

**Friday, April 10**

## Spanish

Hello Merrill students and families! We hope you are all finding ways to stay healthy, safe and positive! We are excited to roll out a new [Merrill Spanish website](#) where we are going to be keeping our weekly challenges, resources and activities as we move through the coming weeks. The resources referenced in the message below can be found on this site.

It has been inspirational to see and hear how people have been sending positive messages to others near and far. This includes our friends afar who speak other languages of course. On our [site](#) you will find an article from "El Mundo en tus Manos" talking just about this in Spanish. Open it up and have a good Spanish read. You will see some comprehension questions on pages 2 and 3 - these are completely optional. This [link](#) has some videos of the concerts. We would love for you to reflect on the message in this article and then shoot us an e-mail or a Microsoft chat with one sentence *in Spanish* of how you have been being positive. There's no right or wrong. We will then create a word wall with your positive actions, thoughts or messages and send it back out to you all! Don't worry if it's not perfect, we can edit it if needed. Let's see what grade sends in the most!

The Spanish teachers have also put together a BINGO challenge for you! The BINGO board can be found on the [site](#) as well. If you would like to play, let us know what your BINGO is and what your favorite activity was. You can email us or send a quick message on Microsoft TEAMS. We can't wait to see what you do!

Please take care of yourselves during this time. We look forward to a time when we can be together again in person, but until then know you are loved and valued. Feel free to email us any questions, stories, or just say hi and check in. We will also have office hours on Microsoft Teams every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 - 3:00 PM if you want to chat. Just click the link below to join in.

[6th grade office hours on Microsoft TEAMS](#)

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## Family and Consumer Sciences

Hey! Hope you were able to get outside and soak up some vitamin D! This week's challenge involves cooking! Lots of people find cooking/baking to be a stress reliever, while for others it is stressful. I want you to think of a recipe that someone has cooked or baked and you really enjoyed. Why did you enjoy it? Was it the taste? The thought that someone made it for you? Or was it the company of that person while you enjoyed it together? With permission, I would love for you to cook or bake something this week for someone else (preferably who lives in your house). Depending on your skill level, this might be you making it completely on your own or with some help. Remember that if it doesn't turn out like it should, that's ok! I would love to see pictures of your cooking in action! Also, if you have helped make fabric masks or face shields and have pictures of these send them my way so I can see the amazing work you've been up to! [Brandy.sage@dmschools.org](mailto:Brandy.sage@dmschools.org)

## Business

Hello everyone,

I hope all of you are doing well and are finding ways to keep busy. I am writing this on Thursday and man is it windy. At least I don't have to worry about getting my hair messed up, LOL!

Miss Taylor found something that looks pretty interesting that I wanted to share with you. It is a **free** AI course called "Learn AI in 60 minutes, An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence." Artificial Intelligence goes along the lines of coding, robotics and automation. You can learn more about the organization, [AI for Anyone](#) and if

you're interested in joining the course next **Wednesday, April 15 from 6-7:30 Central Time**, here is the [link](#) to register. Take a look at it, I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity!

## Visual Arts

Hello Merrill Artists,

Here's hoping you are all doing well and have had a chance to get out into the warmth of the sun. Speaking of which, I was out picking up sticks and such in the yard, preparing for mowing season when I thought of a great way to keep your creativity active. You don't need any art supplies but you will need a space outdoors, away from where other people walk or ride.

One of my favorite artists is the British artist Andy Goldsworthy. You may have seen his work behind the Art Center near the Rose Garden. It's the huge "Egg" shaped sculpture. Anyway, Goldsworthy is also well known for creating nature sculptures made from things he finds such as sticks, leaves, vines, rocks and such. Then he takes photos to preserve his work. So your challenge (not an assignment) is to create your own outdoor, nature sculpture. Take a picture of it and if you want Ms. Anders and I to see what you created, post it on Instagram and tag @mustang.studio. Also, if you want to see some of Andy Goldsworthy's creations go to [www.goldsworthy.cc.gla.ac.uk](http://www.goldsworthy.cc.gla.ac.uk) then click on [Browse the Catalogue](#). Keep on creating.

Mr. Moore and Ms. Anders

PS. DMPS has provided optional art activities to participate in. They can be found near the end of the packet distributed during the meal on Monday, or by going to <https://www.dmschools.org/onlinelearning/pk-8-subject-workbooks/> and clicking on your grade level and then opening the Workbook. Additionally, Hoyt tagged @mustang.studio in an "April Drawing Challenge" on Instagram that you can participate in. Just make sure you tag @mustang.studio and #dmpsaprilart

