Hello Parents!

We are so excited to share what we have been doing after-school this month. From song-writing to ballet, we have been busy bees every afternoon! Here’s an update on some of what we do each day!

CLASS SPOTLIGHT: TEXTILES

Ms. Getz has been working with the kids in our Textiles class to make a bunch of cool crafts including paper weaving. Every craft created is meant to challenge the way our students look at art materials and come up with cool, new projects out of ones they already use. If you see your child finger-knitting a cool scarf or working on their God’s Eyes, it’s a pretty good chance they learned it in our textile class!

Textiles with Ms. Getz is available this Winter, Tuesdays, 3PM—4PM; grades 1st—8th.

GOODBYE MR. NALL!

It is time for us to say goodbye to one of our favorite teachers here at after-school, Mr. Alex Nall.

Mr. Nall has been teaching here at STEM for 5 years and has provided our students with countless fun and enriching activities during his time. From Gym Games to Comics to Drama, we will miss his booming voice and delightful imagination.

We appreciate all your hard work Mr. Nall and wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors!

THANK YOU MR. NALL!!!!
OCTOBER

10/2 Evisa Ramos
10/7 Francesca Kang
10/9 Riley Courtney
10/10 Elisabeth Thompson
10/16 Lucas Lohng
10/17 Olive Stanaker
10/21 Alexander He
10/21 Anna He
10/21 Michael He
10/24 Morgan Li

NOVEMBER
11/14 Ms. Getz
11/21 Bryan Beardsley

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Samantha Stiede is the newest addition to the YG After-school staff at STEM Magnet. Ms. Stiede grew up in Naperville, IL and just graduated from UIC with a Masters in Social Work. Her favorite thing about working with children is helping them see their potential and being there for them through their journey.

Everyone be sure to welcome Ms. Stiede when you see her in afterschool this fall!

CLASS SPOTLIGHT : 3D ART

3D Art is another afterschool class we have here at STEM and this class is focused on art projects that come to life off the paper. Ms. Chang had some very bright activities to share with her students last week.

One group worked with highlighters to create pictures that took on another life when under a black-light. You see, the black light emits Ultra-Violet (UV) Rays which makes the ink in the markers appear to glow brighter under it’s glow. Pretty cool right? If you want to learn more about black lights, check out this explanation of how exactly they work (http://sustainable-nano.com/2013/02/25/how-do-black-lights-work-why-do-highlighters-look-so-bright-and-how-can-you-impress-your-girlfriend-with-science/) or come visit Ms. Chang in 3D Art on Mondays this fall!

3D Art with Ms. Chang is available this Winter, Mondays 3 PM and 4 PM.

Important Lesson of the Week:

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

As we move into the second half of afterschool, we here at YG want to stress how important respect is for our time together each afternoon. It is not just the respect for teachers that is important; it is also respect of other students and self that keeps us running smoothly.

Respect includes but is not limited to keeping your hands to yourself, listening and following directions when given them and cleaning up after yourself after leaving one of the rooms we use in the building.

Another way to demonstrate respect is to show it for yourself by completing homework during homework/recess time (more time to relax at home), being quiet during transition time (so you know exactly where you need to go) and using kind and considerate words when speaking with everyone in the building (look, now you made tons of friends).

Remember to practice respect in and out of afterschool!

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

Why did the turkey refuse dessert?

ANSWER: He was stuffed.