The student's will all be learning keyboarding in a grade appropriate fashion. Posture, form, speed and accuracy are all critical elements of typing at the ever increasing proficiency levels at which we know these students can perform. They have been practicing at school and at home using a program called Typing Club. For those who improve the most and who become most proficient we have some fun prizes coming up!



Programing -

Starting this year, our school has access to some pretty amazing technology. To help students learn the basics of computer programming, the school has been granted some games and robots. We have been focused on completing the years math and reading and science primarily since our days are significantly shorter. However we are excited to open up these programming tools to students as soon as possible.



3D Printing -

But wait! There is More! Thanks to the Engineering and S.T.E.M. grant that we have received we have had an incredible amount of access to an original Prusa i3 MK.3S 3D printer! Students have had opportunities to come and see the printer in action while receiving explanations as to how it works. For a few particularly academically devoted students, they even were able to choose and print designs themselves. We hope to see even more students have access to this unprecedented technological opportunity!

Thanks for your time and ocular presence,
The newest specialties teacher, Griffin S. Taylor