

# Mary Rowlandson Elementary School

## Update

October 5, 2018

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### **Bike and Walk to School Event**

On Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> MRE is participating in the Walk or Bike to School Day. Walk or bike from your home or leave from the Town Common at 8:00.

### **Specialist Update**

Music, library, art, health education, physical education, and technology play a critical part of MRE providing a well-rounded education. Each month our specialist will provide a short overview of the exciting content they are teaching the students.

<b>Music</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>
<p><b><u>Kindergarten:</u></b> Exploring steady beats, movement to music, echo songs, and High and Low pitches</p> <p><b><u>Grade 1:</u></b> Echo Songs, Steady beat on hand drums while singing, duple rhythms, high and low pitches on xylophones</p> <p><b><u>Grade 2:</u></b> Folk Dance: <i>Sasha</i>, Call &amp; Response Songs, complex rote rhythms in 6/8 ("triple"), Folk Songs: "Oh My!" &amp; "Stirring My Brew," Circle Songs &amp; Games</p> <p><b><u>Grade 3:</u></b> Triple/Duple Rhythms, sing Orff song Tydeeh, learn and perform ostinato</p>	<p><b><u>Kindergarten and Grade 1</u></b> will continue working on locomotor skills; running, skipping, galloping, hopping, jumping, and leaping.</p> <p><b><u>Grades 2 and 3</u></b> are working on throwing and catching skills, and small-sided games that involve those skills.</p> <p><b><u>Grade 4</u></b> will continue to learn how to play flag rugby.</p> <p><b><u>Grade 5</u></b> will be starting a flag football unit.</p>

<p>patterns on xylophones, treble clef note reading</p> <p><b>Grade 4:</b> Sing/identify parts of "Keep Your Head Up", continue to learn "counting" duple rhythms, bucket drumming, composition using Finale Notepad</p> <p><b>Grade 5:</b> Continue campfire songs, counting duple rhythms, rhythm/cup activity, bucket drumming introducing dotted quarter/eighth note rhythms</p>	
<p><b>Health</b></p> <p>September was a great month of revisiting our routines and expectations for Health! The month of October will be busy with Fire Safety for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. We will be practicing Stop, Drop, and Roll, knowing our family meeting place, and 9-1-1 calls, in case of emergency. Please practice your addresses at home and discuss a good spot for the whole family to meet, in case of a fire. As for the older students, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be discussing Purple Pinkie Day, and taking the Fire Safety Assessment. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be diving into self-esteem lessons, focusing on how to build self-esteem and be more accepting of themselves and others.</p>	<p><b>Art</b></p> <p><b>Kindergarten:</b> Designing with crayons. How to start a design. How do I fill a paper? How do I show feelings through art?</p> <p>Literature connection: "Where the Wild Things Are"</p> <p><b>Grade 1:</b> What is texture? Make texture rubbings. Begin to draw still life. Literature connections: "Mr. Grumpy's Outing"</p> <p><b>Grade 2</b> Landscapes - Learning from VanGogh, Carla Gollembé, and Nature Literature connection: "Starry Night"</p> <p><b>Grades 4 and 5:</b> Landscapes - Learning from Picasso, Hockney, and nature.</p> <p>All grade levels will learn to use a sketchbook and to keep designs in it.</p>

## Library

**Kindergarten** is reading Little Red Hen stories and discussing how nice it is to be a “helper” and the rewards it brings.

**Grade 1** is comparing tales that have a male hero and another version of the tale with a heroine. Examples: Sleeping Beauty / Sleeping Bobby and Cinderella / Prince Cinder.

**Grade 2** is studying the mystery genre – reading and discussing various mystery books.

**Grade 3** is enjoying Aesop Fables and learning lessons that these old stories teach us.

**Grade 4** is reading books by Mrs. Ogborn’s favorite author and illustrator, Chris Van Allsburg.

**Grade 5** is reading a few pages during each class from Ken Burns’ book – Grover Cleveland Again. It is a great and entertaining introduction to the presidents of our country.

Grade	September	What’s Next October
K	Mousing Activities	First Steps with Drawing Program Wixie Drawing Apples Drawing Pumpkins
Grade 1	Mousing Activities All About Me Emoji Style (Seesaw Project)	Wixie: Alphabet (Starting sounds) Sheet Wixie: In the Fall I like to...(Picture and finish sentence)

Grade 2	Internet Safety (Brainpop)  All About Me Emoji Style (Seesaw Project)  Keyboard Climber Typing Practice	Wixie: Drawing "My House" Maps and Cardinal Directions  Keyboard Climber Typing Practice
Grade 3	Safe and Strong Passwords  Online Safety (Digital Passport)  Typing (Typing Pal)	Research about Pilgrims  Start Google Slide Pilgrim Slideshow  Typing (Typing Pal and Typing Club)
Grade 4	Digital Citizenship using Google's Interland and responding on Class Padlet  Typing (Typing Pal)	Digital Citizenship: Concept of Digital FootPrint and Privacy (using Adobe Sparks and Seesaw)  Start Coding (Express class in Code.org)  Typing (Typing Pal and Typing Club)
Grade 5	Digital Citizenship using Google's Interland and responding on Class Padlet  Typing (Typing Pal)	Digital Citizenship: Concept of Digital FootPrint and Privacy (using Adobe Sparks and Seesaw)  Start Drone Virtual Programming  Typing (Typing Pal and Typing Club)

Technology

## Important Dates

### **DATES TO REMEMBER: October / November 2018**

Oct 8 Columbus Day, No School

Oct 10 Walk/Bike to School Day

Oct 10/11 4th Grade Field Trip, Nashua Rivershed (rain date:10/12)

Oct 19 Early Release, 12:15 PM Dismissal - *Lunch will be served including ½ day Kindergarten*

**Spirit Day:** Future Day – Students (and teachers) can dress up as the occupation they would like to be when they grow up!

Oct 22-30 Scholastic Book Fair

Oct 24 Purple Pinkie Day

Oct 26 No School, Full Day Parent Teacher Conferences (more info to follow)

Oct 30 [SEPAC](#) - "An IEP for My Child", TBA

Oct 31 Halloween Walk (*or alternate activity*), 1:15

Nov 1 3rd Grade Field Trip, Plimoth Plantation (rain or shine)

Nov 5 Early Release, Afternoon/Evening Parent Teacher Conferences - 12:15 PM

Dismissal - *Lunch will be served including ½ day Kindergarten*

**Spirit Day:** School Spirit Day - All are encouraged to wear MRE, Nashoba or Huskies clothes  
or the school color of blue

Nov 6 No School - Election Day

Nov 12 No School - Veterans Day

Nov 21-22 No School - Thanksgiving Break