



A message from the Principal...

This year is off to a great start! We are seeing a great response from our students with regards to following the S.T.I.N.G., our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program. Many are earning passport stamps on a regular basis. Students can redeem their bucks on Fridays in the Scorpion Den. Remind your child to follow the S.T.I.N.G. at all times: S=Solution Driven, T= Tolerant, I= Inquirer, N= Negotiator and G= Global Learner.

On Wednesday, September 8, your child will be bringing home their first quarter progress report. Our first official parent/teacher conferences aren't until the week of October 18, but if you have any concerns about your child's progress, please reach out to your child's teacher at any time.

We had a great showing at our first PTO meeting of the year and at our first PTO fundraiser of the year at Scooptacular! Thank you for your amazing support. Our next PTO meeting is October 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in our library. We would love to have you join us!

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your child. We appreciate all you do to support our efforts. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

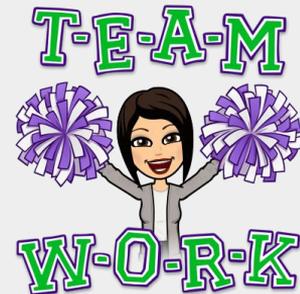
-Mrs. Zembruski

A meSSage from LOA Dean of Students...

Laveen Online Academy learners have had an amazing start to the school year. Online learning this year really requires that parents and teachers work together as a team. The first step to this is to communicate often with your child's teacher. Be on the lookout for teacher weekly newsletters that contain important information about what your child is learning as well as updates and upcoming events. You can also reach out to your child's teacher through email and phone anytime you have a question or need support. We all share the same goal; to make online learning a positive and successful experience for all students. Do not hesitate to reach out and let us know how we can support you and your student.

Upcoming events for the LOA:

- Sept. 6th No School- Labor Day
- Sept. 8th Progress Reports- Will be emailed to families
- Sept. 9th 5:00-6:30 PM- Curriculum Night-This will be an in-person event



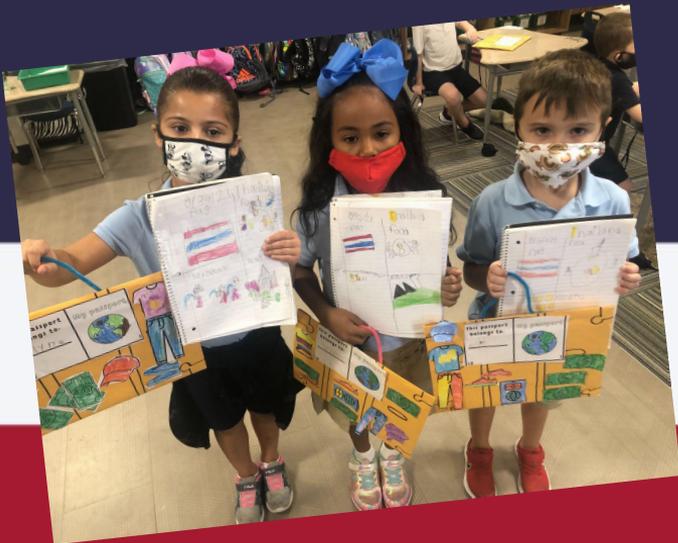
Preschool News



Preschool has had so much fun their first month of school! We learned all about MAT MAN which is an OT derived tool from Handwriting Without Tears that we use to teach about our bodies as well as how to build/write all of our letters! We have been focusing on the color yellow and can't wait to go on our color walk on Friday! Our students have been working hard on building their fine motor strength by helping to make yellow playdough, beading some yellow bracelets and drawing mat man for the first time! We can't wait to see what September brings us.

Kindergarten Grade News

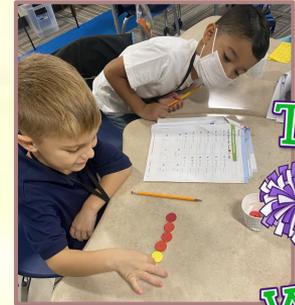
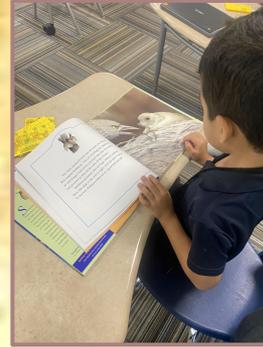
Kindergarten having a blast learning letters to help us be great readers and writers. But we are also GLOBAL in our learning, so as we learn letter Tt we are traveling to Thailand to experience all the beauty and culture it has to offer. We even got to have a taste of Thailand for our FUN FRIDAY travels abroad as a kindergarten family. We tasted some yummy Thai Green Curry while listening to the music that you will find playing in Thailand. We use our daily travel journals to document our learning experiences by using our new sight words to write what we can see and like. We just love learning what it looks like around the world!!! Safe Travels.



