



October Newsletter

2022-2023





A Message from the Principal



This year is off to a fantastic 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 stamps on Fridays before school in the Scorpion Den.

We are looking forward to having you for parent/teacher conferences the week of October 3rd. Please make sure you schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher. You will receive their first quarter grade report at the conference.

Boys' basketball season is upon us, along with coed softball. Games are played at 4:30 p.m. and the schedule can be found on our school calendar. Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. This is a district charge to help pay for the expense of officials and student busing for games. Both teams are doing great!

Our PTA is going strong! If you weren't able to join us for our first official meeting, there is still plenty of opportunities for you to get involved! You can contact them at <mailto:efgapta@gmail.com>. You can also follow them on Facebook: EFGA Scorpions PTA. The next regular meeting is November 2 from 6:00-7:00 pm in the library.

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.



LION'S CLUB PEACE POSTER CONTEST INFORMATION



Check out the Peace Poster Contest Website ->

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster#contest>

THE 2022-2023 CONTEST

Lead with Compassion

Children know how powerful compassion can be. They're often able to express this feeling more openly than adults. This year, we invite young people to explore and visually express the peaceful future that compassionate leadership brings.

- Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest.
- Pick up applicable materials and paperwork from the Art Room (154).
- Entries not received by Ms. Wild at the deadline of Tuesday, Nov. 8th will be disqualified.



WEEK 2

ART AT EFGA

WITH MS. WILD



Kindergarten

Artist Study:
Piet Mondrian



1st Grade

Artist Study:
Paul Klee



2nd Grade

Artist Study:
Vincent van Gogh



3rd Grade

Artist Study:
Keith Haring



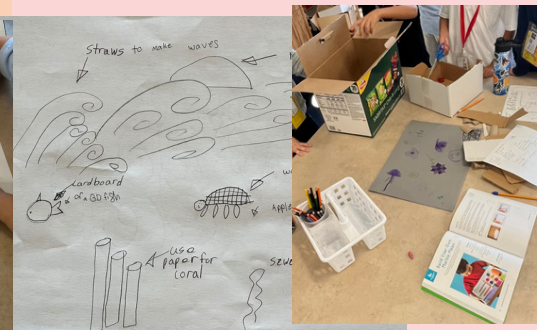
4th Grade

Prehistoric Art:
Natural Pigments- Time &
Space



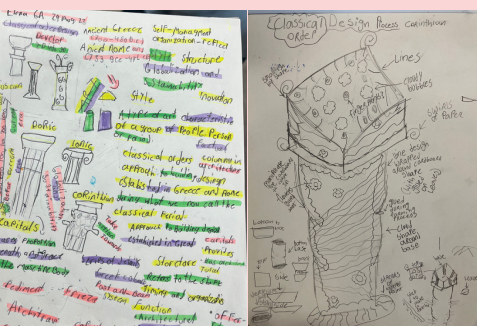
5th Grade

Oceans Around the World:
Junk Art- Change & Role



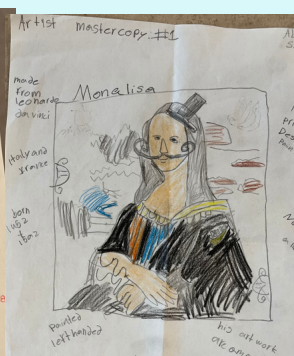
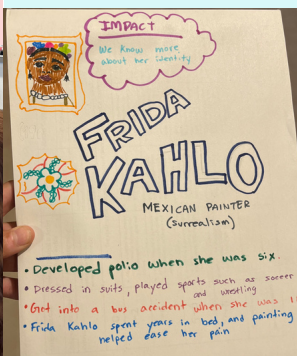
6th Grade

Classical Orders: Identity-
Style & Structure



7th/8th Grade

Artist Study: Identity- Genre & Expression

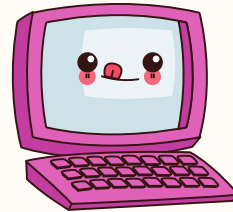




Learning Through Play



Community Preschool



September was an exciting month for preschool! We learned about what makes each of us special and got in a ton of hands-on learning experiences as we explored our five senses. I think most preschoolers would agree that taste testing different foods was a favorite activity!



September was also "apple palooza" time. We read apple stories, counted apples, taste tested apples, graphed apples, created apple crafts, learned about Johnny Appleseed, and made apple pie in a cup! Next month will be even more fun as we explore pumpkins!



