

4th Grade Medieval Art Projects

Fourth Grade recently finished a clay Gargoyle project. We studied Medieval architecture including Gargoyles and then created our own. Medieval Gargoyles had two purposes that we learned about: to scare away evil spirits as well as act as water spouts for cathedrals. The fourth grade students first decided on a purpose or a "job" for their gargoyle. Then they brainstormed and sketched different animals that could help with these tasks. Then they combined the attributes of each animal into their clay sculpture gargoyle.



Hannah Davis and Ryan LaVanchy work on their gargoyle projects



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From Principal Percy's Desk

Happy New Year to all! If you haven't made your New Year's resolution yet or have discovered that the resolution you did make you've already broken, try this one on for size. What if you tried a little experiment and instead of all the negative feedback with your kids, you try a positive approach instead. You can begin by doing a simple experiment by tallying in one day all the positive and negative comments you make towards your kids. To get a clearer picture, you might have another adult in the house tally for you when you aren't aware that they are counting.

I think if you're like the majority of parents, the results will be astounding with the negative comments far outweighing the positive. Kids are so used to hearing the negative that they tend to tune it out! No wonder you feel like your kids aren't listening to you because they aren't!! If you think about it, as adults we are much more likely to respond to positive feedback rather than negative. Kids are no different!

I recently completed a CVA teacher evaluation which gave me the opportunity to sit in a classroom and watch a teacher teach for approximately 45 minutes. This teacher was absolutely amazing!! During the entire observation, the teacher used only positive comments to individuals as well as the entire class. She was able to redirect students who were not paying attention or doing what they weren't supposed to do without a single negative word to anyone. What also resulted was that the students, in turn, made positive and encouraging comments to one another. I left feeling very uplifted and positive because the environment the teacher created was inspiring. We should create that same environment in our homes and especially in the hearts of our kids.

Over the winter break I took these words to heart with my own kids. I, too, tend to criticize and nag much more than I should and it's no wonder that my kids don't listen to me. One day when I was particularly frustrated with clothes that were just dumped in the laundry room, I decided to praise my girls for clothes that they had bothered to put away. Soon I found them, without any nagging from me, helping to fold laundry and having a great conversation as a highlight! Little did they know that I had completely manipulated them, but it worked and I wasn't frustrated anymore and the laundry got folded!! For me it has become a habit and the nagging words just flow freely out of my mouth. In this new year and decade, I resolve to be more positive to my children and surround them with a safe and NURTURING environment!! Won't you join me?

Important Dates

Feb. 1st – No School – Professional Development Day

Feb. 15th – No School – President's Day

Feb 18th – 6:00 pm Board of Directors Work Session; 7:00 pm Board of Directors Regular Meeting in CVA Harvard Room

Feb. 19th – Free Dress Day

March. 1st – No School – Professional Development Day



2nd Quarter Honor Roll and 1st Semester Perfect Attendance

High Honor Roll (all A's):

Shelly Connelly	3 rd Grade
Elizabeth Felix	3 rd Grade
Ezra Friss	3 rd Grade
Colton Loveridge	3 rd Grade
Conor McDaniel	3 rd Grade
Leah Metzler	3 rd Grade
Brandon Parsons	3 rd Grade
Elena Porcaro	3 rd Grade
Emma Robertson	3 rd Grade
Nikolas Schernecke	3 rd Grade
Macen Schoenherr	3 rd Grade
Ryleigh Stephen	3 rd Grade
Shae Zajac	3 rd Grade
Aaron Zrubek	3 rd Grade
Noah Bailey	4 th Grade
Sara Biggs	4 th Grade
Kayla Hand	4 th Grade
Ethan Heinitz	4 th Grade
David Kalina	4 th Grade
Ryan LaVanchy	4 th Grade
Kennalyn Peterson	4 th Grade
Jadyn Rangel	4 th Grade
Sarah Scohy	4 th Grade
Michael Silbernagel	4 th Grade
Xander Skaggs	4 th Grade
Samantha Street	4 th Grade
Kaitlyn Beale	5 th Grade
Conrad Burgesser	5 th Grade
Madelynn Felix	5 th Grade
Brooklyn Johnson	5 th Grade
Dylan Parker	5 th Grade
Anthony Porcaro	5 th Grade
McKenzie Stephenson	5 th Grade
Shelby Zinchini	5 th Grade
Connor Zsidisin	5 th Grade

Honor Roll (all A's and B's):

Kylie Anderson	3 rd Grade
Hannah Burke	3 rd Grade
Jacinto Calles	3 rd Grade
Brianna Fleeman	3 rd Grade
Brealyn Hager	3 rd Grade
Ainsley Hammond	3 rd Grade
Jessica Hess	3 rd Grade
Shannon Kos	3 rd Grade
Megan Langridge	3 rd Grade
Nicole Lees	3 rd Grade
Natalie Loring	3 rd Grade
Sabrina McDaniel	3 rd Grade
Macey Murfitt	3 rd Grade
Bailey Nunn	3 rd Grade
Talia Recce	3 rd Grade

Johnathon Soliday	3 rd Grade
Logan Sutton	3 rd Grade
Easton Willyard	3 rd Grade
Kyle Wood	3 rd Grade
Campbell Bradley	4 th Grade
Nate Burke	4 th Grade
Solaris Cardelli	4 th Grade
Keanu Cooley	4 th Grade
Hannah Davis	4 th Grade
Isaac Dukes	4 th Grade
Ashleigh Hess	4 th Grade
Bryce Lee	4 th Grade
Curtis Lewis	4 th Grade
Chloe McClellan	4 th Grade
Emma Perry	4 th Grade
Megan Quaintance	4 th Grade
Ashley Quimby	4 th Grade
Tyler Sutton	4 th Grade
Hannah Anders	5 th Grade
Zachery Bisgard	5 th Grade
Amber Dukes	5 th Grade
Lydia Garritt	5 th Grade
Goldie Goter	5 th Grade
Styles Hobart	5 th Grade
Taylor Kitzman	5 th Grade
Brandon Langridge	5 th Grade
Jordyn McCleave	5 th Grade
Arrisa Monroe	5 th Grade
Alex Schernecke	5 th Grade
Chandra Simmons-Smith	5 th Grade
Samantha Klein	5 th Grade
Savannah Wallace	5 th Grade
Jared Yancey	5 th Grade

Citizenship

3 rd Grade	Logan Knutson
3 rd Grade	Sabrina Monroe
4 th Grade	Ashleigh Hess
4 th Grade	Garrett Wilson
5 th Grade	Arrisa Monroe
5 th Grade	Jared Yancey

Gold Club

Conor McDaniel
Elena Porcaro
Noah Bailey
Ryan LaVancy
Lydia Garritt
Brooklyn Johnson

1st Semester Perfect Attendance:

Lindsay Alderman	Kasey Schmotzer
Hannah Anders	Rachel Silbernagel
Elsa Burgesser	Darian Stephen
Kaitlyn Ferguson	Damian Stephen
Jenna Gregg	Garrett Wilson
Ricardo Gutierrez	
Spencer Knapp	
Arrisa Monroe	
Sabrina Monroe	
Bailey Nunn	