1st Grade News

Wow, it is hard to believe that we have officially been in school for a month! In First Grade, we have been very busy learning and growing everyday.

ELA: We have explored several books including: Stellaluna, Frog and Toad and Time to Sleep. Within our ELA block, we have been developing our writing skills, cooperative learning skills and building our reading stamina.

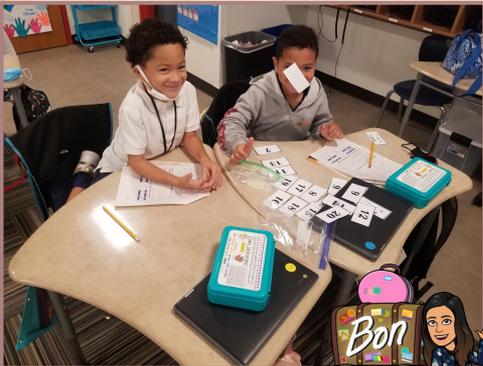


T-E-A-M
W-O-R-K

A cartoon character with long dark hair, wearing a blue jacket and white shirt, is holding two purple pom-poms. The text 'T-E-A-M' and 'W-O-R-K' is written in green, outlined letters above and below the character.

Math: The best way to learn is by working with a partner! Our students love working with a partner as they practice their addition and subtraction skills in fun ways.

Social Studies: First Grade is located in the South America hallway. At EFGA, we are Global Learners, so the students were able to start learning a little about Brazil, the Amazon Rainforest and other parts of South America.



3rd Grade News



Big things continue to happen in third grade! We are growing as readers, writers, mathematicians and scientists! In our classes we are spending time creating connections to texts and will be diving into stories that help us understand diverse cultures. This is so exciting because we'll continue to connect to characters who may live differently, but share similar values!

A couple of weeks ago we were called to action in the library and our students have developed a plan to help change the world! Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to join us in our effort to raise funds for communities in need!

We will also be rolling out our "Read Around the World" reading challenge soon! This is going to be an exciting and meaningful way to connect our reading to real-world goals!

In third grade we play hard and we work harder! Our students are building bonds and growing as a third grade family! We're still early in the year and we're already off to a great start!

Heard in third:
I really love writing...
I think I can be an
author when I grow



3rd Grade Laveen Online Academy News

Hello 3rd grade LOA families!

We have been learning so much as we head into September!

We have currently been starting the writing process and planning our writing using our 4 square organizer. Students are working on writing in complete sentences and also editing their papers.

In math we have been working on rounding and adding three digit numbers. Students have the opportunity to show what they know in the live lessons by interacting with other students in their breakout rooms.

In reading we have read three stories so far, and comparing these stories together.

Lastly, we have been talking about light in science and describe how light interacts with nature. We will continue to learn more as the year progresses!

4th Grade News

Wow! What an amazing beginning to our 2nd year at Estrella Foothills Global Academy. We are so excited to have so many new students join us this year in 4th grade.

Students have been learning so much and can't to show you what they've accomplished.

In Math, students started the year with a review of place value, and have moved on to rounding to estimate sums and differences.

In Reading, we finished our first chapter selection, "Porpoises in Peril." Students loved the helping to solve the mystery of why the porpoises were acting strangely. Next, students explored a biography of Mary Anning, who was the first female paleontologist and the first to discover fossil dinosaur bones in England.

In Social Studies, students created a travel brochure of a researched country in Europe. Ask them to tell you about the country they researched. They really did learn a lot!

In Science, we have been exploring Earth's 4 systems (biosphere, geosphere, atmosphere, and hydrosphere) and how they interact with each other.

Thank you so much for all your support and we hope to see you at Back to School Night next Thursday, September 9th, 5pm-7pm.

4th Laveen Online Academy Grade News

in ELA, we're working hard on answering questions using evidence from the text to support our answer!

in Math, we're practicing estimating meanwhile also working hard on practicing our multiplication facts!

in Social Studies, we're writing a biography about an important person in history!



in Science, we're learning about hydrosphere and biosphere interactions!

