

# A message from the Principal...

This year is off to a fantastic start! Our students are learning all about our S.T.I.N.G. They are beginning to implement aspects of this in their daily lives. S=Solution Driven; T=Tolerant; I=Inquirer; N-Negotiator; G=Global Learner. It has been wonderful to hear how our students are showing this in school, home, and the community.

We are also in the beginning phase of establishing our PTO. Stay tuned for our first meeting happening sometime this month. If you are interested in being on the planning phase of this, please contact our front office.

Thank you for all you are doing to ensure our students are actively participating in their distance learning. If we can be of assistance in any way, please let us know. Looking forward to in-person instruction sometime soon.



# KINDERGARTEN News

We have hit the sky flying in kindergarten at EFGA!!! Our scorpions began our adventures together in becoming global learners by "traveling" to a new country each week that starts with the letters we are learning in class. So far we have experienced Mexico, Morocco, Peru, and Egypt. We learn to say good morning to each other in the main language of each country, we learn to say goodbye in their language, we learn about their famous foods, celebrations and places to visit. Fridays we have FUN Fact Friday where each student is free to share a personal or researched fact with their friends. This allows us to learn other's cultural similarities and differences. It allows us to appreciate and embrace the lives of others all over our world. Feel free to travel to our past countries at the links below.

[Mexico](#) [Morocco](#) [Peru](#) [Egypt](#)

Safe and happy travels!!!!!!



# 1st Grade News

**We used the month of August to get acquainted with each other and with STING! We read several different book each week that helped us understand what it means to be Solution–Driven, Tolerant, an Inquirer, a Negotiator and a Global Learner! You could we are STING experts!**

**We practiced our phonograms, 1–30 and used those phonograms to segment and blend words and sentences! We read the story Stellaluna and identified different story elements such as characters, setting and major events. We also completed our first chapter in math which was all about addition!**

## **Coming Soon for September:**

In September we will began reading the adventure of Frog and Toad, as well as several other stories. As we read additional stories we will be able to compare characters and the central message in a story.

**September 25 is now known as Sandra Day O'Connor Day!** We will devote this day to civics education.

**We look forward to another amazing month!**

# 2nd Grade News

We are all done with the first month of school and our kids are doing spectacular!

We have learned about so many cool things including food chains, maps, narrative writing, addition/subtraction, even/odd numbers and more!

Our kids have been exemplar global learners by showing up to class every single day, ready to learn and being respectful of one another!

Coming up, we will continue learning about interesting topics including geography, different cultures and environments, and properties/changes in matter.

We will also be gaining pen pals with friends around the world later this month!

There are several things to look forward to this second grade year. Thank you for being a part of it!

# 3rd Grade News

## **Schedule Update:**

We will be switching times for science and writing. Moving forward science will take place at 9:45, and Writing will take place at 1:30.

## **Solution Driven Sustainability**

Wow! We've made it through the first month of school and what a month it's been! Not only have we read an entire chapter book about scientists, but we are becoming real life scientists, too! We spent the first month of school understanding how light interacts with our eyes and our world. We learned terms like transparent, refraction, and absorption. We are taking the information we now know and being solution driven as we work to solve a global problem. After reading a story about a family from Bangladesh that struggles to safely cook over an open fire, we asked "can we design a cooking method that may be safer and more effective for families who have to cook over open fires?' We are going through the scientific method to harvest thermal energy from the sun to power our solar ovens! This also gave us the opportunity to discuss the importance of sustainable solutions to local and global problems. Big thoughts for third graders, but they brought big ideas! At the end of the project we'll know our answer based on if our solar oven s'mores are cooked and ready to eat. More importantly, we'll know that kids like us can take action to change the world.

# 4th Grade News

What an amazing first month of school! We have faced technology challenges but have learned to be tolerant and persevere.

The students have proved that they are great negotiators in Reading and in Social Studies! We have started to work on group assignments where the students can collaborate with one another to create presentations, fill out graphic organizers and read aloud together.

This month, we will start reading a new set of information texts. We will be focusing more on writing this month to show what we've learned in Reading and Social Studies.

- Ms. Conley -

Our 4th grade student are amazing mathematicians!! We started out slow with review and are now really getting into new 4th grade concepts. Coming up - Factors and multiples, along with multi-digit multiplication.

In Science we focused on plants and animals and are now working toward seeing their importance in the ecosystems around the world. Next week students will explore how different types of energy is transferred.

