

# TORREY PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY UPDATE- FIRST GRADE

September-October 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Dear TPES Families,

Our 2017-2018 school year has started out with great success! You will be receiving three updates from our specialty teachers about all the wonderful instruction that is occurring each week. Please take the time to read through each specialty and discuss with your child what they are learning. We have amazing specialties that are unique to Torrey Pines and are a large part of your child's education. Another way to help your child's educational experience is staying informed. I realize that we send parents a lot of information about what is happening at school. Please take the time to read, discuss and participate as much as you can. Your child's elementary school experience goes by quickly; make sure you are involved with your child along the way!!

With warm regards,  
Principal Ott

## UPDATE FROM FIRST GRADE ROTATION AND SPECIALTY TEACHERS

### Elementary School Counseling Focus with Mrs. Riney

First graders reviewed the difference between a big and small problem. A big problem is scary and dangerous. They or someone else could be hurt. A small problem is frustrating and it can make you feel sad or mad. However, no one is in danger. We reviewed the nine strategies for managing small problems. Students enjoyed role-playing, reading stories and watching a video of ways to solve small problems. First graders are encouraged to try and solve a small problem independently.



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## FOUNDATION SUPPORTED PROGRAMS:



### with Mrs. Keating

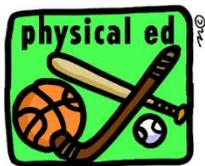
We have "Fallen" back into science by:

- Using popcorn to activate our scientific thinking with our five senses
- Continuing to "Think like a scientist", using physical properties to classify objects in our world. For

example: living vs. non-living, and simple vs. compound leaves

- Learning about the seasons, and why leaves change color
- Exploring weather and the properties of air. Making pinwheels and models of thermometers
- Understanding the cycle of a drop of water and making water cycle bracelets!

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### with Coach Sergio

All students will be learning the fundamentals of the sports and games we play at TPES including the rules and how to play safe and fair while having fun. We kicked off the year with soccer and are now transitioning to basketball. In both sports we focus on ball control including dribbling, passing, and shooting while playing different fun games!

Please dress appropriate for sports and games on PE days.

Any questions please feel free to ask, Sergio To contact Coach Sergio email him: [sergioatthey@yahoo.com](mailto:sergioatthey@yahoo.com)



## with Ms. Slavik

First grade is doing an amazing job with rounds and partner songs! They are enthusiastic learners. Your student explored music by:

- Singing age appropriate songs. Ask them about *Zum Gali Gali*, *Give it a Rest*, and *Something went Bump*.

- Playing 8-beat rhythm games with quarter notes, quarter rests, half notes and whole notes.
- Listening and recognizing Bach (Toccatina and Fugue in) *d minor*, Vivaldi *Spring*, and Beethoven *5<sup>th</sup> Symphony*, Haydn *Surprise*, Mancini *Baby Elephant Walk*, Mozart *A Little Night Music*, and Williams *Harry Potter*

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## with Ms. Syeda

TPES artists have been making awesome art like crazy since we started in September! We have been studying art making techniques and concepts as well as master artists.

Our online art gallery is now up and running! Most of you have received permission slips and instructions on how to view your students' art online. I will be sending another round of permission slips in the next few weeks, in case anyone has lost the slips or did not get one for their child yet. This is also a fundraiser. Through the website, you can purchase items with your child's art on it, and 20 % comes back to the school. Check it out, the items would make great holiday gifts for family members!

First graders are currently finishing up oil pastel flower drawings, inspired by artist Georgia O'Keeffe. They are large and up close on the paper.

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## With Profesora González

Hola, First graders started the year

\*reviewing greetings with a song called *Hola hello*  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGEFY0lcUoQ>)

\*learning new vocabulary to review colors and letters of the alphabet

\*learning commands we utilize in class

\*reviewing days of the week and numbers 1-20

Just last week, we talked about their favorite holiday and the traditions that were part of their holiday. Following this discussion, students learned about the importance and traditions of *Día de los Muertos*. We read the book *Day of the Dead* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LY5oySIHDU>).

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