We're also learning about being digital citizens and how to use technology safely.



5th Grade News

Hello 5th grade families,

Where has the time gone! We are already 1 month down and students have been doing AMAZING things!

In **ELA**, students finished their first novel *Night of the Spadefoot Toad* students used this story to start analyzing character traits and character development as they progress through the story. They then took this novel and compared the characters from it to a few other smaller selections that we have read. Students are now working on looking at conflict as we read *Washed Up*.

In **Math**, we have been working on prime factorization, multiplying multi-digit numbers, estimations, distributive property, powers and exponents. We have also introduced Fact Friday's where students are quizzed each Friday on their time's tables!

In **Social Studies**, we started looking at the events that lead up to the American Revolution. We are now going to start getting into the events of the Revolution and how those events shaped us today.

In **Science** we are finishing up Matter and how everything in our world is made of matter. We will be moving on to our next unit of forces and energy.

5th Laveen Online Academy Grade News

The learning is strong, even while learning from home!



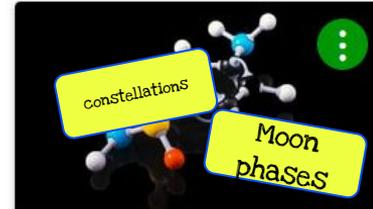
We are becoming Canvas experts in the Laveen Online Academy! Finally settling into our routines and procedures, and learning & growing together. Here's what we've been working on.



5th Grade ELA
5th ELA



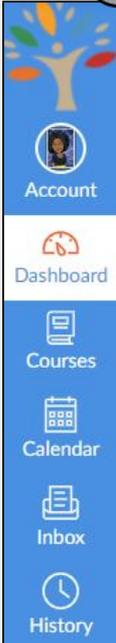
5th Grade Math
5th Math



5th Grade Science
5th Science



5th Grade Social Studies
5th Social Studies



6th Grade (Rocks!) News

Hello 6th Grade Families!

Mr. Fraser here. Where did the time go? August is over and what a month it was! We accomplished so much in so little time. We are working on our fourth story in our reading curriculum. We are learning all about how nomads walked the earth, hunting and gathering to survive. With some grammar and writing sprinkled in, your Scorpion is working hard at becoming master communicators! Finally, I want to thank everyone for their continued support.

We are here

It's September already...wow! Starting a new month of school and we are getting into some new, more challenging concepts. In math, we are currently working on converting fractions, decimals, and percentages into other forms. In science, we are learning about the composition of matter with an emphasis on the relationship between atoms and elements.

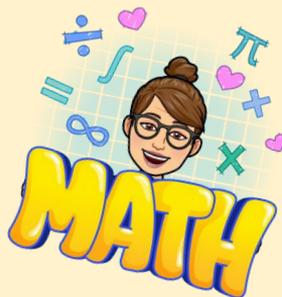
6th Grade Laveen Online Academy News



In ELA, we just finished the story The Red Scarf Girl and we'll be starting our first Novel Study on the book, "Hatchet." Students were so interested in The Red Scarf Girl excerpt that many of them were asking where they could find the book. Might make a good Christmas gift :)



In Math, we are learning how to convert decimals, fractions, and percents, where it's especially important to know the times tables. [Click here to find some fun ways to learn multiplication tables while at home!](#)



In Social Studies, we just finished learning about Ancient Mesopotamia using GRAPES. This means we focus on Geography, Religion, Achievements, Politics, Economics, and Social Structures when we study ancient civilizations. Next up, we'll be studying Ancient Egypt.



In Science, each student chose a different element from the Periodic Table and created a Google Slide Show to present to the class. We've also been studying the difference between pure substances, mixtures, and compounds. Next up, we'll be learning about how forces, like gravity, act on objects at a distance



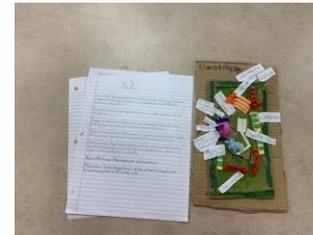
7th Grade News

ELA: We are working hard on Argumentative writing in here! Students are doing an amazing job incorporating an effective hook, and thesis statement in their introductions as well as adding textual evidence into their body paragraphs.



We celebrated our amazing Principal's birthday by creating a giant version of the thing she loves the most! Thank you 7th graders for bring the "Ranchscott" to EFGA.

