

TORREY PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONTHLY UPDATE- SECOND 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 SECOND GRADE ROTATION AND SPECIALTY TEACHERS

Elementary School Counseling Focus with Mrs. Riney

Second 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, acting out the nine strategies and watching a video of ways to solve small problems. Second graders are encouraged to try and solve a small problem independently.



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FOUNDATION SUPPORTED PROGRAMS:

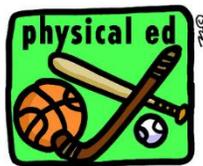


with Ms. Isom

The last few months in Awesome Science have been really *rocking* as we delve into the world of **Geology**. Studying the Earth and its rocks and minerals is so fun and exciting because it's all around us. To ensure we are thinking like geologists we:

- Activated our **five senses** (even tasting Aloe Vera juice) by reviewing how scientists make observations.
- Investigated about the **Earth's four layers**.
- Explored, observed, experimented, and wrote about **the story of sand**.
- Observed **sand** from around the world under **microscopes**.
- Used geologist skills to make hands-on observations of the 3 rock classifications; Igneous, Metamorphic and Sedimentary.

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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



with Ms. Slavik

These kids are amazing at partner songs! Many classes walk in the classroom singing their favorites. Your student explored music by:

- Singing age appropriate songs. Ask them about *The Pioneer Song*, *Bully No More*, *Continents*, and *The Giving of Thanks*.
- Playing 12-beat rhythm games with quarter notes, quarter rests, eighth notes and half notes
- Listening and recognizing Bach (Tocatta and Fugue in) *d minor*, Vivaldi *Spring*, and Beethoven *5th Symphony*, Haydn *Surprise*, Mancini *Baby Elephant Walk*, Mozart *A Little Night Music*, Greig *Hall of the Mountain King*, and Williams *Harry Potter* We also watched *Peter and the Wolf* by Prokofiev

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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!

Second grade artists just completed paper mosaics. We looked at tile mosaics, which are usually on walls and floors, and sometimes even ceilings! We arranged small cut paper squares to create the images. Students chose their own images, which were simple and large on the paper.

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With Profesora González

Hola, Second 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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