

A meSSage from the Principal...

Our fourth quarter is off to a fantastic start! Our teachers have analyzed student data and created 20 day plans to ensure students are ready to excel on state assessments this month.

We are welcoming new students every day and want you to know that it's not too late to join PTO. We have a wonderful parent group that meets quarterly to help Estrella Foothills Global Academy become an absolutely amazing school! Plan to join us at our next PTO meeting, May 17 at 6:00 pm in our 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,

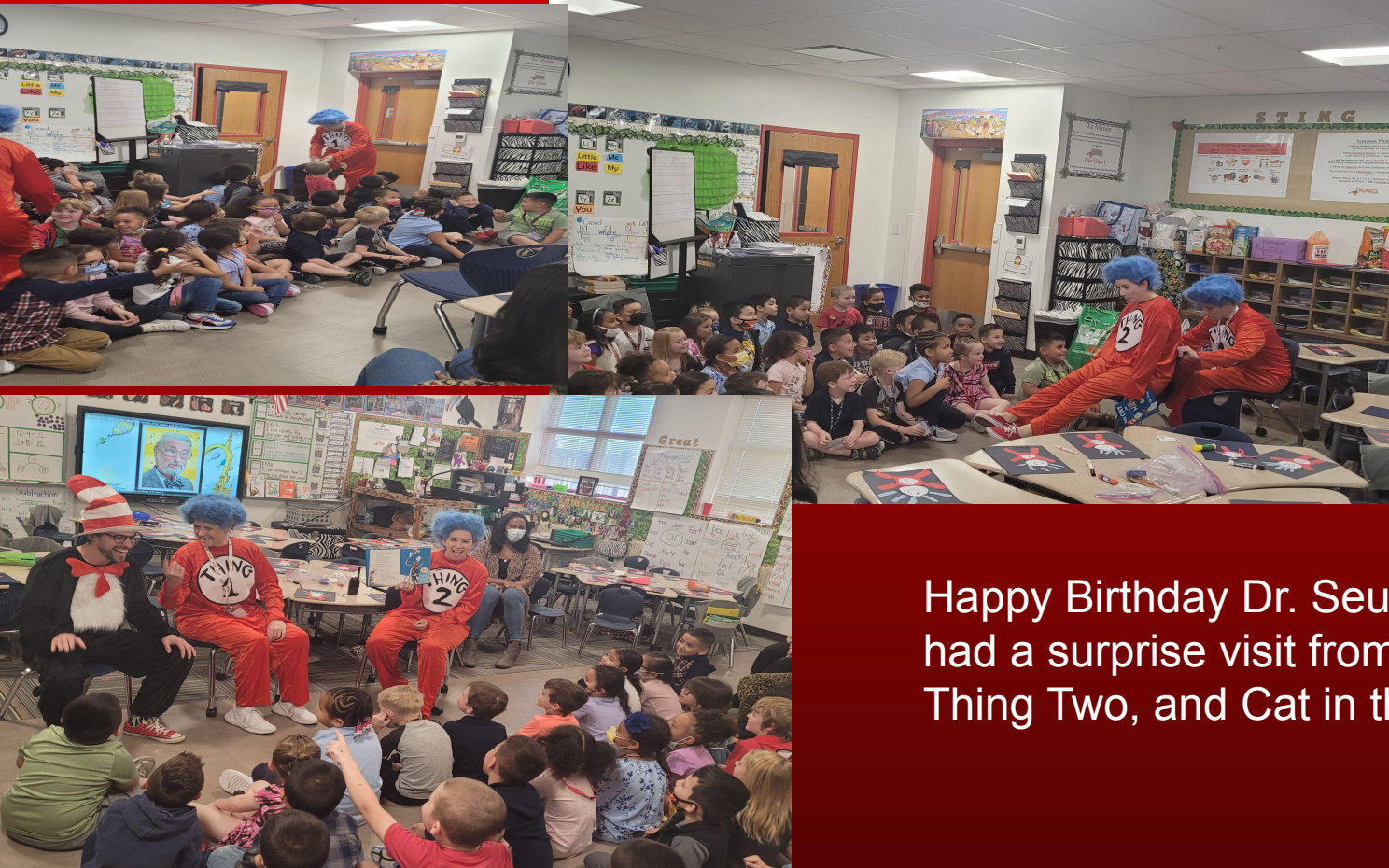
Sarah Zembruski

Preschool News

March was such a fun month and we are excited to be heading into April! In March we had a special visit from Thing 1&2 and the Cat and the Hat! We also had Science on Wheels come to see us for a fun family rocket night! Our favorite day was PURPLE day! So many fun things and a picnic birthday snack to round out a fun month.



