





January Newsletter



A message from the Principal...

Wow! The first half of the school year is already finished! It has been so fun to see the incredible, academic growth our students have made so far!

We were able to celebrate the successes of the 2nd quarter with a fun incentive day before winter break.

Stay tuned for information about our 3rd quarter incentive that will begin in January.

On January 19th and 20th, we will be having our Principal's List and Honor Roll assemblies. Your child's teacher will notify you if your child will be receiving an award and what time the assemblies will be. I hope you can join us to show off your child's tremendous achievement!

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve your children each day. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

~Mrs. Sarah Zembruski

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ART AT EFGA



WITH MS. WILD

Kindergarten

Aboriginal Australia: Maori Koru



1st Grade

Egyptian Art



2nd Grade

Greek Pottery



3rd Grade

Medieval Arts: Illuminated Manuscript



4th Grade

Symbols of Communication: Cuneiform



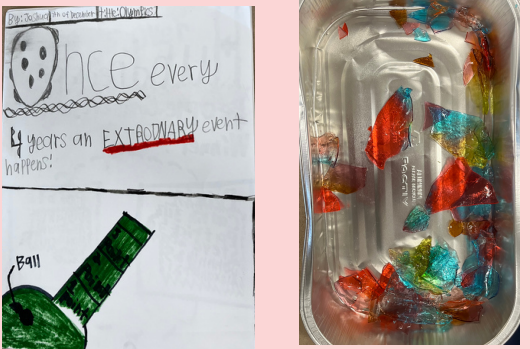
5th Grade

Changes in Pottery



6th Grade

Medieval Arts (Manuscripts, Stained Glass, Mosaics)



7th/8th Grade

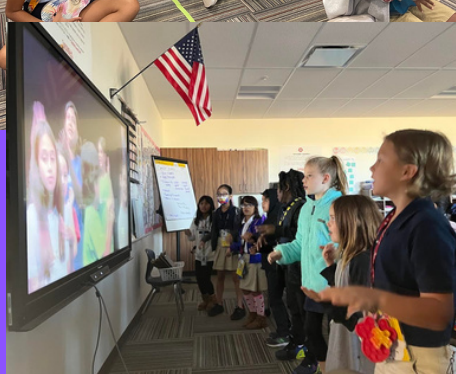
Contemporary Arts



MUSIC

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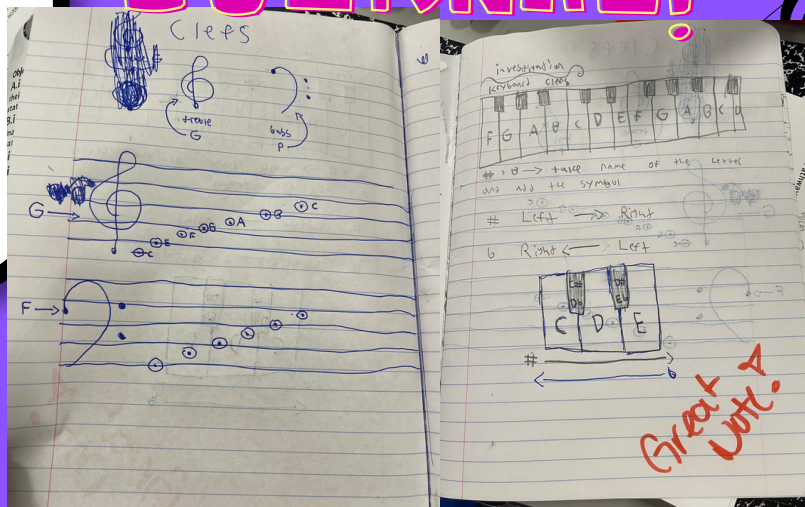
We have had a lot of things happening within our music program! 4 Concerts and IB Performing Arts!



Upcoming Events

1. MIM Field Trip 2/14/23
 - a. NEED PARENT VOLUTNEERS!
2. Band After school practice starts January 10th!
 - a. Every Tuesday and Thursday
3. Music Appreciation Starts for 7/8th

IB PROCESS JOURNAL!



Library News

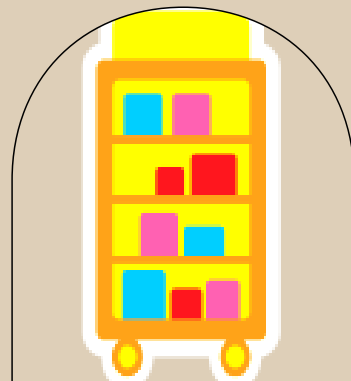


New books!