- Ms.Vail -

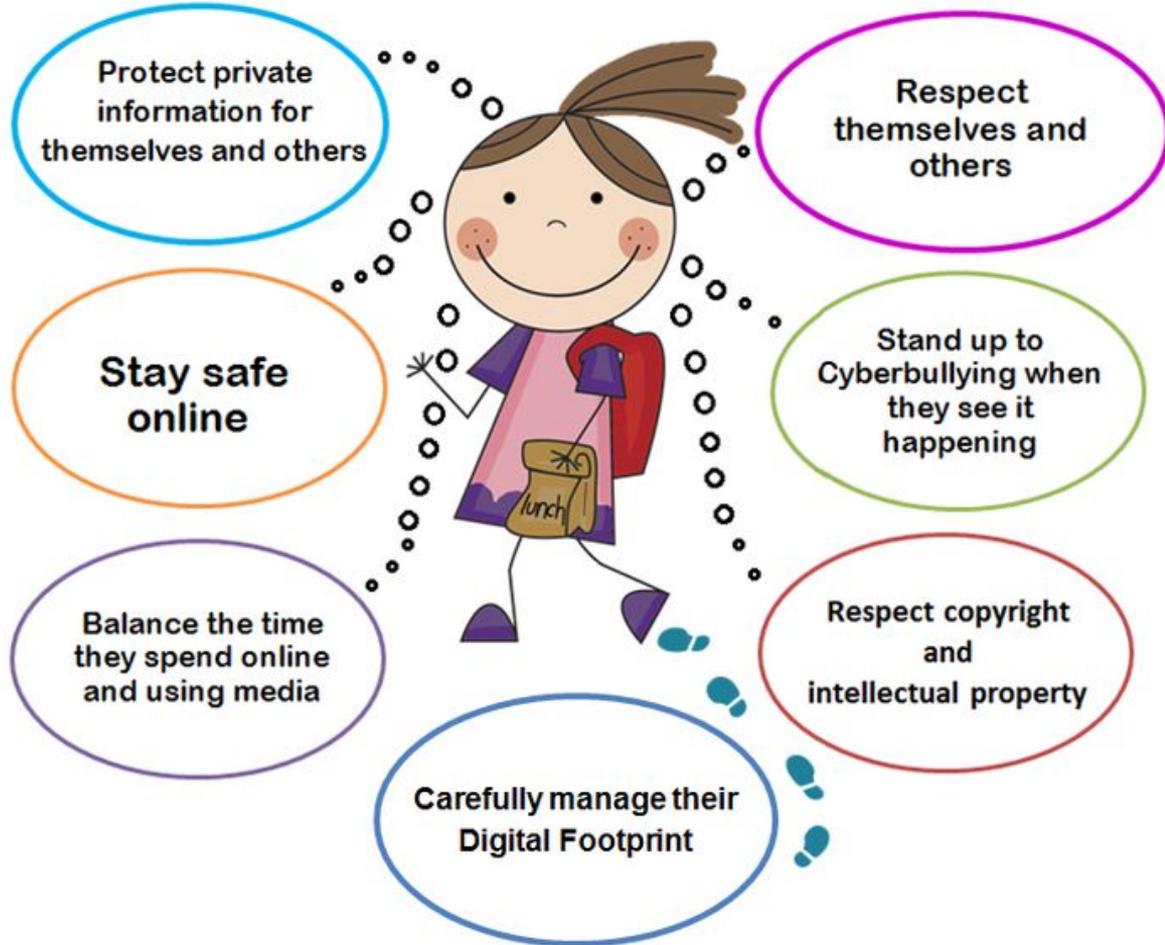
# 5th Grade News

Our 5th graders have been Stellar Scorpions with their digital citizenship. We are so proud of the effort they're putting in and the respect they're showing one another. They are modeling great **Global Learner** traits.

They've been modeling this as we work through a variety of activities in our online platform. Students have had some global study opportunities; quite a few of these focused on Australia (our hallway focus). Students have also been reading from a variety of sources, working on decimals, studying the scientific method, and looking into the onset of the American Revolution.

Keep up the great work and effort!

## All Good Digital Citizens:



# 6th Grade News

It has truly been an amazing experience to watch these 6th grade Scorpions exemplify the “S” in our STING! With being able to effectively switch classes five times a day, be on time for live Google Meets and juggle 5 Google Classrooms- they are truly **solution driven** students!

In ELA, they have been having great class discussions on **tolerance** and what they should look like through literature and character actions and reactions

In Science, they have been modeling the “I” in STING by being **inquirers** and furthering their understanding of complex concepts..



In Math, they have become stinging examples of **negotiators** as they work through multiple ways to solve problems and learn from each other's explanations.

In Social Studies, they have been exceptional **Global Learners** by exploring present day Iraq, Syria and Iran and learning about what used to be the world's first civilization, Mesopotamia. They've even learned a song to help them remember it's amazing ancient history!

I can't wait to make this trip around the world with them!

# Learning Lab News

We have had a great first month of learning labs! With new students joining our learning lab each day, our scorpions are having fun making new friends while having the opportunity to ensure success in all of their classes!

In our learning labs, with the support of our amazing staff members, our students at Estrella Foothills are able to join all of their live lessons, complete their independent assignments, have a wonderful lunch, eat healthy snacks, and even have time for recess in our gym!

If you are interested in signing your child up for the Learning Lab, please visit <https://www.laveenschools.org/laveen-learning-lab/> and stop by our office for the registration form!



# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 No School Labor Day	8	9 Early Release 12:00p.m.	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Early Release 12:00p.m.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			