Kindergarten News



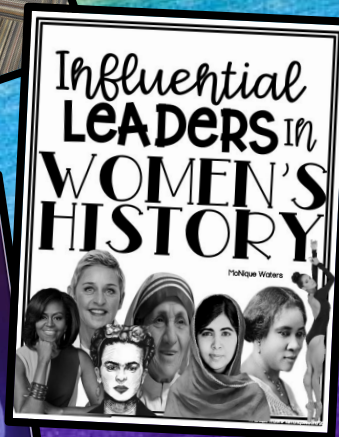
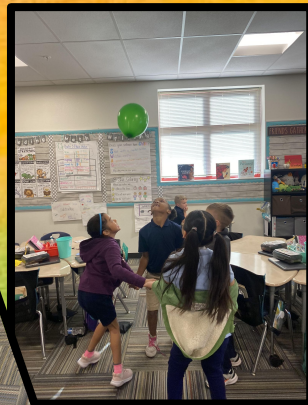
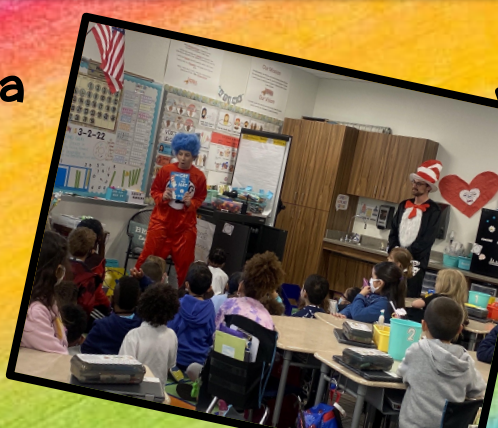
Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!!!!! We had a surprise visit from Thing One, Thing Two, and Cat in the Hat!!!!

First Grade News

March was a fun month! We celebrated Read Across America Day and did many fun team building activities as we returned from Spring Break.

We were *Global Learners* and researched influential leaders in women's history and their impact on our world in celebration of Women's History Month! Malala Yousafzai was one of our favorites!

We began learning about our Solar System by reading King Kafu and the Moon and are excited to research a planet of our choice!



2nd Grade News



Wow! We can you believe that it's already the end of the school year?

Our students have learned and grown so much! They are super excited and ready to become 3rd graders!

