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Specials Banners
Each day in specials, classes receive a score between 1 and 4.
- 4 = Excellent job
- 3 = Good job
- 2 = Try harder
- 1 = Needs improvement

At the end of each quarter, banners (Gold, Silver, Bronze) are given to the top three classes of each grade level according to their averaged scores received in all special classes (art, media, music, PE, science, technology).

Music Notes
Chuck Sinclair, Music Teacher

Students in every class are instructed on the use of rhythm sticks to apply music concepts of notes, rests, steady beat, and rhythm. Students in each grade level are beginning units of music study for the first quarter: Grade K—beat and tempo; matching pitch within a developmentally appropriate range; and singing with correct posture. Grades 1, 2 and 3—beat and melody; pitch and posture. Grades 4 and 5—music in relation to other arts, history, and culture; pitch and posture; developing and using criteria to evaluate performances of others.

For more info relating to grade-level music objectives, exciting upcoming music events for various grade levels at NFP, fun music websites for kids, etc., visit musicatnorthforestpines.weebly.com
At North Forest Pines Elementary the **PHYSICAL FITNESS** of your child is of the utmost importance. Every effort to promote your child’s physical fitness is made with the implementation of North Carolina Curriculum Standards. The goals of North Forest Pines Physical Education (PE) program focuses on your child’s striving to:

- Practice and master appropriate motor skills and movement.
- Develop and maintain lifelong, family–oriented, health related fitness.
- Be able to work with and have respect for others.

North Forest Pines P.E. has five basic rules for every class to ensure the safety of all students. They are:

- **LISTEN TO AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS.**
- **STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN ON THE SIGNAL.**
- **KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FEET TO YOURSELF.**
- **WEAR APPROPRIATE SHOES FOR YOUR SAFETY.** (No flip-flops, sandals, backless or open toe shoes.)
- **ALWAYS COOPERATE, RESPECT OTHERS, AND DO YOUR BEST.**

Please make sure he/she is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather, and tennis shoes or flat-soled shoes that enclose the whole foot. The following assessment procedures may be used in assessing your child’s progress: participation, ability to follow directions, effort, attitude, sportsmanship, teacher observation, skills tests, written assignments, and tests. Every child has the innate ability to earn a “3”, since the majority of their grade is based on participation, ability to following directions, effort, attitude, and sportsmanship. A Physical Education grade of less than a “3” reflects a problem in one or more of the above areas.

I am looking forward to an exciting, active year with you and your child/children. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 570-2218.

Sincerely,

Coach Matthews
Media Mania
Rachel Anderson, Media Specialist

We are off to a great start in media. During the first quarter, students in 1st, 2nd, and 4th grades will visit the media center each week to return and check out books.

Kindergarten students will play a hands-on game called “Mailman” to locate different areas in our media center. Students will use spine labels to find picture books, chapter books, number books, and biographies.

In 3rd grade, students will use Destiny and Destiny Quest (our library search catalogs) to find materials in our media center. Also, students will practice Internet Safety by keeping personal information private, creating strong private passwords, and avoiding and reporting cyberbullying.

In 5th grade, students will use eWISE, WCPSS’s K-12 research model, to gather information about a career. Students will take notes on their career and then make a career cube to show what they learned about their career.

NFP Book Fair
November 4-18, 2015

Thanks for supporting NFP's Book Fair! The Book Fair raises money for NFP's media center. Our goal is to sell $22,000 in books/merchandise at the Book Fair, which would enable us to buy over 200 new library books, as well as new technology and equipment for our school.
What’s Happening in Art First Quarter
Lori Buchanan, Art Specialist

Kindergarten will be learning about a variety of lines, shapes and colors as they start the year off in art. First graders will learn to recognize landscapes, portraits and still lives while they create examples of each. Second graders will compare art from different cultures as they create Indian elephant paintings and make African masks. In third grade students will learn the principles and elements of art and learn to draw and shade forms. Fourth grade is all about NC famous artists: students will be exposed to work by Minnie Evans, Romare Bearden and Bob Trotman as they create related artworks. Fifth graders will learn about North American artists such as Georgia O'Keefe, Grant Wood and Grandma Moses while using a variety of art production methods. It's going to be a great year in art!

Effort = Achievement

“CONTINUOUS EFFORT IS THE KEY TO UNLOCKING OUR POTENTIAL.”
- Winston Churchill
The school year is off to a great start in technology. During the 1st quarter, students in Kindergarten, 3rd and 5th grade have media special and grades 1, 2, and 4 have technology special.

All grades are learning about SOARing in technology special and the rules for keeping equipment safe. Students are learning to navigate Mozilla Firefox, KidPix and Windows 7 in addition to editing and using Microsoft Word 2013.

First graders are learning about the parts of the computer. They will learn special keys (Shift, Enter, Backspace) and type both lower and upper case letters. In addition, they will complete some editing in Word punctuation, capitals).

Second graders will practice creating documents in Word. They will add a picture to their document, cite the website used for their picture and learn how to properly save their document in Word 2013.

Fourth graders are learning about internet safety, netiquette, and strong passwords. These students will also create a PowerPoint using best practices and learn the importance of file name and choosing a location to which to save.

Falcon students are skilled in technology at North Forest Pines Elementary!

As of July 2015, our computer lab is a 21st century classroom complete with collaborative tables, laptops, a green screen and varying workspaces to make sure every student is successful!
Wow! Our Falcons are SOAR-ing through STEM specials. We have gotten off to a great start this year with student engagement and energy levels high! Our kindergarten Falcons have already been on a scavenger hunt, exploring our school grounds using their “scientific” eyes. The first grade friends are learning all about organisms and their needs. They have also planted seeds and are waiting patiently for germination. Our 2nd grade Falcons are SOAR-ing through Matter, learning how to look for a variety of properties in solids. The 3rd grade helped to solve the problem of overplanting in our garden. They came up with an abundance of great ideas and I executed the best plan...thank you 3rd grade! They are also learning about parts of plants. Our 4th grade Falcons are diving into Landforms. They are using IPADS (Google Earth) to locate their house, their local water source, and interesting landforms. Lastly, our 5th grade friends are discovering inherited traits, learned behaviors, and discussing deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)...fun stuff!!! It’s going to be an exciting year as we stimulate our brains, activate our senses, and explore new territories in STEM!!!

Scientifically yours,
Scientist Wilson