

A message from the Principal...

Happy 2022!

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing and fun holiday season with your friends and family! We are excited to be back at school and see what the remainder of this school year has in store for us.

It was exciting to reward so many of our students with an incentive before winter break. These students demonstrated great attendance and behavior throughout the entire 2nd quarter. Be watching for information on our next incentive to reward outstanding students.

It's not too late to join PTO. We have a wonderful parent group that meets quarterly to help Estrella Foothills become an absolutely amazing school! Plan to join us at our next PTO meeting on January 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the EFGA library.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve your child each day. Remember to have your child on time each and every day for school. We can't teach them if they aren't here. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Sarah Zembruski

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Estrella Foothills Global Academy

Laveen, Arizona

2,632 school visitors

School Activity

Lifetime activity This school year

2,768 [artworks](#) 1,115 [artworks](#)

119 [comments](#) 18 [comments](#)

28 [artist statements](#) 7 [statements](#)

274 artist fans 239 artist fans

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Students

188 students won [awards](#) this year

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Preschool News

December was a very exciting month in preschool. Students had the opportunity to learn about their first secondary color, green! Who knew it could be so fun to make the color green by mixing two other colors?! Students got to walk all over campus to find the color green. We also learned about the shape, star and the theme, Winter!

We are very excited to be back in school again after Winter break. Students have been working hard learning our our new colors, black and white, along with learning how to build our new shape: a rectangle and focusing on our new themes.



Kindergarten News

We had a wonderful time traveling the world to experience all the different cultural holidays around our world!!!! We were able to make Kinara's from the African American Kwanzaa as well as compare it to the Jewish Hanukkah. They were able to create gingerbread houses that are found in the German traditions We can not wait for what THIS NEW YEAR has in store for our final half of kindergarten!!!



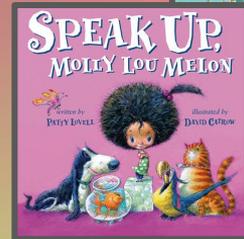
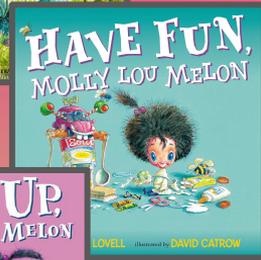
First Grade News

Happy New Year!

We are all happy to be back at school and ready to work hard this next quarter! We focused on the character traits of Molly Lou Melon as we reviewed STING expectations around campus.

January is an exciting month! We will be celebrating the 100th Day of School with a fun fashion show! At home, students are invited to decorate a shirt with 100 objects and wear it to school. We can't wait to celebrate being 100 days smarter!

This month, we will be using our place value skills to add 2-digit numbers with regrouping in number sentences and story problems. We will read informational texts to learn about goods and services, while using details to identify the main idea. We are also very excited to begin using MAP Skills to help us reach our NWEA goals!



2nd Grade News

QUARTER 3

MATH- Add & Subtract 3-Digit Numbers,
Money

READING- Spalding, Main Topic, Details,
Compare & Contrast

SOCIAL STUDIES- Second Step, Countries
Around the World, Black History

SCIENCE- Living Things



**Welcome Back
Mrs. Rivera!**

3rd Grade News

ELA: This month we're diving deep into informational text as we learn about different geographical locations people live in around the world. We're expanding that further by writing our own informational texts that compare our way of life to other communities in our world.

Math: We are becoming multiplication masters as we move from the conceptual understanding of multiplication to a more abstract understanding.

Science: We are learning all about animals and how they adapt to their environment for survival. Keep your eyes open for some exciting news next month!

Heard in
Third:

"I just feel like I keep getting smarter, like, I grow every single day!"



LOA 3rd grade



In third grade online we have been working on finding the lessons and the main idea in different stories. Student have been finding key details and topics to help them find the main idea and the lesson. We are just about finished with our first chapter 8 called The Year of Miss Agnes. We have also been working on our multiplication and division facts along with looking at different relationships used within multiplication and division. We will be continuing with our known facts to help us solve word problems as well. In writing, we have been working on writing 4 paragraphs including an introduction, body paragraphs and a conclusion. Lastly, in science we have been learning about our 5 senses and learning about animals super senses.



4th Grade News

ELA

This month we will start by reading two different texts about earthquakes: an informational and one historical fiction text. Students will write an opinion essay that explains which text they found more informational.

Math

We will be working with fractions this month! Students will not only identify and compare fractions, but we will start exploring operations with fractions as well.

Social Studies & Science

In Social Studies, we will start learning about the advances in Europe during the Renaissance and the start of the Age of Exploration. In Science we will continue to explore the importance of water and the hydrosphere, as well as changes to the Earth's surface due to earthquakes and volcanos.

4th Laveen Online Academy Grade News

In ELA, we are reading informational texts about Earthquakes! We will be comparing the texts and writing about them in writing class as well!



We are working hard on fractions this month! We've started simplifying fractions and are moving toward comparing and ordering fractions!



In Science are continuing to explore the importance of water and the hydrosphere.



