

IHM Specials Classes: Trimester 2 2023 Update

MUSIC

Students in **ECE and 4K** had a blast during January's family music event. It was fun to share some favorite class activities with parents and other extended family members. In class, we continue to work on listening to music, playing along with music, and moving to music in a tuneful, beatful, artful way.

Students in **grades K, 1, 2, and 3** are participating in a program through the Madison Symphony Orchestra called 'Up Close and Musical'. As part of the program, the Hunt String Quartet visits four times during the school year. Each musician brings their instrument to the classroom, and then all four players perform a concert for the whole group. These sessions have been well received, and students are looking forward to the field trip to Overture Hall in May!

4th graders are polishing their ensemble skills by working together to play unpitched percussion instruments along with folk songs. They can successfully speak or sing and play up to three parts at a time. Way to go 4th grade!

5th grade learned about Mahalia Jackson during February. Ask them to share about the life of this famous gospel singer who worked along side Martin Luther King Junior. We have had a great time singing one of her famous songs 'Joshua Fit the Battle' and playing giant Jenga!

Middle school choose between three electives for Trimester 2: Advanced Ukulele, Instrumental Ensemble, or Handbells. Each elective was great fun, and many chose to share their skills during the Talent Show.

Looking forward to Trimester 3!

-Mrs. Binzak

WORLD LANGUAGES

The **IHM World Languages Program** is delighted to provide all students from kindergarten to eighth grade with the chance to discover the three main European languages - French, German, and Spanish!

SPANISH (K-2): Students are learning basic vocabulary by singing songs, repeating and reading (grades 1-2). Interesting and entertaining bilingual books and short language videos make learning, reviewing, and memorizing basic vocabulary very enjoyable!

FRENCH (3-5): Students are eagerly listening, repeating, spelling, translating, and creating sentences. They are learning how to write organized notes in their composition notebooks, and using these class-generated vocabulary lists to write a Winter Poem in the form of a digital document (typing in both French and English). Additionally, the students are continuing to practice the American Sign Language alphabet, which I often use to provide translation and spelling hints.

FRENCH, GERMAN, SPANISH (6): The sixth graders' project-based work concentrates on creating a Google Slides presentation on our second continent, South America. Students write sentences using basic grammar and vocabulary in all three languages. The 5 minute presentations focus on reading German, French and Spanish, in addition to providing information on the geography and culture of their chosen country.

FRENCH (7/8) and GERMAN (7-8): During the second trimester, the students' project was to create and present a 10 minute Google Slides presentation on a German speaking country or French speaking country in the Francophone world. They wrote and read material in the target language and presented information on the geography and culture of their selected country.

Their confidence while presenting and reading to their class is impressive and the slide presentations are interesting and beautifully done!

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LIBRARY

Students are learning to love books in the library! I have shared lots of great read-alouds with the **4K** in the library. The 4K students been able to learn about book care, shelf markers, and have started checking out books to take home for the week! We have had lots of fun read alouds for **4K, K, and 1st Grade** including some seasonal favorites. I have just started reading the classic “My Father’s Dragon” to the **2nd graders**. The **3rd grade** voted to continue the Iggy series with the second book, “Iggy Is Better Than Ever.” **4th and 5th grades** are enjoying “The Secret of Nimh”, and we are almost done! We will then be able to enjoy that amazing 70’s animated movie based on the book. In the Middle School, I continue to read the about the brave “Coraline” by Neil Gaiman to the **6th and 7th grade** and the Newberry Award winner “When You Reach Me” to the **8th Graders**.

The **Middle Schoolers** are still working on the “Library Achievements” project that we started last year. It was a great success in the 1st Trimester and the students were very engaged with the library! The reward for the 2nd Trimester is going to be one of my famous giant chocolate chip cookies and a Middle School only Pajama Day! I think the Achievements project is going great – ask them what they think!

Watch out for the Spring Catholic/Christian Book Fair next month!

-Mrs. Winter

NEW MEDIA ART

This trimester, the students explored new various types of art and technology across the ages! The **8th graders** learned about the fundamentals of oil painting as they prepare for their cumulative oil painting project—something that they have been excitedly awaiting for since they were little. The **elementary students** worked on various mind blowing projects using optical illusions and unique painting techniques. The **3rd graders** learned how to take straight lines and bend them to create an illusion of a moving line. The **4th graders** learned how to make tessellations—the tiling of surfaces—and decorated them with their own unique designs. The **5th graders** created beautiful galaxy paintings through dabbing a sponge full of different paints onto their papers, creating new and expansive galaxies before their very eyes.

Additionally, the **middle schoolers** learned how to make their own self portrait using vector software—turning simple line sketches into complex graphic images. Their pictures were so realistic; many of them captured the great details present in their school headshots.

The **elementary students** further built upon their typing skills, such as making slideshow presentations, using spreadsheets, and typing documents. I am extremely excited to see the final trimester unfold as the students continue to develop and improve their talents!

-Ms Mercier

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With soccer being one of the most requested activities in PE, one of our main focuses in PE during trimester-2 was futsal. Most of **ECE, 4K, and Kindergarten** touched soccer balls for the first time. While pretending that the balls were lava, they learned soccer balls were only to be handled with their feet. We did a lot of dribbling activities to set the foundation for ball control.

It didn't take long for the **1st and 2nd graders** to get used to having a soccer ball at their feet. The quick learning allowed time for us to practice differentiating between soft and hard kicks, dribbling around cones, and shooting.

With the **3rd, 4th, and 5th graders** having more experience with soccer, they spent more time on gameplay. We were even able to squeeze in some highly competitive games of "knock-out!" There are a lot of future soccer stars attending IHM!

After finishing their cornhole unit, the **Middle-Schoolers** also transitioned into futsal! I thoroughly enjoyed watching many of these students participate in an activity they love! We recently started our archery unit and will focus on that for the next few weeks!

Trimester-3 will consist of archery, cup-stacking, tchoukball (new to IHM), and the long-awaited FIELD DAY! I'm excited!

-Mrs. Arts