Thanks to the funds raised from ALL For Books and the generosity of the Barbara Park Memorial Grant, the library is processing more than 100 new titles and will be putting those out on the shelves in January! Many of the students have seen the new books and are excited to get their hands on them!

Write that down...

Please note the dates for the upcoming book fair have changed! The new dates are February 6-10, 2023. As much as we hoped to have it during Parent/Teacher Conferences in January, unfortunately the Scholastic Spring Line of merchandise would not have been available at that time. This book fair will be bigger and better with more cases and TWO registers! Oh happy day! We hope to see you there!



Kindergarten

We have had a blast applying our seasons and plant life cycle learning while exploring the farm on our first field trip. We were able to harvest crops and learn so much about corn and how it grows, how many things we used that re made from corn byproducts like... diapers. Then as an extension of our global travels to different holidays around the world. We learned that Germany is the place we get our Gingerbread house building traditions. Happy New Year from EFGA Kindergarten.





First Grade

Mrs. Escobar, Mrs. Pierson & Mrs. Rodriguez

ELA

After winter break we are going to be starting Unit 3B which focus on needs and wants. Throughout the unit, we will make connection to our community and STING.

When it comes to writing our focus will be explore how to write an opinion piece.

Math



For math, we are going to be explore measurement and data.

This unit/concept really encourages students to be Inquirers as well as work together in small team.

STING

To be success in the new year, we are going to focus on STING practice the first week of school. This will ensure that our second half of the year will be a successful one.

NWEA

Mark your calendar!
NWEA testing will be taking place: January 23-24th

We will have a spiral review inside the class to support growth prior to testing.

Mark Your Calendar

Jan 9:
School Resume
Jan 16:
MLK Day
Jan 19-20:
Parent/Teacher Conference
Jan 23-24:
NWEA Testing



SECOND GRADE

newsletter



IN THE CLASSROOMS

The students enjoyed performing at their Winter Concert. They have also enjoyed learning about holidays around the world. They learned about food, cultures, and traditions and even tasted some food!

They have been enjoying a read aloud with our librarian, Mrs. Schneider, and got to compare the book and movie!

Spirit Week was a treat as students came to learn in their most festive wear!

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





3rd Grade News

Mrs. Kanode, Ms. Conley, Mrs. Sakkas

Reading

This month, the students have been reading and comparing and contrasting the texts "The Athabascans" and "The Year of Miss Agnes" both about a native Alaskan tribe. When we return from break we will finish this unit by reading "The Frog Princess", a Tlinget folk tale connected to the same tribe.



Math

In math this past quarter, the students have learned all about concrete multiplication and division! In the third quarter we'll continue to build our fluency and apply our new skills to finding area!



Writing

We've just undergone a writing boot camp. We also revisited narratives, writing one the perspective of a child in Asia!

Social Studies

We've learned all about communities and how they function!

Upcoming Dates

December Dec. 23rd-
January 8th Winter
Break

Jan 11 - Early Release

Jan 18/19 - Parent
Teacher
Conferences

Jan 19/20 - Early
Release

Thank you for your support this quarter! We look forward to seeing all of you at Parent/Teacher Conferences in January.





4th Grade News

Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Vail, Mrs. Vazquez



Reading

This month, the students have been reading and comparing and contrasting the texts *Three Native Nations*, and *Northwest Coast People* all about Native Americans and their interactions with Europeans, Spanish, and British.

After break, they will be reading about Earthquakes.



Math

In math this past quarter, the students learned about numeric and non-numeric patterns. In January, we will begin our chapter on fractions!



Science and Writing

The students will be writing an informational essay about Earthquakes.

Social Studies

After Winter Break, the students will be answering the essential question of why a nation would want their independence.

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FIFTH GRADE NEWS



SCIENCE

Students will describe how human activities have major effects on land vegetation, and water reservoirs. Students will also define a problem relating to the overconsumption of Earth's resources. We've started our unit on Protecting



Earth's Resources and finished our unit on Water Resources. Students will gather information about world resources and discover which are renewable and which are non-renewable.

CONFERENCES

Have a Great Winter Break! We look forward to seeing everyone on Jan 18th or 19th for Parent Teacher Conferences. We'll discuss all of the successes and growth that happened to start this year and strategize with you and your student about what we can continue to do to make this year amazing!