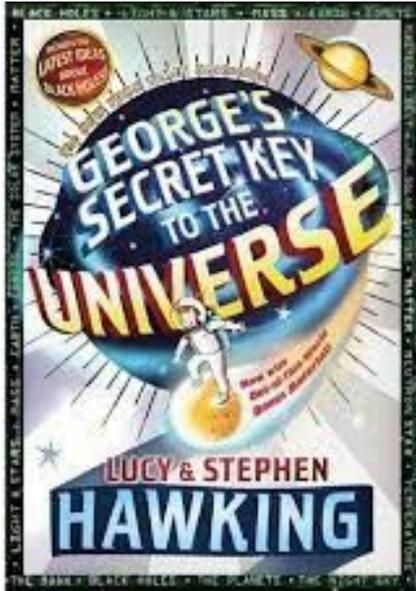
5th Grade News



The big news for 5th grade is our change to afternoon schedules. Mr. Plantz will cover Science topics with both homerooms, as Mr. Besonen covers Social Studies topics.

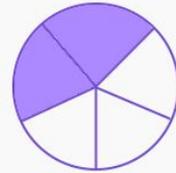


In ELA we're previewing some of our Science topics about Space by reading the opening book in the George's Secret Key series.



Numerator
(number of parts we have)

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Denominator
(total parts in whole)

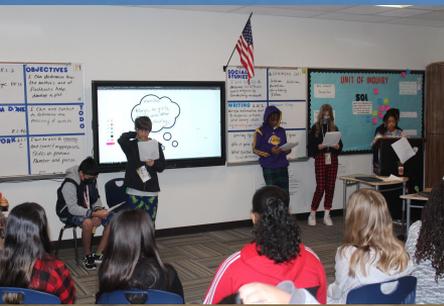
Our next few chapters will be working with Fractions in the four different operations (adding, subtracting, then multiplying and dividing) so we're starting off with some basic analysis and comparison of fractions.

5th Grade Laveen Online Academy News

The learning is strong, even while learning from home!

Happy New Year!
We are starting out with a fantasy adventure chapter book, about traveling through outer space. The focus will be on how the chapters and sections all fit together. We will connect that topic, to our Patterns in the Sky Unit in Science. For math, we will tackle the beast called FRACTIONS!





6th Grade (Rocks!) News

Greatness starts here

Happy New Year! Here in the 6th grade we have hit the ground running! Our first week back we learned about being “our personal best” and read about **Malala Yousafzai** and how she stood up for the education of girls everywhere.

We took a deep dive into **Malala's** motives and how she's inspired people from all over the world not to be afraid to stand up for what you think is right and have your voice heard.

We are excited to get the second part of the year underway and work hard and be “our personal best.”

Welcome back to students and families! We are off to the races trying to get back into the swing of things. In math, we've started solving single-step equations. They're learning to “unlock” them with inverse operations. In science, we are learning about our amazing solar system.

We are over-the-moon to be back at EFGA working with our awesome young people! We have so much to get done in the coming weeks.



6th Grade Laveen Online Academy News

Happy New Year! We are off to a great start here in 6th grade!

In math, we are learning how to solve equations using inverse operations. The students are loving it and can't believe they are doing algebra!

In ELA, we are finishing up our 3rd novel, *The Lightning Thief*. Next week, we'll be starting our 4th novel, "*I Am Malala*", by Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai. It is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.

In Science, we are analyzing and classifying characteristics of the 8 different planets of our solar system.

In Social Studies, we are focusing on GRAPES (geography, religion, accomplishments, politics, economics, and social structures) of Ancient Greece. Students were surprised to learn that the different COVID variants are named after letters in the Greek alphabet (beta, delta, and omicron).

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR A LINK TO SIGN UP FOR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES NEXT WEEK. ALSO, REMEMBER, THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON 1/17 DUE TO MLK JR. DAY.

7th Grade News

Science: Thank you for an awesome 1st semester. We ended the 2nd quarter with modeling tectonic plates. Our 3rd quarter is all about Newton's Laws of Motion.



7th and 8th graders were inducted into the first ever National Junior Honor Society at EFGA!

Reading/Writing and Individuals and Societies:

We have begun our first big IB unit!

Students have been diving deep into the Victorian Era as well as the Industrial Revolution. Students will be reading *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens and analyzing the true purpose behind the famous piece of literature.



8th Grade News

Science: Second quarter ended with our students having a deeper understanding of tectonic plates features and boundaries. Third quarter is all about



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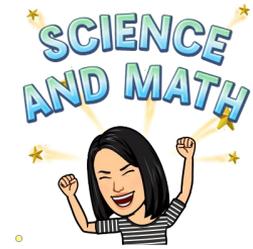
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7th Grade Laveen Online Academy News



In 7th grade we are answering the essential question: How can one event change everything?

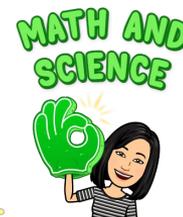
Students learn how a moment can activate a chain of events that result in dramatic change. For example, in *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, William Kamkwamba recalls a moment in a Malawian library that would lead him to build a windmill out of scrap parts. In *The Power of Student Peer Leaders*, students will see how a conversation with a teacher lead Moises Urena on a path to leadership and college.

