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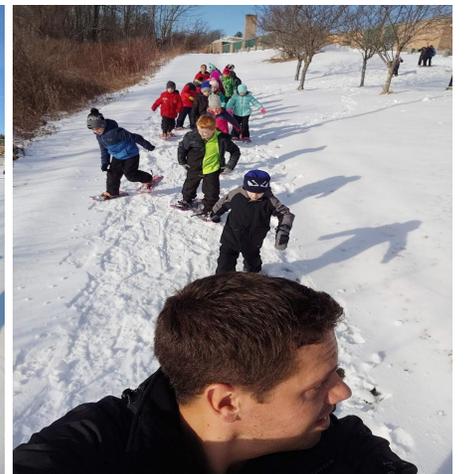
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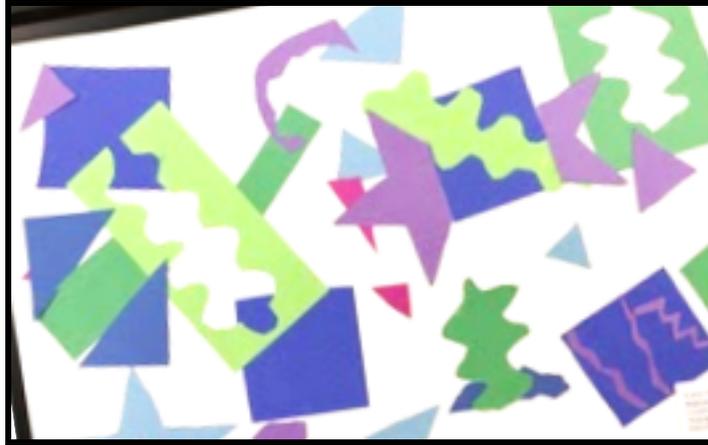
Mr. Barbale

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Happy New Year Naquag Families and friends! We are off to an exciting start with so many new games, activities and adventures! We have continued to improve on our locomotor skills but a real large focus recently being on endurance and accuracy. All students recently participated in the second go around of the Pacer test which a majority of students improved! We have played numerous games which require rolling, and throwing to improve on the skill of accuracy. It is amazing how far they have already come in regards to throwing and catching. In addition we had a fun gymnastics lesson where we practiced balancing, wall stands, vaulting, jumping, landing, and rolling!

Our biggest adventure has been snowshoeing! The kids and I had a blast getting some exercise in the sun, snow, and fresh air. Thank you all for your cooperation with this lesson in ensuring proper snow gear for all students. Please enjoy some pictures shown.





ART NEWS FROM MRS. SHEPHERD



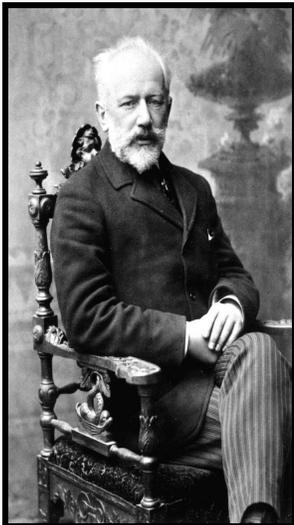
Shape Versus Form. Shape and Form are two of the seven elements of art, which are emphasized in our art room. First graders explored organic and geometric shapes, creating overlapping geometric shapes using crayon, marker, and watercolors in one lesson. Congratulations to Karli, her overlapping shapes are at the superintendent's office. Second graders reviewed organic and geometric shapes studied last year by using cut paper inspired by Henri Matisse. Congratulations to Lucy, her collage went to the superintendent's office to be displayed for the school year. Second graders then learned about the "Princess of Polka Dots," Yayoi Kusama from Japan, and created a form, a coiled polka dotted tree, and placed it in a polka dotted diorama. Students painted their dots with paint directly from the paint bottle, then painted the background with a tertiary color, also known as an intermediate color. Mixing paint is so much fun and the color options are endless. Next, we will learn how to fool the eye and make a form look three dimensional in a two dimensional art work.

Mrs. Gough - Greetings from the Music Room!

Our school year is flying by and February 2020 is already upon us! After a very successful holiday concert and new year start, we are continuing our learning about such concepts as steady beat, rhythm, pitch, melody, dynamics, and form. We work on these concepts through singing, instruments, body percussion, dramatic play and more.

All of the grades are working on barred instrument play on our newly refurbished Orff instruments. We are learning about and playing simple melodies, repeating patterns, pentatonic scales and more, all while working as a team!

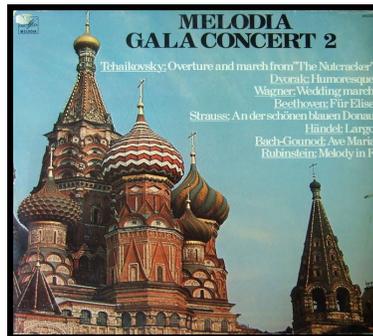
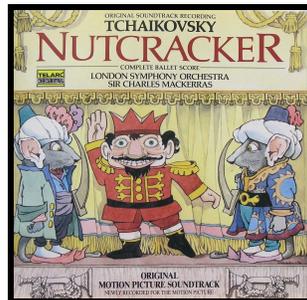
Thank you for your support of our music program here at Naquag!



Composer of the Month - *Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DIhan81qB0>

A different composer is introduced monthly, including their history, time period, examples of their compositions, followed by a fun coloring sheet of both realistic and cartoon versions of them.



Our Bulletin Boards!

When you enter our school, be sure to take a look at the three big bulletin boards in our front lobby. On each of the boards you will find artwork, song sheets, photos, and many other interesting items from Art, Music, and Phys Ed., which change as the year progresses. We always try our best to make them fun to look at and informative too!