ELA/SS

To end the semester, we've been working with the words: absurd / anxious / combine / hearty / identical / myth / purchase / solo / thrifty / vivid from Shoes Match Your Shirt. Besides our Social Studies reading we had been doing a lot of work with homonyms and homographs. To end this half of the year, we'll read Operation Clean Sweep (a historic fiction story) focusing back on character study.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 23rd-Jan 8th
Winter Break

Jan 11th-Half Day

Jan 18th and 19th Parent
Teacher Conferences
Jan 19th and 20th-half
days

MATH

Students are finishing up their unit on multiplying, dividing, adding and subtracting decimals and furthering their understanding of place value.



Next, students will be learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions in additions to understanding place value, converting, and comparing the value of fractions.





MIDDLE SCHOOL

newsletter



Science / Math

6th Science - Zebra Survival Unit
7th Science - Levitating Forces
8th Science - Wireless Sound Unit

6th Math - Expressions and reviewing previous chapters.
7th Math - Equations and Inequalities; working on 2 step equations and taking a quiz.
8th Math - Triangles and Pythagorean Theorem and Unit 3 in GRASP; right triangle relationships. Starting Geometry unit next.



ELA / I&S

6th ELA - Reading informational texts such as Hatshepsut and Everybody jump, and writing informative essays.

7th ELA - argumentative writing and autobiographical novel "We Beat the Street"

8th ELA - reading a variety of nonfiction authors who discuss taking risks.

6th I&S - Geography, political and social systems of Ancient Greece

7th I&S - Industrial Revolution, capitalism and socialism

8th I&S - Civil War and Reconstruction / writing a newspaper article.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dec 23 - Jan 8 Winter Break
Jan 11 - Early Release
Jan 18/19 - Parent Teacher Conferences
Jan 19/20 - Early Release





LOA News in 4th and 5th

Your weekly newsletter about our classroom!

Upcoming Events

Winter break -
December 23rd- January 9th
Half day- January 11th



After School Activities

Soccer
Art Club
Drama Club
Volleyball



Visit the class online on Canvas


This week

4th: We have been working on learning different patterns in math using different operations that require more than one step. We are currently writing opinion essays by looking at different text evidence to support our claim. In Reading we are reviewing main idea and different text structures.

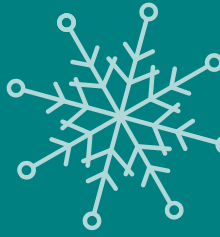
5th- We are learning how to divide with decimals when we have a two digit divisor by a three digit dividend. We are also working on opinion essays and reviewing main idea.

Reminders

Please don't forget to check ParentVue for your students grades and to input your attendance online.



LOA Middle School



6TH GRADE

MATH- EXPRESSIONS AND RATIONAL NUMBERS

ELA-POETIC ELEMENTS AND STRUCTURE, INFORMATIONAL TEXT AND STRUCTURE

SCIENCE- LIFE SCIENCE

SOCIAL STUDIES-ANCIENT HEBREWS AND THE ORIGINS OF JUDAISM

7TH GRADE

MATH- EXPRESSIONS, EQUATIONS AND RATIONAL NUMBERS

ELA- INFORMATIONAL TEXT; AUTHOR'S PURPOSE AND AUDIENCE, CLAIMS, EVIDENCE

SCIENCE- PHYSICAL SCIENCE

SOCIAL STUDIES- THE GREAT MIGRATION, HARLEM RENAISSANCE AND THE 20S.

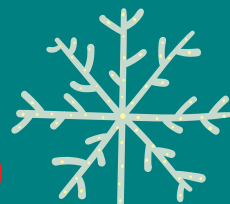
8TH GRADE

MATH- LINEAR AND QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS AND GEOMETRY

ELA- FICTION TEXT (LANGUAGE, STYLE, AND AUDIENCE; INFORMATIONAL TEXT (CONTEXT CLUES

SCIENCE- PHYSICAL SCIENCE

SOCIAL STUDIES- THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL BRANCH AND POLITICAL PARTIES AND INTEREST GROUPS



HELLO January

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------|---|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| <i>Winter Break</i> | | | | | | |
| 8 | 9 Welcome Back! School Resumes | 10 | 11 Early Release at 12p.m. | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 No School in observance of Civil Rights Day | 17 | 18 | 19 Early Release at 12p.m. | 20 Early Release at 12p.m. | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Early Release at 12p.m. | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |