

# Cluster Corner

## January 2021

### Music

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students will be learning about the orchestra, instruments and instrument families as well as other interactive music activities.

5th grade will be continuing their guitar studies.

### Media Center

Kindergarten - Students will learn how they are unique as individuals and also have a shared culture and identify within the United States.

4th grade - Students will learn about life in New Amsterdam before it became New York City. We will compare their community and lives to the present and also see how the Dutch influenced our modern day culture.

5th grade - Students will take a close look at European explorers and Columbus, in particular. We will discuss the positive and negative effects of the "Columbian Exchange"

### Dance

During December P.S. 115 dancers will continue to study the art of making a dance. Prop dance, chair dance, set dance -- these are some of the choreographic creations that P.S. 115 students will make this month. The process involves creating a structure, an outline, within which students can invent surprising and interesting movements, steps, actions and define an emotional intent. We will also begin to study different styles of dance, learning about plies, relevés and pirouettes and other signature movements that define a style of dance.

### Technology

Remote students will focus on mastering digital literacy skills used across subject areas, using Google apps including Docs, Slides, Sheets & Forms to present information, which will vary by grade level. Students will collaborate with others using shared files and provide feedback to their peers in the form of glows and grows.

### Phys Ed

First Grade students will continue to practice the steps to the underhand throw with games called, "Decorate the Cookie," "Flip the Hoop," and "Make it Take it."

Grades 3-5: Students will practice the under and overhand throw with accuracy with games called, "Make it Move it, Miss it, Move it Back," "Cone Hole," and "Dice Bonk"

### Art

First grade students will learn about texture by drawing owls, and coloring with texture plates. Second grade students will learn about piranhas, by creating a paper fold drawing. Third grade students will learn about cityscapes, by creating a city scene inspired by the artist James Rizzi. Fourth grade students will learn about parody, by creating their own paintings based on Edvard Munch's "The Scream". Fifth grade students will learn about the artwork of Keith Haring, by creating Haring inspired autobiographical drawings.