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<p align="center"><b>Art</b></p> 	<p>The students will be working on mixed media with Collage during the months of March and April in the Art Studio. One example of a lesson in this unit is "My Favorite things to do in the city" Students will tear, paste and arrange paper to create a silhouetted figure depicting themselves engaged in a favorite activity in the city. They will work into this composition with various materials: paint, pastels, markers, etc. With each stage of the lesson the the piece will become more detailed and elaborate, so that the final piece depicts a specific person, in a chosen place participating in a favorite activity.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Drama</b></p> 	<p>Pre-K and K will be involved in a creative play, storytelling and puppetry unit. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will finish rehearsals for the sharing of an adapted fairy tale play. Dates TBD.3<sup>rd</sup> grade will finish rehearsals for the sharing of an adapted play based on the ancient Mexican myth called "How Music Came to the World" by Hal Ober. Dates TBD.4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades after working and performing in "The Wizard of Oz", will continue performance and scene work on their self-created who/what/where partner scenes. They will begin a short unit on stage picture prior to starting a playwriting unit.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Science</b></p> 	<p>Our first Science Fair was a success! We are eagerly awaiting the next one coming up in May. In 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be learning about weather and seasons. In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will learn about plant diversity. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be learning about types of living things. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be learning about matter and its properties as well as preparing for the Science test in early June, In 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will all about being healthy and making good choices.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Creative Movement</b></p> 	<p><b>HOWDY PARTNERS!</b> Creative movement is so excited to start our Country Dance Unit. We are kicking it off with a Contra Dance performance assembly on March 4th during school, as well as, family contra dancing from 4:40 to 6:00 the same night . We will then be ready to start our dance unit Monday, March 8th. Pre K and K will be learning circle dances. 1st and 2nd grade will be focusing on line dances. 3rd grade will learn square dances. 4th and 5th will learn Contra Dances. We will culminate this second dance unit with a real country outdoor dance festival on Friday, May 14th.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Library</b></p> 	<p>It's been a busy beginning of the year in the Library! In Pre K and Kindergarten, we have been laughing uproariously as we read some of the new books that just arrived (two favorites have been Dooby, Dooby, Moo and Mo Willems's Elephant and Pggie series). First grade learned about two ocean creatures this month: octopus (did you know an octopus has blue blood?) and sharks. Second grade is learning about the trickiest secret code in the library -- how the non fiction section is organized. In Third grade, we have been learning about the origins of the modern Olympics (way back in ancient Greece). Fourth grade is doing amazing work with presenting non-fiction research using Windows Moviemaker. And last but not least, Fifth grade took a trip to the Grand Army Plaza Army library to gather research materials for their Job Fair projects in May.</p>