#### April 2022

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# **Library** by Mrs. O'Hanlon

Hope everyone had an amazing Easter. Can you believe another year of excellence is almost in the books? Wow! Thank you to all of our wonderful PTO moms for your endless support, helping the special teachers in making our events successful.

### Kindergarten

- We will finish The 7 Habits of Happy Kids by Sean Covey
- Eric Carle author study.

### **First Grade**

- Library Skills Unit Learn how books are organized in the fiction section in a library
- Alphabetizing to the third letter and apply this skill to find fiction books.

### Second Grade

- Finish our ASL Unit
- Library Skills Unit Learn about the organization of the nonfiction section in the library
- Introduction to our nation's library, The Library of Congress.

#### **Third Grade**

- Computer Skills Unit Introduction to the operating system of a computer
- Students will practice creating documents using LibreOffice.





### Spanish by Señora Wingo

Estimadas las familias de C.E.E:

It's hard to believe that the last quarter of the school year has arrived! We've been learning so much and enjoying every moment in Spanish class that the year has flown. The fourth graders just performed their adorable song and dance from Frozen at February Town Meeting. Their song was "el Verano" or "Summer" in English. It was simple, cute, and happy like fourth graders should be. They will perform again along with the other classes at Fiesta on April 29th.

In 5th grade with Spring Training in mind, they are learning the vocabulary for sports in Spanish, Los deportes. They will also continue to work on their 1950s dance, "La Bamba".

Middle school has been focusing on the life cycle of a butterfly They must be able to label all of the parts of a caterpillar and a butterfly. They must represent the four main stages of the life cycle, el huevo (the egg), la oruga (the caterpillar), el capullo y la crisálida (the cocoon and chrysalis), y la mariposa (the butterfly). The finale song for Fiesta will be "Dos orugitas," "Two Caterpillars," a beautiful song from the hit movie Encanto.

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Con mucho cariño,

Señora Wingo



### **Firt** by Mrs. Youkers

Here we are in the final stretch of our school year. Our art project focus is on art in the style of Vincent Van Gogh in all grade levels. The project will include the water color art supplies we were awarded through *Donor Choose* with a focus on the art piece titled 15 sunflowers. The students will learn about Van Gogh as an artist in his era. He was known as the most tragic artist and the students are very interested and always remember Van Gogh as the artist who cut off his ear. Many students have questions about him and this makes for a very lively Q and A. Soon great works of art will be coming to the walls of CEE.



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## **Music** by Mr. Cruz

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all had a fun and relaxing spring break. As we near the end of the school year we are getting closer to our first all school, in-person concert since Covid. All the students are working on their songs and learning a little bit about the brain. The brain has been the focus for this year's spring concert, because way back in the beginning of this year, I was still under the assumption we were doing virtual all year. Taking away the family, friends, and the experience that the concerts gave us was like taking all the wind out of all the students' sails. I chose the brain for this year's theme because even though we can't share our musical gifts live and in person we can still benefit from the gift that music gives to us, because regardless, music works your ENTIRE BRAIN.

Each grade was assigned a specific area of the brain to focus on. Kindergarten got the temporal lobe, 1st grade got the cerebellum, 2nd grade got the motor cortex, 3rd grade got the occipital lobe, 4th grade got the frontal lobe, 5th grade got the parietal lobe, and middle school got the brain stem. We have been learning a lot about the brain and how throughout our music experience music has traveled through the brain as we listen to it, while performing music has turned the trip into an epic journey.

HUMAN BRAIN



In other news we embark on our annual Music in the Parks Show Choir competition which we have not done in two years. However, besides having everything returning to normal, something different is happening this year. We are taking CEE's first ever competitive instrumental ensemble, the Recorder Ensemble, as well. If you want to show your support, be on the lookout for any fundraising before or after school. Every little bit counts.

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There are a lot of training sessions and safety protocols to go through before students begin to traverse the new rock wall. We want to make sure children are safe and realize the importance of proper supervision. This is why it is important for all students, in every grade, to take a written safety test before using the wall and why all parents need to sign the take-home consent/waiver form. We appreciate all your patience. It's going to be so worth it!

# Home EC by Mrs. Martin

April

Students were introduced to making their own cleaning products over the past few weeks. They were able to make cleaning spray, disposable cleaning wipes, and even facial cleanser, all environmentally safe and less expensive than store bought brands. It was quite interesting to hear the students reactions to some of the products they created. In the next unit, Home Ec students will work on career aspirations. They will be doing research on career choices. We are excited to have a few quest speakers during this time.

## **Phys Ed** by Coach Kelton

It's been quite a packed year in P.E. so far, and we aren't even close to slowing down. Students still have pickleball, cricket, and let's not forget the newly installed rock wall to look forward to, which should be ready to climb any day now!





All the kids playing tennis after school on Wednesdays are improving at an amazingly fast pace. Tennis Club is full of 40 students of all grades. They travel to Kiwanis Tennis Club by bus to play on some of the nicest courts in town and they show tremendous class and character while at the facility. They've learned all about tennis etiquette and demeanor. In fact, the students do so well, I'm thinking of fielding a tennis team next year and playing competitively in the Charter School League.

## Student Success by Mrs. G

Well CEE families, we are quickly coming to the end of another wonderful year of learning! It feels as though the years go faster and faster each time. This group of students has been learning how to decompress and relax using audio books and stories, as well as listening to motivational pieces and short meditations that allow them to decompress and destress during the day. We have practiced breathing techniques that can help to clear a mind and minimize negative reactions to bad situations.

The fourth quarter will be spent revisiting the nuts-andbolts of classroom success, including time management and organization skills. We will wrap up with a retrospective on the strengths of each of us, allowing each student to identify their strong points and affinities so that they can feel confident about themselves going into the next school year. Here is hoping that everyone has a restorative and relaxing summer!

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