Math: Time, Customary and Metric Lengths

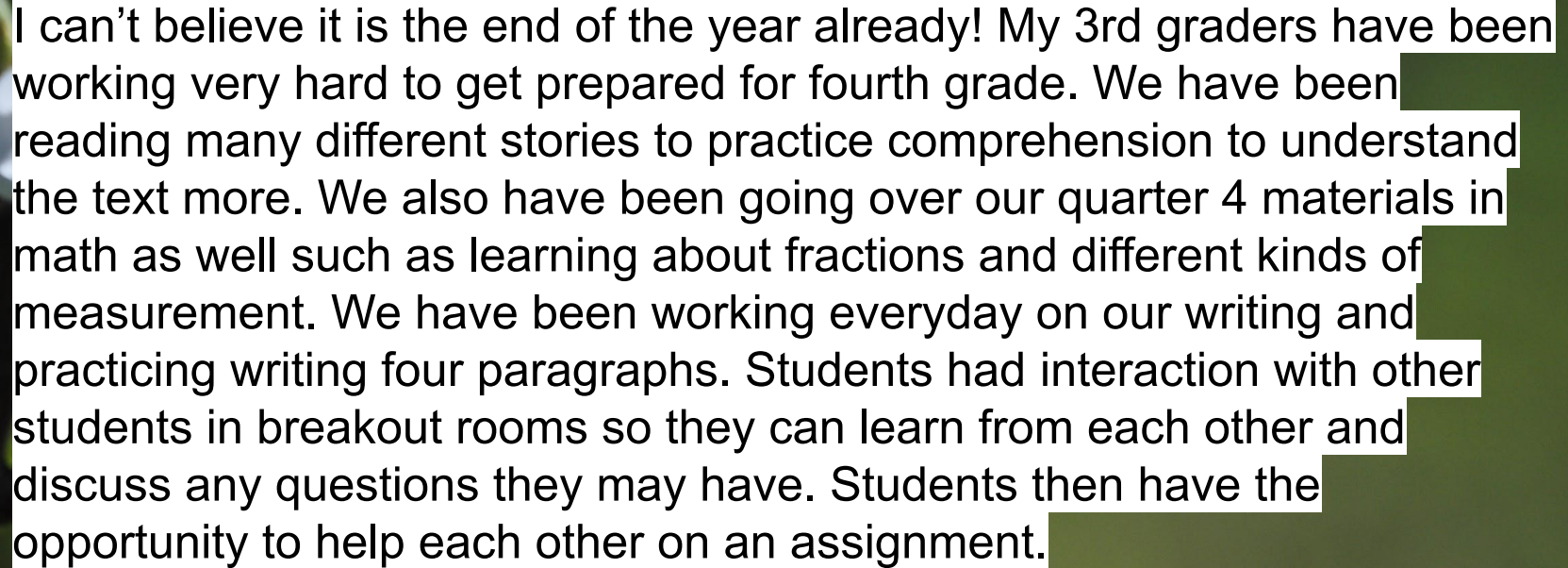
ELA: Main Purpose, Key Details, Images

Science: Egg Drop Competition

Social Studies: Helping Planet Earth



LOA 3rd grade



I can't believe it is the end of the year already! My 3rd graders have been working very hard to get prepared for fourth grade. We have been reading many different stories to practice comprehension to understand the text more. We also have been going over our quarter 4 materials in math as well such as learning about fractions and different kinds of measurement. We have been working everyday on our writing and practicing writing four paragraphs. Students had interaction with other students in breakout rooms so they can learn from each other and discuss any questions they may have. Students then have the opportunity to help each other on an assignment.

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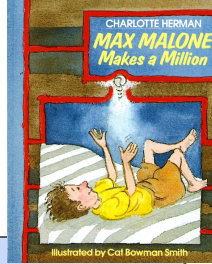
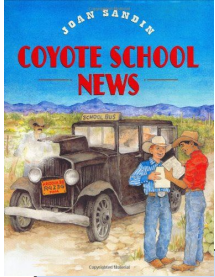
April is a busy and exciting month in third grade! Our state assessments are right around the corner and we will spend our last few weeks strength training our brains to make sure we feel prepared for AASA.

What we're doing in class:

- Reading: we will dive into folktales and tall tales and learn how their central messages can be applied to our real lives.
- Writing: We will practice working through the writer's process in 1 session, writing both informational and opinion pieces
- Math: We will focus on measuring and geometry,

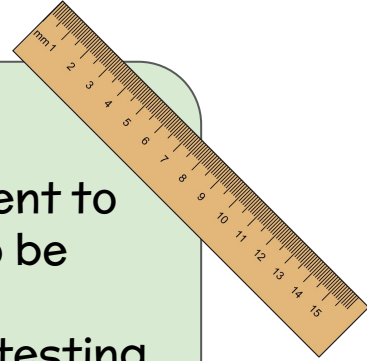


4th Grade News



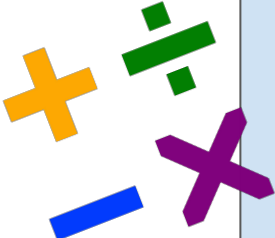
In ELA, we will continue to read our realistic fiction texts. The students will focus on writing narratives to tell their own stories.

In math we are moving from customary units of measurement to the metric system. We will also be reviewing all 4th grade math standards in preparation for testing.