7th grade is off to a great start with the new quarter!

Math- We are continuing our study with solving algebraic equations. This is an important skill for students to be extremely well versed in since this is the building block to more complex algebraic equations. We will move onto inequalities this month as well.

Science- 7th grade is closing out their unit on physical science with Newton's Laws of motion. We will then move onto Cell Theory, which will begin out unit in Life Science.

8th Grade Laveen Online Academy News



In 8th grade we are learning how to answer the essential question: How do you choose the right words?

Some of history's greatest wordsmiths are represented in this unit. Iconic speeches by Abraham Lincoln and Sojourner Truth show students how the right words can inspire and challenge a diverse audience. An excerpt from Mark Twain's classic novel *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* shows how the right words can yield results. In Irene Hunt's *Across Five Aprils*, family members try to find the right words to express their feelings on the issue that was threatening to tear their country apart.

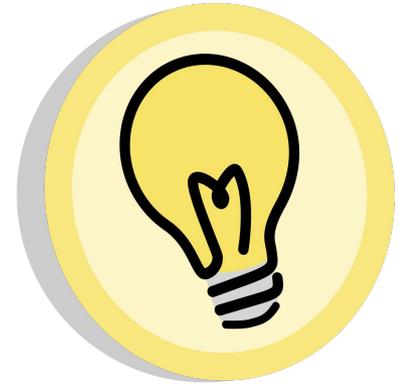
We are off to an incredible start to the New Year and to the quarter!

Math- We are still in our unit in Geometry and students are practicing using the Pythagorean Theorem. We discussed and explored WHY the Pythagorean Theorem works. We will continue in the month of January with transformations.

Science- 8th grade started their unit on Physical Science this quarter. We started with the characteristic properties of matter and differentiating between chemical and physical properties. We will continue this month with these concepts.

Gifted Education

- We had some terrific Math PLCs that focused on our higher level learners this month!
- **Math curriculum resources we discussed:**
 - 21st Century Assessments (Includes Performance Tasks, more rigorous chapter tests, & countdown practice questions)
 - Various chapter assessments that can be used as a question bank for increasing rigor during whole group/small group lessons
 - Extended Response, 3A/B, Standardized Tests
 - Ignite! Activities
 - Project Based Learning
 - Math Readers
 - Enrich Pages
 - 6-8 Comics- Real World Problems



In gifted pull-out groups this month, we've done a winter themed STEM activity, Perplexors, BreakoutEDU virtual escape rooms, & MESA prep!

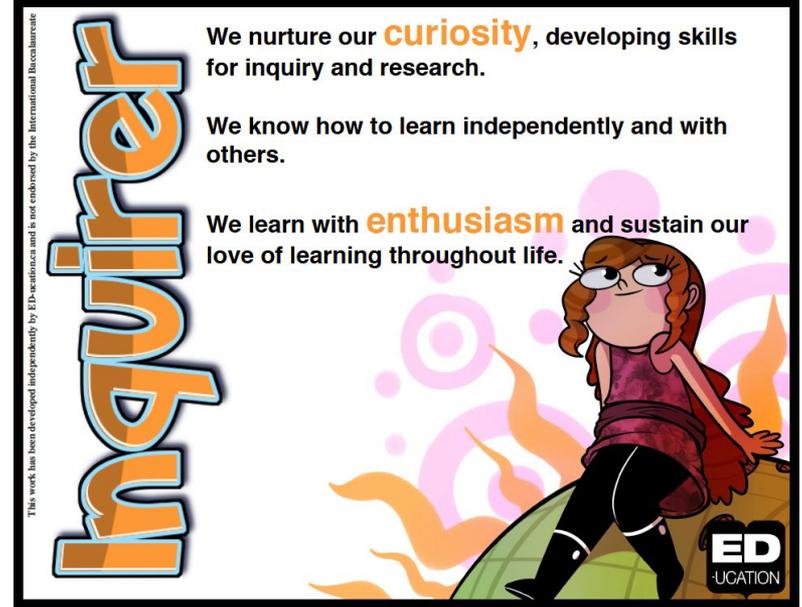
Spring Gifted Testing will take place beginning the week of February 21st!

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM (MYP)

As we continue our journey to become an authorized IB school, teachers and students in the 6th-8th grades are working hard to learn all about the IB Learner Profile.

The IB learner profile describes a broad range of human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond academic success. Each month we will be focusing on one IB learner attribute and reflect on what it means and how we can demonstrate this attribute in our classes, around campus, and in our communities.

This month we are focusing on being **inquirers**. At Estrella Foothills, inquirers nurture their curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. Ask your learner how they can be an inquirer this month!



January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 Parent/Teacher Conference Week →	10	11	12	13 Early Release 12:00p.m.	14 Early Release 12:00p.m.	15
16	17 No school in observance of Martin L. King Jr. Holiday	18	19 Early Release 12:00p.m.	20	21	22
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