This month in Physical Education, The Silvia P.E. Stars will be changing it up to two different units. For grades K-2 they will begin their chasing and fleeing unit. We have a lot of great activities and different varieties of tag games. They will learn how to tag properly and learn to be honest throughout the unit. Grades 3-5 will be starting their hockey unit. They will work on the skills of stick handling, passing/receiving, and shooting. This will eventually lead us into game play for 2 weeks where the students will use these skills to work as a team against other students in their grade. Be sure to check out the PE website for at home fun workouts!

In Silvia's Library Media Center, students will begin to use our brand new computers in our brand new computer lab! This will be slowly rolled out, with a lot of discussion around behavior expectations and how to treat our new technology. We have twenty-eight new ACER Chromebases. Silvia is so incredibly lucky to have received these. Students are encouraged to bring in their own headphones or earbuds to use. The risk of Covid is still high, and it makes sense for them to each have their own. The students will be responsible to take care of them. If a child cannot bring their own, I will have some for them to use, but they will be shared with other students. All students are expected to wear their masks correctly, especially since the computer lab will be used by all classes eventually. Students will also be required to use hand sanitizer before going to their computer.

Please stress the importance of being gentle with the new computers and listening to and following all directions and expectations.
November (Music) Notes

This month in music, Silvia rockstars are working in small groups to compose, practice, and perform. Grades K-2 have been using different instruments as well as food names, animal names, and their own names to create rhythms. Grade 3 has started learning about pitch and how to read notes on the staff. Grades 4-5 are perfecting their C and F chords on ukulele! Parents of students in grades 3-5: if you would like to connect with me on ClassDojo, please email me at jneprud@fallriverschools.

FUN FACT: NOVEMBER IS BANANA PUDDING LOVERS MONTH — who knew?

Making smART choices!

During the month of November, we have been talking about how artists get ideas and set up their studio spaces to make the best work! Kindergarten and First grade artists have been learning about artist Henri Matisse and creating with Texture and Collage. Second and Third grade artists have been working with tempera paint using warm and cool colors. Fourth and Fifth grade artists have been learning new watercolor techniques such as; oil pastel resist and masking tape resist. They are working with a variety of color schemes. The color wheel is a tool which helps artists mix, choose, and organize colors in their art. Some colors look better together than others! Remember...Art Kids are Smart Kids!

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