In science we are focusing on weather and climate patterns around the world.

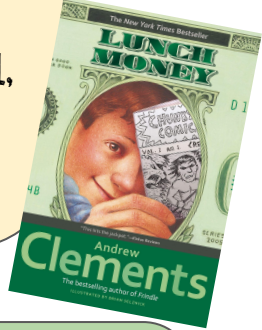
4th Grade News



In math, we will continue to explore customary and metric units of measurement. We will be reviewing our most important standards such as multi digit multiplication, long division, and fractions.

In Social Studies, we will focus on Women's History month! Students will learn about the Women's Rights Movement and the achievements of women around the world.

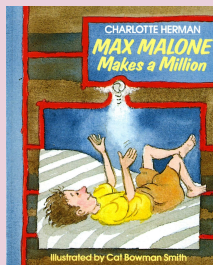
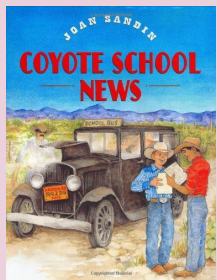
In ELA, we are reading "Lunch Money" by Andrew Clements. In this funny and timely novel, Andrew Clements holds up a mirror to real life, and invites young readers to think about money, school, friendship, and what it means to be a success!



In Science, we will start exploring weather patterns! Students will learn about the different climates and weather patterns around the globe.

4th Laveen Online Academy Grade News

In ELA, we are reading
Some great texts this
quarter! These realistic
fiction texts are so fun
and help us focus on
characterization.



In math we are
WORKING HARD on
mastering the most
important 4th grade
standards! We've
ROCKED multiplication
and are gearing up to
review division and
fractions!

FRACTION Operations

Add or Subtract "+ or -" with common denominators

Add the numerators, denominator stays the same. EXAMPLE:

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Add or Subtract "+ or -" with different denominators

Change to equivalent fractions with common denominators, then add. EXAMPLE:

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{4}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{7}{12}$$

Multiply "x"

Multiply the numerators, multiply the denominators, then simplify. EXAMPLE:

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{10}{18} = \frac{5}{9}$$

Divide "÷"

Change the problem to multiplication by inverting the second fraction, then multiply. EXAMPLE:

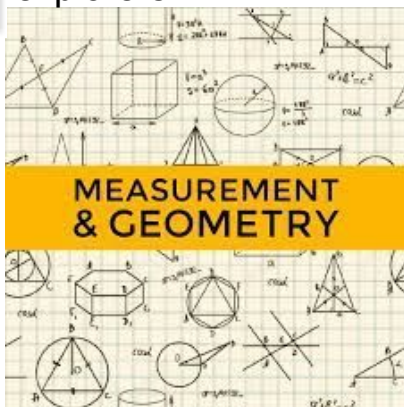
$$\frac{2}{5} \div \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{2}{1} = \frac{4}{5}$$

After finishing fraction practice, we started fourth quarter off with measurement. Next, we'll move into examination and application of basic Geometry.

5th Grade News



We finished our space unit in ELA and we're progressing through analysis of famous explorers.



Our science class has had a chance to explore space in even further details.



TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Our Social Studies class revisited the foundation of our government during third quarter, throughout fourth quarter we'll continue with our nation's early history.



5th Grade Laveen Online Academy News

The learning is strong, even while learning from home!

Our 5th graders are reading about different explorers and their experiences. We will continue to practice summarizing, providing reasons/evidence to support our ideas and finding themes. For math we are in to our Geometry and Measurement units. We are also revisiting some of our most essential math skills for 5th grade, and making sure we are experts on those. April includes lots of in-person testing dates. I'm looking forward to seeing them and watching them show what they know on the state tests!

2022 APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7  testing	8	9
10	11 testing	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 testing	19 testing	20 	21 testing	22 testing	23
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** all testing sessions are from 815-11*

6th Grade (Rocks!) News

Hello from Mr. Fraser's class! We hit the ground running in the fourth quarter with the play "The Miracle Worker." Students love acting out the lines for each character. The interactive play really gives students an insight on how Helen Keller lived.

In Social Studies, we are embarking on an epic activity which requires everyone in the sixth grade. We will be creating a classroom board game, which essentially is a review of all the concepts covered this year.

I appreciate all of your support this year, as I have seen so much growth in your student.

Greetings from Ms. Burnap! We've reached the final quarter of the school year.

In math, students are currently working on volume and surface area. Next up in the next week, will be a switch from geometry to statistics and probability.

In science students are enjoying learning about dynamic ecosystems. So far we've learned about how matter and energy help living things grow. We will continue to dig deeper into the concept/unit in the coming weeks.

Thank you for all you are doing to support your child's learning and our class/school.

6th LOA Grade News

Our last novel of the year will be *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson, which we will start in April. In math, we will continue with our units on geometry and statistics. In science, we will be digging deeper into the impact humans have on ecosystems. After testing, we'll continue social studies and learning about the ancient civilizations of the Mayans and Aztecs.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR STATE TESTING (AASA)

Thursday, April 7 Writing (3rd- 8th grades) 8:15 to 11:00

Monday, April 18 ELA Part 1 (3rd- 8th grades) 8:15 to 11:00

Tuesday, April 19 ELA Part 2 (3rd- 8th grades) 8:15 to 11:00

Thursday, April 21 Math Part 1 (3rd- 8th grades) 8:15 to 11:00

Friday, April 22 Math Part 2 (3rd- 8th grades) 8:15 to 11:00



6th Grade Online News



In Social Studies, we are finishing up our unit on Ancient Rome. We will be taking a break from social studies for awhile to focus on math for the upcoming AASA.

In ELA, we will be reading our first play! "The Miracle Worker by William Gibson is about the remarkable Helen Keller, and her teacher Annie Sullivan. This inspiring and unforgettable play has moved countless readers and become an American classic."



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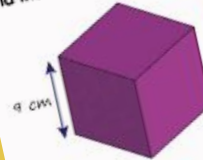
In Science, we are studying ecosystems which includes biotic and abiotic factors, organisms, and their roles as producers, consumers, or decomposers.



In Math, we just started our unit on Geometry. Students have learned how to find the area of parallelograms, triangles, and trapezoids. Next, we'll be finding volume of prisms.



Find the volume of the cube.

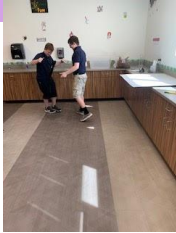


Volume of cube = $l \times l \times l$

$$V = 9\text{cm} \times 9\text{cm} \times 9\text{cm} = 72$$

7th Grade News

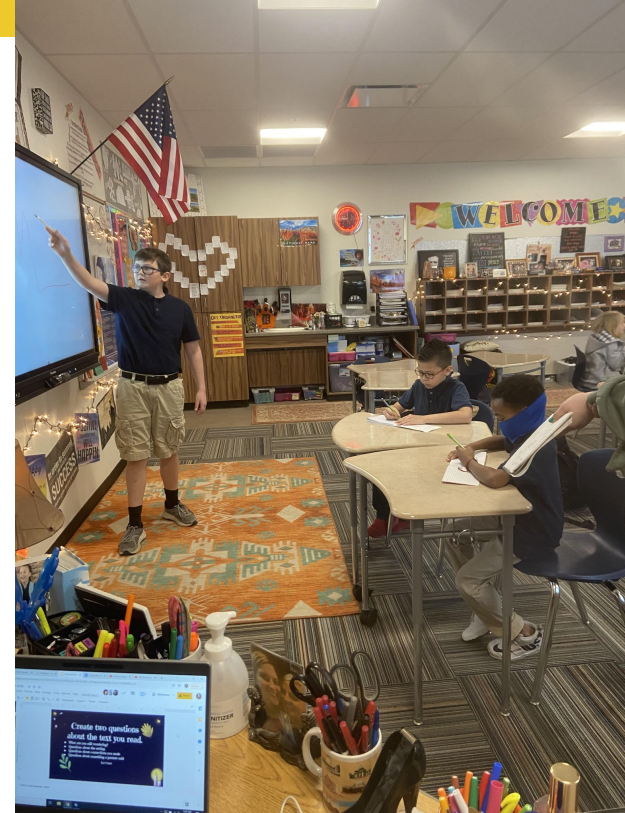
Science: We are gearing up for our Science Fair. The theme for this is Science and Engineering. Students must have a real-world problem with a real-world solution.



