



We have some great programs booked for Reach For the Stars this year. Instead of the way we have scheduled the program in the past, this year will be three days in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. They will not be all day events, although the presenters will be with us all day. Please mark these days on your calendar.

Fall

October 5th - Unity Mural

The “Imagine That” mural team, directed by the acclaimed author-illustrator Joyce Raimondo, paints with students to create an uplifting character education moral tailored to our school. The theme of our mural is “Treat others the way you want to be treated.” Our mural will be painted on 8’X4’ wood and will be displayed in the front lobby above the glass Oysterponds sign. The children will be working in the Art Room with the assistance of their teachers at the following times:

P1 - 9:45 - 10:30

P2 - 10:45 - 11:30

I1 - 1:00 - 1:45

I2 - 1:50 - 2:35

During each session, prior to painting, the presenting mural teacher will lead a discussion with the students about the character education theme.

Fall (cont'd)

Nov.5th, 6th - Songspun with Brian Chevalier

The children will be working with songwriter Brian Chevalier during this songwriting residency. They will be creating an original school song to go with the mural they painted in October. Classes will author their own original song in writing workshops with Brian on the first day and will perform this song with him at a school wide assembly on the second day. Brian will then record their song in his studio and send us a professional CD.

Winter

(February 15th) All About Learning On Site Field Trip - 4 in 1 Lego Car

Student engineers learn about simple machines and their real world applications. Teams of two students work together to build a 4 in 1 Lego car and then run a series of experiments to test various engineering and STEM theories and concepts. The 4 in 1 car is a friction car, gravity car, push car and pullback motor car. The skills and traits of the engineering profession are discussed and incorporated. The day will consist of 60 minutes of instruction taught by Mrs. Poveromo and the material will be adjusted according to the students' age and grade levels. Pre-K will be included in this. At the end of the building process, the students race their cars. Each child will take home a lego car!

Spring

May 10th - Night Sky Starlab

A portable planetarium will be in our school. Program topics are astronomy and earth science related. Many programs are also interdisciplinary as well, involving subjects such as history, geography, geology, archeology and mythology. Primary programs will last for 40 minutes and Intermediate programs will be one hour. Each program contains 2 parts - an out of dome presentation dealing with specific program topic and a planetarium presentation dealing with the current night sky. The presentations will be as follows:

Pre-K and K - The Sky Today and Tonight

Primary 1 - The Sun's Family

Intermediate 1 - Looking At Our Solar System

Intermediate 2 - Star Legends of the Ancients

FYI - Missoula is the week of April 8th - 12th and the play is **The Pied Piper**.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask.

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