September Newsletter

Developmental Preschool

September

In September we had so much fun learning about the color yellow, the shape circle and the theme Marvelous Me! We went on a super fun yellow color walk and practiced being a good friend!



Upcoming Events

- 10/3 Firetruck Visit
- 10/6-10/7 Conferences
- 10/10-10/14 FALL BREAK
- 10/18 City Bus Visit
- 10/26 Pumpkin Patch

October

This month we are learning about the color red, the shape triangle and the theme On The Go! We will also be learning about pumpkins!

We're going on a field trip!

Developmental Preschool is hosting a Pumpkin Patch at Laveen Elementary School on October 26th from 5:30-7pm. This is a free event that developmental preschool pays for through tax credit donations. You are welcome to wear a costume to this event!



KINDERGARTEN

newsletter

Global Travels For Hispanic Heritage Month

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and learning letters Mm, Ss, and Pp. We were able to travel to Mexico, Spain and Peru. Immersing ourselves in the language, traditions, foods, and places to explore. We have created fun rotations through the other kindergarten classrooms to make new crafts that connect us to the new locations we have explored.



First Grade News

Throughout September we have been super busy inside the classroom. All of our academic blocks have been packed full of fun activities.

We are reading a Fine, Fine School and Recess Queen which aims to support the concept of being a classroom citizen. From both stories, students should be able to an Inquirer by asking and answering questions about text with providing text evidence.

September 15th was the start of Hispanic Heritage Month. Our students are learning about different influential leaders such as, Selena, Cesar Chavez, Frida Kahlo and many more.

Lastly, the month of September provided us with the opportunities to learn about apples, make applesauce and work with our amazing 7th graders from Mrs. Urick's class. Our visitors did an excellent job presenting about different countries from South America. We truly appreciate this opportunity and enjoy being Global Learners!



Special Shout Out

Thank you Calvin Brooks and Justice Bonner to being a guest readers in Mrs. Escobar and Mrs. Pierson's class. Both student used their passport to purchase a coupon from the Scorpion Den. Thank you fo modeling STING and visiting us!



SECOND GRADE

newsletter



IN THE CLASSROOMS

Students were creative in their specials classes and enjoyed hands on activities in Science!

Reading:

The students are excelling and becoming strong readers by their commitment to practicing reading.

Math:

We are diving into our addition math strategies and building our math strategy toolkits.

WE 'S.T.I.N.G.!



Classroom News

Third Grade's Monthly Update!

Upcoming Events

October 2-6 Conferences
October 10-14 Fall Break
October 19 Early Release
October 28 Halloween Hoopla

NEGOTIATING in Grade 3

You may have heard your child saying things like "I agree and would like to add to your statement", or "I respectfully disagree, I believe." . In third grade we have collaborative conversations and grow from one another. Please partake in a collaborative conversation with your child using this language and watch them think critically as they contribute to the conversation in meaningful ways!

Coming up in October

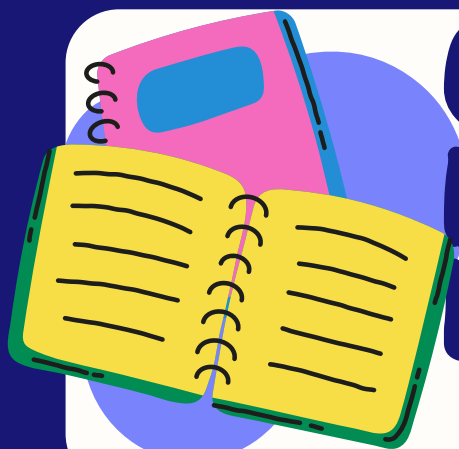
Coming up in October third grade will be doing some big things! We're diving into informational text both in reading and in writing. In math, we'll be working on subtraction within 1,000. We're talking about communities and how people interact with their environments in social studies as well as how to be good digital citizens as we work online.



Reminders

The Superintendent All-Star Math Club begins this month! Students who complete 360 math minutes a month will receive a prize (in addition to the real prize, which is learning ;))





Classroom News for online 4th and 5th



Upcoming Events

Keep checking your emails for regular updates.

Parent conferences are coming up before fall break starts.

After School Activities

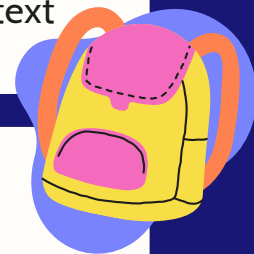
Tutoring is on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays every week.