7th graders partnered with the 3rd graders and taught them the 5 parts of plot while researching Cinderella stories around the world.

Individuals and Societies:

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7th Grade News

Science: Third quarter was all about Force and Motion. Below are a few pictures of the roller coasters students designed for our unit.



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7th graders presented their Black History Month research to the kindergarteners- complete with songs and dances!



8th Grade News

state's assessment, AzSci by completing guided-inquiry experiments in chemistry.

Source 1: Hobbies are Healthy

Source 2: Can a Hobby be a Career?

Source 3: Handcrafted Kites

Source 4: Screen Printing: A Challenging Hobby

Argumentative Rubric

Source 2: Can a Hobby Be a Career?

- 1 People may ask themselves if the activities they like will ever go beyond the hobby stage. Can an enjoyable, creative hobby help you consider your future?
- 2 If your hobby is kite flying, you may gain an appreciation for aerospace science. Kites have been around for thousands of years, and they have been important in experiments. In 1752, Ben Franklin flew a kite connected to both hemp and silk strings and a key during a

Hobbies

Many people choose to have a hobby to break up their daily routines. There are a great variety of hobbies to choose from.

Write a multi-paragraph argumentative essay in which you support the choice of either kite making or screen printing as a hobby. Include information about why your chosen hobby is enjoyable, healthy, and could possibly lead to a career. Use information from the sources in your essay.

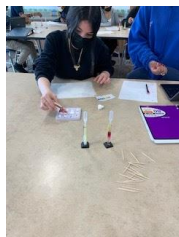
Manage your time carefully so that you can do the following actions:

- Read the sources.
- Plan your response.
- Write your response.
- Revise and edit your response.

Be sure to include the following tasks:

In ELA, we have been logging into TestNAV and practicing test taking strategies for the upcoming state assessment. In the photo above, we were practicing the sample test and using the highlighting tools.

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7th Grade Laveen Online Academy News



In ELA this month we will be starting a science fiction unit. The unit begins a science fiction classic, an excerpt from Lois Lowry's novel *The Giver*, and the play *A Thousand Cranes*, based on the on a true story of a young girl in the years following the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Both tell the story of young people who have complicated relationships with society and their own futures. The theme of an individual's perseverance is further expressed in "Choices," a poem by Nikki Giovanni that recounts a speaker's inner struggle to self-define.

Time has really flown by and we are already in quarter 4!

Math- This month, we are doubling up with math and preparing for the AASA! During our regular math block, we are continuing with our geometry unit and we've moved on to 3D shapes and volume and surface area. We will also delve into our Statistics and Probability unit. In order to prepare for state testing, we are doing a spiral review of different math concepts.

Science- We finished up our unit on body systems and this month, we will be discussing photosynthesis and cellular respiration.



8th Grade Laveen Online Academy News



This month 8th grade will be beginning a Science Fiction and Fantasy unit. Iconic science fiction authors H. G. Wells and Ray Bradbury are featured in this unit, alongside novelists Susan Cooper and Tomi Adeyemi. Ekaterina Sedia and Raouf Mama draw from folktales to create their stories of “other worlds.” Poems by Sara Teasdale and Derrick Harriell feature speakers discussing war and retelling memories about out-of-this-world relatives, respectively. These works challenge students to reconsider their understandings of the past, the future, and what makes us human. Nonfiction texts by Randall Munroe and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights inspire students to think about two alternate realities: one in which humans need to evacuate the planet, and one in which all people live together peacefully.

It’s hard to believe that the school year is almost coming to an end our 8th graders will be high schoolers!

Math-Not only are we preparing for the state assessments that are quickly approaching, but we are also finishing up our unit in geometry (volume, surface area, similar solids, etc.) and beginning with our unit in statistics and probability beginning with analyzing bivariate data. Students should be able to read and analyze scatter plots, box and whiskers plots, and tables.

