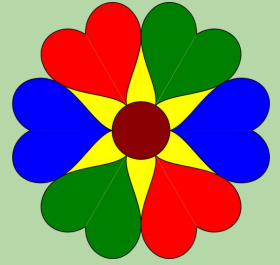


KGA Specials Enrichment Activities



Join your specials teachers
on [Flipgrid](#) or [Padlet](#)!

Your families can always email your specials teachers too!
Just click on their name.

[Braaksma](#) [Contreras](#) [Griffith](#) [Johnson](#) [Manygoats](#) [Moran](#)

MUSIC WITH MS. JOHNSON

Even though America and Scotland both use English as their official language, there might be some words in the song "Scottish Blessings" with which you are not familiar. Can you guess what they mean? Let me know on Flipgrid or Padlet what you think. Try singing along!

Watch this [video](#) to see an amazing performance using these instruments. The string instrument you see in this video is called a Bouzouki.

Instruments used in the song "Scottish Blessings":

Bodhrán Drum

Uilleann Pipes

Concertina

(The Concertina is type of accordion, similar to the Bandoneon you see on Mrs. Griffith's page.)

FOUR WINDS

[Watch Ms. Johnson play her Irish whistle.](#)

SCOTTISH BLESSINGS

Physical Education with Miss Contreras

BLOW YOUR MIND ANSWER

from April 20-24

ON A MICROWAVE!

Type in 100 and the microwave recognizes it as 1 minute, but put in 99 and the microwave recognizes it as 1 minute and 39 seconds.

WEEKLY WORKOUTS

[Kids Yoga & Mindfulness](#)
[Star Wars Jedi Workout](#)

Use [Flipgrid](#) or [Padlet](#) to show or tell me something you did from my P.E. slide. 😊



TIME TO PLAY- "SHARK WATERS" HOME EDITION:

Play solo- Get to another room without touching the floor. Before starting, collect items that will help you. After each round, take one item away. Play with your family- Form a team and have somebody be "Jaws." Jaws can take an item away that is not being held/used.

TIME TO MOVE: 1) Challenge a family member to see who can hold the plank position longer. Your body should be a straight line from your head to your heels. 2) Stand face to face with a family member. Each of you balance on one foot and touch your raised feet together. How long can you guys go without either of you losing balance?



BLOW YOUR MIND: What has a head but no body, a heart but no blood, and leaves but no branches?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: You're supposed to chew each bite of food about 30 times before you swallow. This helps with digestion as well as being more mindful while eating. Try it during your next meal.



Introducing... Argentina

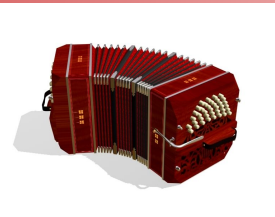


Use Google Earth to take a virtual tour to one of the places mentioned in the video.

Enjoy this story "The Search for Rain"



Storms in Argentina:
Why are they so strong here?

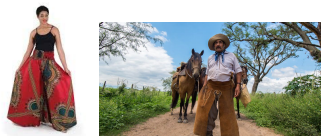


Listen to the Bandoneon being played.
You hear it in the music of the story.

What about learning the Argentine Tango?



What are Gauchos?



World Wide Wednesday Challenge:

Be the first to make a Gauche Sombrero, and
do the Tango to the Bandoneon?
Wouldn't that be an amazing video?!?!

Media musings with Mrs. Manygoats

April is National Poetry Month!

Poetry can be inspired by anything and told in so many ways! You could write a poem while daydreaming about a day at the beach or to explain how you're feeling when the words won't come out right. We talk a lot about making at KGA, and poetry is a thing you can make anywhere. All you need are words!

I never saw a Purple Cow,
I never hope to see one,
But I can tell you, anyhow,
I'd rather see than be one!

The Purple Cow
Gelett Burgess

Poem in your Pocket Day is **Thursday, April 30th!** [Learn about how to participate here.](#)

Write a Poem about what you're doing at home, and then share it in on our [Padlet](#) or read it to us on [Flipgrid](#). Remember, not all poetry has to rhyme. It can be silly, heartfelt, dreamy, or nonsensical. You can:

Write a haiku

Line 1: 5 syllables

Line 2: 7 syllables

Line 3: 5 syllables

[Read more about Writing haikus here](#)

Acrostic Poetry

Kindness Abundant
Neverending Fun
Ordinary, Never!
X-actly my fave

Magnetic Poetry

Put together magnets with words to create a one-of-a-kind poem. [Click here to play online.](#)

Performing Arts

with Ms. Moran

Cooperation Game: Machines



The Specials Team demonstrates how to play this game in a virtual setting. Try it at home with your family! You can even record it and share it on this week's [FlipGrid](#).

[Click here to see how to play the game in a group setting.](#)

Read and Move: Henry's Amazing Machine By Dayle Ann Dodds

Can you move and make sounds like the parts of Henry's machine?

whipping things
clunking things
dripping things
pulling things
stretching things
bumping things
mixing things

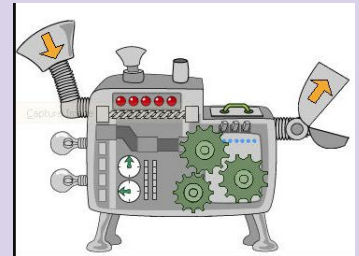


Use these words and other movements/sounds from the book as inspiration for your human machine.

Click on the machine to get this week's Tongue Twister Spinner.



Practice your tongue twister on this week's [FlipGrid](#).



TECHNOLOGY with Mrs. Braaksma

Stop Motion Video

Creating *Stop Motion Videos* are one of my favorite things! Watch the stop motion video called "Stand Up Tall," which was created entirely by kids. Elementary school kids created all of the music, design, art, and recordings.

STAND UP TALL



Want to know more about how the kids made this video? Check out the behind the scenes video that describes how it was designed and produced, all by kids!

BEHIND THE SCENES



Still Life Collage

Photo Challenge: Can you create a *Still Life Collage* that describes what you've been doing at home? If you look closely at my example photo, you can tell that we've been doing puzzles, reading books, cooking, bike rides, and other fun things.

Upload your photo to [Padlet](#) or describe your collage on [Flipgrid](#).



Code Your Own Video Game with MakeCode Arcade (ages 8+)

Students learn fundamental game and coding concepts—like sprites, variables, and coordinates—and use their new skills to create and customize a playable game in this two-day, one hour workshop.

Start Your Own Business (ages 8+)

Students will learn how to develop a business idea and create a business plan in this two-day, one hour class.

Smithsonian Natural History Museum Virtual Field Trip (ages 8+)

Students will explore the Smithsonian's famous "Hall of Fossils" in 360-degrees virtually and learn about natural history in the Jurassic age.

Literacy Tools for Emerging Readers (ages 6+)

Emerging readers ages six and older will love building confidence and improving their reading comprehension with fun, interactive activities.

Virtual Gaming Tournaments and Free Play (ages 6+)

Customizable virtual gaming events available for all skill levels. Game options include Minecraft and Rocket League.

Register for public workshops at
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