Grade 5 Cycles

Throughout the year, students in 5th grade take six exciting cycle classes that last approximately 30 school days each. Students in grade 5 cycle classes are graded on a pass/fail basis. Cycle classes provide students with opportunities to learn creatively while exposing them to a variety of topics, skills, and concepts designed to support their academic, social, and emotional growth.

Below are the exciting 5th grade cycle class options!

Advisory

The 5th Grade Advisory course covers Self-Esteem, Study Skills, Peer Pressure, Conflict Resolution, Bullying, Emotions, and Tolerance & Diversity. The Advisory course is one way of helping middle school students adjust to the changes that pervade their lives. The Advisory course will promote a sense of confidence that can help the middle school student feel secure enough to solve personal problems. The Advisory course will also provide guidance in decision-making regarding situations the student faces daily.   If you have any questions, please contact **Ms. Schussel at lschussel@veronaschools.org or Ms. Warshaw at hwarshaw@veronaschools.org.**

Art

Students learn different ways to acquire new art skills and broaden their visual literacy. They are guided to create complex works of art. Emphasis is placed on cultivating thinking, critical judgment and expressing emotions. Students learn to use more sophisticated design concepts. Activities are designed to stress efficient and inventive uses of media. Lessons focus on students expanding their awareness by observation and discussion, especially when exploring the art works of different cultures.   If you have any questions, please contact **Ms. Mustardo at mmustardo@veronaschools.org.**

Computers

In Computer Cycle students get a feel and comfort for using the computer. Students work on various projects that include presentation making, saving, editing, importing and exporting different file formats, typing, and photo editing. Students also use Edmodo, which is an educational social networking tool, to understand digital etiquette and the dos and don'ts of posting online. If you have any questions, please contact **Mr. Kish at akish@veronaschools.org.**

Health

The 5th grade health class will be focusing on Health and Wellness, Self-Esteem, and Physical Fitness. Lessons and activities will focus on developing a positive self-concept and healthy relationships with others. We will also discuss the components of physical fitness and the benefits of exercise. If you have any questions, please contact **Mr. Bowes at rbowes@veronaschools.org.**

Music

The 5th grade music cycle is predominantly a performance based class which includes review/learning notes on the treble staff and bass staff, basic rhythms, and many other musical signs and symbols. The students complete worksheets from various music theory sources as well as some music history, and demonstrate their knowledge of musical concepts on keyboards. The class uses a computer program called eMedia piano. This software features individualized, self -paced lessons that teach and reinforce notation and provides instructions and feedback on students' progress on various piano pieces. They then share their accomplishments with each other periodically throughout the cycle. They may also use a program called Mixcraft where the students can create and compose their own musical pieces using music loops and recordings of their own making, again with the idea of sharing their creations with others.   If you have any questions, please contact **Mrs. Hamilton at ahamilton@veronaschools.org.**

Technology, Engineering, & Design

The 5th grade T.E.D. cycle is an introductory year emphasizing the basics of technology and engineering, as well as teaching students the engineering design process (EDP). Students engage in hands-on inquiry and design as they explore the major types of technology. If you have any questions, please contact **Mrs. Zambrano at jzambrano@veronaschools.org**