Science-Students finished up physical science and we are now reviewing for the AZ Sci by going through the 6th grade through 8th grade science concepts in Earth and Space Science, Life Science and Physical Science.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM (MYP)

Our special area teachers do a great job at including IB learner attribute traits into their classrooms each day!

Ms. Rachev has done a great job at including this as part of her “Stinger Leaders!”



This month our students are focusing on the IB learner profile of Principled. Through our IB program, our students act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and right of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.



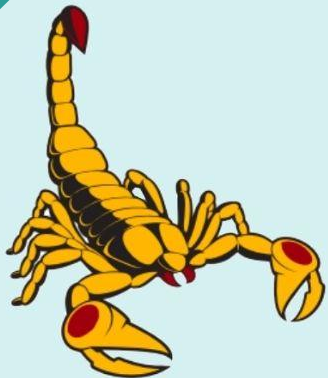
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EFGA Artwork on Artsonia (view projects each grade level/ individual student is working on)	https://www.artsonia.com/schools/ school.asp?id=178723
Artsonia Gift Shop	https://www.artsonia.com/ gifts/products/
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ART AT EFGA WITH MS. WILD



**ESTRELLA
FOOTHILLS**
GLOBAL ACADEMY

This year, over 1,942
photos of artwork have
been shared on Artsonia.

We have had over 3,581
school views on Artsonia!

Over \$68 in funds have
been raised through
Artsonia's giftshop. The
Visual Arts program
received 20% of revenue

artsonia



Thank you for
your support!
Ms. Wild



Music at EFGA

Ms. Rachev

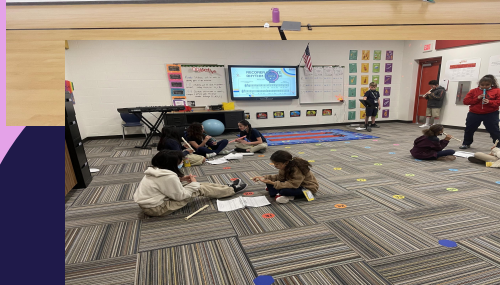
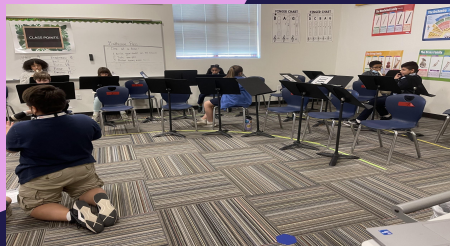
Quarter 4 is off to a great start! We are working towards the LEC Spring Festival 3rd Grade Performance and our EFGA Spring Concert!
If you have any questions please email me at krachev@laveeneld.org

Important Dates:

LED Spring Festival: April 4th

3rd-4th & Band Spring Concert: April 28th

22-23' Beginning Band Info Night: TBD



Drama Club Information:
Drama Club will not be having a live performance. We will be recording the performance and sending it out to families and the EFGAS Family!

EFGA & LOA students and family members are invited to

Community Game Nights featuring Fortnite custom matches.

**Since October we have had over 352 players play in
Community Game Nights!**

Join Information: <http://bit.ly/fortnitecgn>

**Laveen district students must play or watch from their
own personal devices.**

The first lobby will open at 6:45 PM Friday!

**Parents, please consider the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB)
ratings for each of the games to decide if the titles being played are
appropriate for your child.**

[Fortnite - Rated T for Teen](#)



**Laveen
Community
Game
Night**



Community Game Night

**Friday - Fortnite
6:45 PM PST
Duos & Squads
Custom Matches**



**<http://twitch.tv/LaveenEsports>
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April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11 Testing Day 5th & 8th Grades	12	13 Testing Day 3rd Grade	14 Testing Day 3rd Grade	15 Testing Day 3rd Grade	16
17 Happy Easter!	18 Testing Day 3rd - 8th Grades	19 Testing Day 3rd - 8th Grades	20 Early Release 12:00 p.m.	21 Testing Day 3rd - 8th Grades	22 Testing Day 3rd - 8th Grades	23
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