Science: To re-enforce our understanding of animal and plants cells, students had to create a model using different items in the classroom.



7th Grade Laveen Online Academy News



SCIENCE
AND MATH



Johnson

In ELA we've learning how differences can sometimes become conflicts. In some stories, the conflict might involve an epic clash between good and evil. In other stories, the conflict might be more internal and subdued.

Students have started developing their first essay in connection with their novel study of "Stargirl." They will begin utilizing their reading strategies in order to compose their own narrative writing projects.

In Social Studies we've been analyzing the cause and effect of European exploration of the Americas on the Native People.

Reilly

I can't believe we are already more than halfway through Quarter ! Student have been adjusting really well with our new platform and getting used to our routines and procedures with virtual learning.

In math, we closed out the first chapter and we are now using our knowledge of proportional relationships to solving problems involving percent. This is one my favorite chapters because it allows students to see how relevant math really is!

For science, students learned about the different cycles and how these cycles are needed for survival. Our scientists also worked collaboratively to research and present a weather instrument and how that helps us predict weather instrument better.

8th Grade News

Check out this writing the 8th graders are producing! :)

In the poem “*Sympathy*”, by Paul Laurence Dunbar, he describes a person of color and how they feel post Civil War Era. They feel negative and they are describing how people of color are feeling during segregation. People of color felt free but not free enough. They still felt like they were trapped because of how people treated and saw them “I know what the caged bird feels! I know why the caged bird beats his wing Till its blood is red on the cruel bars”. The main character wants to be free but doesn’t know how to. The main character feels trapped and doesn’t know how to get out of that trap “When the wind stirs soft through the springing grass, And the river flows like a stream of glass”. The narrator lives in the south in Kentucky. Things were way worse in the south, especially in the post Civil War Era. One theme from the poem is no matter how free you think you feel you can also feel trapped. Another theme from this poem is no matter how you are feeling you can express it. This poem explains how trapped colored people were and how they lived, felt and saw each other.

Science: To help review the structure of DNA, students were able to make a DNA origami.





8th Grade Laveen Online Academy News

SCIENCE
AND MATH



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In ELA we've learning why things attract us to the mysterious. After reading classic thrillers and surprising mysteries within and across genres, your students will try their own hands at crafting fiction, applying what they have learned about suspense to their own narrative writing projects.

Students have started developing their first essay in connection with their novel study of "Monster." They will begin utilizing their reading strategies in order to compose their own narrative writing projects.

In Social Studies we've been analyzing student rights in connection with Civil Rights learning how and when should 4th Amendment rights be protected in public schools.

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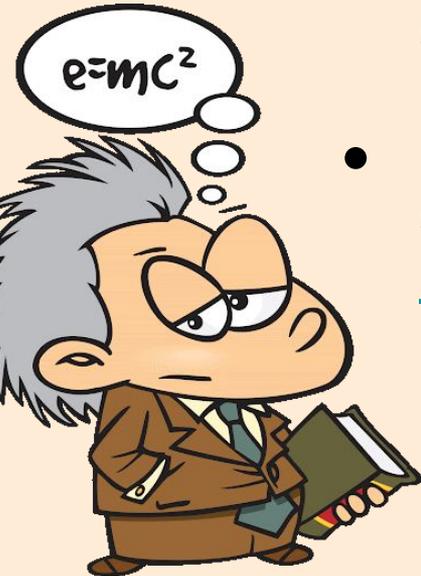
8th grade is working hard in math and science! It has been great to see them collaborate with one another more and get into a smooth daily routine.

Our mathematicians have been working hard to represent numbers in different ways, such as scientific notation. Most recently, they have been using their reasoning skills to estimate cube and square roots. Soon, we will build our confidence with numbers even more to solve equations with variables.

In Science, we are continuing our study on genetics and recently learned about the structure of DNA and discussed how genetic mutations occur. Students conducted a research project on a genetic mutation of their choice and presented to their peers.

Gifted Education

- Our first gifted test session will be the week of 9/13 for those students who were invited- If you still have parent consent forms, please return them to my box this week. I'll send out the parent testing notifications and testing schedule next week!



- For all other students you'd like to test this fall, please be sure to get the [Parent Consent](#) form signed, fill out the [Staff Referral](#) form, and turn them into my box **together**.
Fall testing forms are due by Friday, October 1st.

September 2021

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19	20	21	22 Early Release - 12:00pm Smashburger Day 11am-9pm	23	24	25
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