This month in Grade 4 and 5

Grade 4: We have been learning about the different properties in math and reviewing how to round numbers. We will begin to start multiplying and dividing whole numbers. In ELA we have been exploring informational books and looking at different text features in a book.

5th grade: We are starting to find the prime factorization of number to help us move up to dividing larger dividends. In ELA we have been focusing on point of view and different text structures.



Reminders

Don't forget to sign up for parent conferences when you receive the sign up sheet through your email. First come first serve system when signing up.





4th Grade News

Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Vail, Mrs. Vazquez

This Month in 4th Grade

In Math, we learned about how multiplication and division are related. The students learned the properties and rules and applied them.

In Writing, the students created informational essays about animals and scientists.

For Reading, they read the book "Skeletons Inside and Out" and wrote summaries and the main idea and details about it.

Social Studies

The students have been working on an inquiry based project about various Native American groups. More specifically where they lived, their surroundings, and way of life.



Upcoming Events

September 28th-Early Release (12:00 p.m.)

October 6th and 7th-Early Release (12:00 p.m.)

Parent Teacher Conferences-Week of Oct. 3rd

Fall Break-Oct. 10-14th

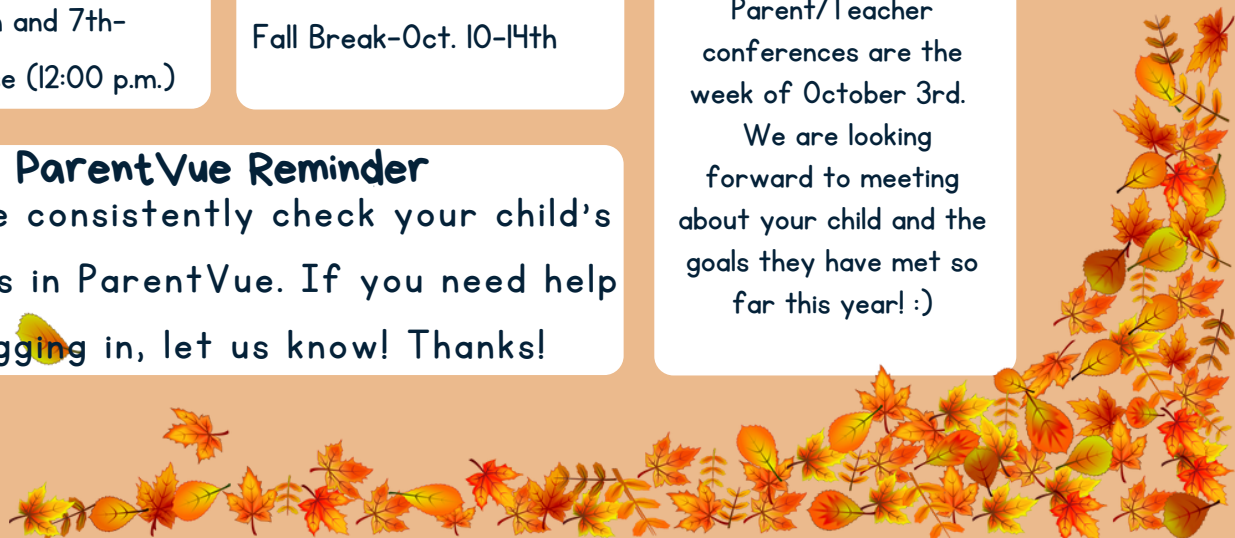
Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-up

Parent/Teacher conferences are the week of October 3rd.

We are looking forward to meeting about your child and the goals they have met so far this year! :)

ParentVue Reminder

Please consistently check your child's grades in ParentVue. If you need help logging in, let us know! Thanks!





5th Grade News



This Month in 5th Grade

This month in 5th Grade we are exploring new concepts in math. with multiplication and division with place value.

In ELA and SS students are reading about early Exploration and colonization of the Americas.

In science, we are exploring how matter flows through an ecosystem and growing our understanding of food webs.

Events this Month

PTA Fundrasier @

MOD Pizza: Sept. 25th

Half Day: Sept. 28th

Conferences:

Oct. 5-6th.



Reminders

Remember to check your child's grades in ParentVue weekly for the latest in your child's progress! This is also a great place to check for missing assignments.



Don't forget to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences!

Middle School News

REMINDER!

Oct. 6/7 Early Release Days

****PT Conferences for MS families will be in the EFGA gym.****

No sign-up needed for a special time; just come to the gym at one of the days/times below.

Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. or 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6 1:00 -5:00 p.m or 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Teachers will be having dinner from 5-5:30.



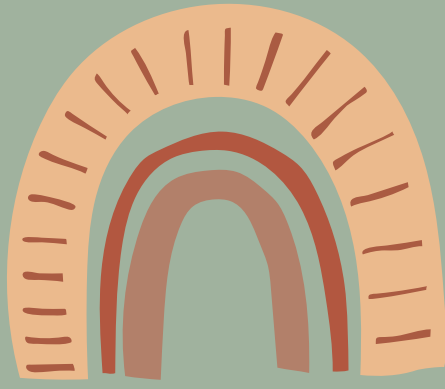
ELA / Individuals & Societies

This month in ELA we have been working on how characters respond to challenges, and being able to find the theme. 6th is reading *The Good Samaritan*, 7th is reading *Stargirl*, and 8th is reading *The Graveyard Story*. In Individuals & Societies, 6th has been learning about ancient Egypt, and they made clay cuneiform tablets. 7th has been learning about the French Revolution, while 8th is diving into the American Revolution.

Math & Science

This month in math, 6th and 7th grades have been working on integers and the coordinate plane, while 8th grade is delving into one variable equations. In Science, 6th grade has been learning about photosynthesis and cellular respiration, 7th grade has been studying bacteria and how the body responds to change in the environment. In 8th grade, students have been applying the ideas of natural selection and adaptation to genetics and traits.





LOA Middle School



Math

- 6th Grade:
 - Rational Numbers and Integers
- 7th Grade:
 - Financial literacy and percentages
- 8th Grade:
 - Rational Numbers and Equations

ELA

- 6th Grade:
 - Challenges and difficulties faced by characters
- 7th Grade:
 - Conflicts presented in literature
- 8th Grade:
 - How do authors attract us to mysteries and thrillers?

Science

- 6th Grade:
 - Life Science-Changes in ecosystems and cellular respiration
- 7th Grade:
 - Life Science-Cells and Body Systems
- 8th Grade:
 - Life Science-What makes a species a species?

Social Studies

- 6th Grade:
 - Mesopotamia-Geography, Society, Contributions, Innovations
- 7th Grade:
 - Revolutions- American, French, Latin America, Industrial
- 8th Grade:
 - Government-origins and purpose

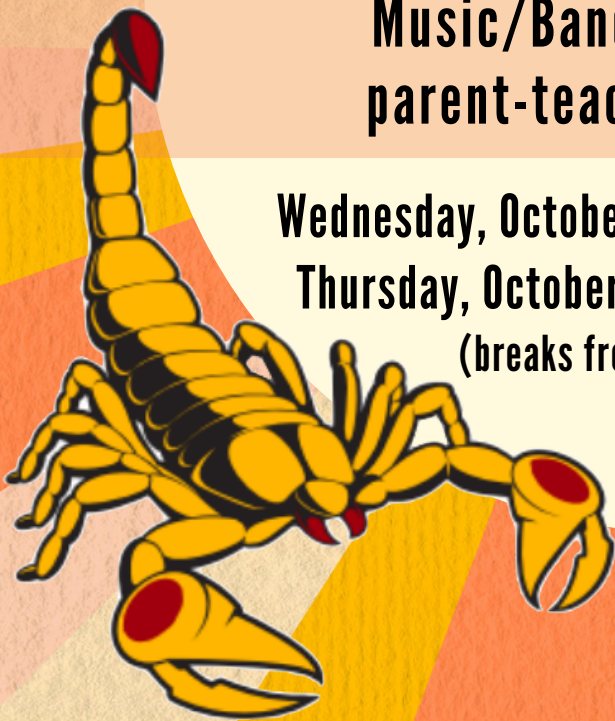
SPECIAL AREAS OPEN HOUSE

**Come visit Art, Spanish, Mandarin,
Music/Band, and P.E. during
parent-teacher conferences!**

Wednesday, October 5th from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday, October 6th from 1:00pm-7:00pm

(breaks from 5:00pm-5:30pm)



**ESTRELLA
FOOTHILLS**
GLOBAL ACADEMY

October



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Parent Teacher Conference Week →	3	4	5	6 EARLY RELEASE AT 12:00PM	7 EARLY RELEASE AT 12:00PM	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
No School - Fall Break						
16	17	18	19 EARLY RELEASE AT 12:00PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN					