# **MERSD SPECIALS** Grade 1, Trimester 2

# LIBRARY

## In this Trimester, your child will:

- Learn and demonstrate understanding of elements of a story including, plot, character, setting and theme.
- Practice rephrasing assignments: "what am I supposed to do?"
- Understand the purpose of nonfiction text features including table of contents, captions, index and glossary.
- Continue to learn about seasonal themes and world traditions via literature, and compare and contrast literature via author studies.

# TECHNOLOGY

### In this Trimester, your child will:

- Learn about Internet safety and how to stay safe online.
- Understand how to be a good digital citizen.
- Learn about computer science.
- Learn how to create basic codes.
- Create code with offline and online activities.
- Learn how to code robots to solve problems.

# MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

### In this Trimester, your child will:

- Perform on stage as a group, singing at an appropriate volume.
- Identify handheld percussion instruments by sight.
- Improvise short rhythmic ideas on handheld percussion instruments.
- Create percussion instruments to connect with 1st grade sound unit.

# **VISUAL ART**

### In this Trimester, your child will:

- Create pictures by drawing with lines and shapes through direct step by step observation.
- Listen to stories that are inspiration for art lessons.
- Paint with tempera paints mixing the warm and cool colors.
- Learn what organic shapes are vs geometric shapes.
- Paint correctly with pan watercolors.
- Cut small shapes from papers to make a collage.

# WELLNESS / PE

### In this Trimester, your child will:

- Continue developing beginning Basketball skills.
- Demonstrate moving to various rhythms and demonstrate aerobics to various music.
- Demonstrate appropriate rolling movement turning tumbling and acrobatics.
- Demonstrate skills used in pickleball: striking forehand and backhand.
- Demonstrate moving to various rhythms and can perform dances of various countries.
- Will demonstrate beginning hockey skills.
- Continue our P.A. curriculum.

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