

# ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS

## GLOBAL ACADEMY

### SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

#### A message from the Principal:



Wow! I can't believe we are already halfway through our first quarter of the school year! We are starting to dive into our curriculum and using the data we have received from our fall NWEA results to provide the best educational experience for all of our students!

We had a great First Student of the Month Celebration! Every month our teachers will nominate one student who exhibit STING (Solution Drive, Tolerant, Inquirer, Negotiator, and Global Learner) both in and out of the classroom!

We have some exciting events happening this month as well! Please join us at Peter Piper on Tuesday, September 12th from 4:00-6:00 pm!

We also have our Curriculum/Title I Night on September 26th. We will have 3 sessions: 5:00-5:30, 5:40-6:10, and 6:20-6:50. Join us this evening to learn more about our District adopted curriculum, how to access programs, review parent involvement opportunities, and more!

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you to build relationships and continue to see growth from all of our students!

Kind Regards,  
Ms. Erin Lebish  
Principal

# SCORPION DEN

COMING SOON!



## WHAT IS THE SCORPION DEN?

The Scorpion Den Is part of our P.B.I.S reward system here at EFGA!

Throughout the year, your student earns stamps for modeling S.T.I.N.G behavior across our campus. Starting next week, students can visit the “Den” to redeem prizes for their hard work!

<b>5 Stamps</b>  Bookmark  EFGA Sticker	<b>10 Stamps</b>  Share a Joke  Fun Pencil	
<b>15 Stamps</b>  Guest Reader  Fun Eraser	<b>20 Stamps</b>  New ID  Help A Teacher	
<b>25 Stamps</b>  Small Candy  Key Chain	<b>30 Stamps</b>  Day of Dress Down	
 Large Candy Bar <b>40 Stamps</b>	 Bag of Chips <b>40 Stamps</b>	 Kids Cone <b>40 Stamps</b>
 Lunch with Teacher <b>50 Stamps</b>	 Fidgets <b>50 Stamps</b>	 Pizza with Principal <b>100 Stamps</b>

### K-4 Students

Thursday, September 7th



**EFGA Gym**

### 5-8 Students

Friday, September 8th



**7:30-8:00am**

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

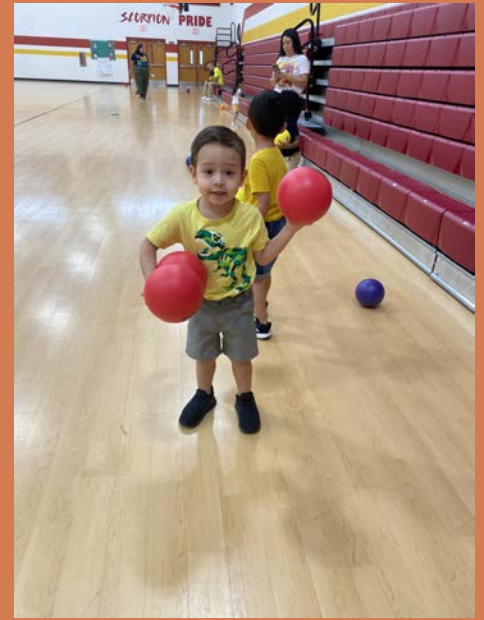
If your student plans to visit the den, please ensure they **arrive early!** The Den will take place every week on Thursdays (K-4) and Fridays (5-8) from 7:30-8:00am.

Check out our Scorpion Den “Menu” and count your child’s stamps to determine what they can purchase.

Upon arrival, students will visit the gym, hand the staff member their stamp card, and redeem their prize!

# September in Developmental Preschool

**We are off to a great start to our school year! Students are learning so much every day. We just had our first color walk of the year on Friday! The entire school participated and our kids had the best time! We are taking our time to focus on procedures and routines to help us be successful at school. We cant wait for a great year!**





# KINDERGARTEN NEWS

**Our first global travels to Mexico was AMAZING!  
The kiddos had so much fun learning about the  
holidays, traditions and monuments in Mexico as  
well as tasting yummy foods!!!**

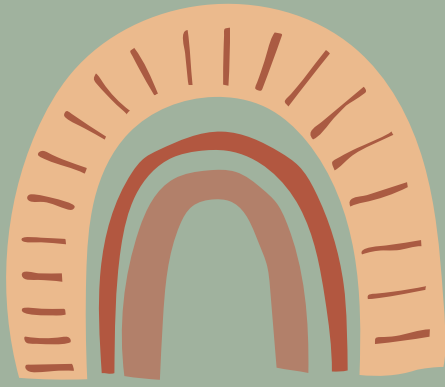
## UPCOMING EVENTS

9/4 - No School

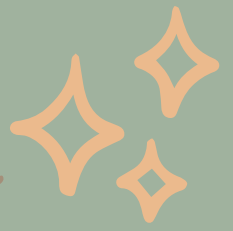
9/28 - Curriculum Night

9/12 Peter Piper Pizza 4-6pm





# 1st Grade News



Mrs. Escobar  
Mrs. Pierson  
Mrs. Raymond  
Mrs. Rodriguez



## CLASSROOM NEWS

Our little learners are doing amazing. This month, has truly flown by but has provided with the opportunities to get to know one another.

The students have been very successful at building relationship and implementing STING inside the classroom.



## SCIENCE/ SOCIAL STUDIES

✓ For science, we focused on learning about bats throughout August. Students should be able to talk about the life-cycle, characters and behavior of a bat.

✓ Next, we will be exploring apples. This unit is usually a favorite since it provides amazing hands on learning opportunities!



## READING

✓ Throughout September we are going to focus on exploring.

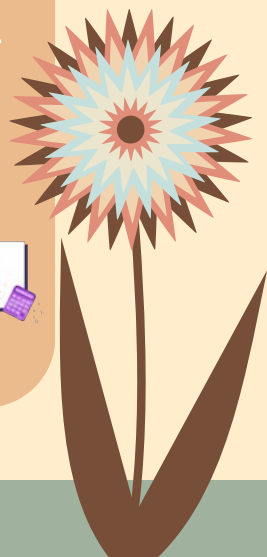
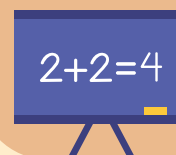
Informational text, with Time to Sleep. This is a great story to support being an Inquirer.



## MATH

✓ Inside the classroom, we have been reviewing both our basic addition and subtraction concepts.

Throughout the year we will continue to build upon our foundational skills.



# 2ND GRADE

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



### TESTING UPDATE

We completed our district testing for the month and will use the test scores to continue our learning and growing. Every parent should have received their child's scores from their teacher. We will be setting goals for the students to work towards for the winter round of testing.

*EDUCATION IS THE PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THOSE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY." -MALCOLM X*

### IN THE CLASSROOM

We continued building positive relationships in the classroom. The students are mastering STING and did an amazing job diving into our curriculum learning. In math, we are wrapping up chapter 1 and will be moving into skip counting, repeated addition, and even/odd numbers. In ELA, we will continue reading fiction and non fiction stories while working toward mastering comprehension.



# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE

## newsletter

### WHAT WE ARE LEARNING: SEPTEMBER

Reading: Informational Text Features

Math: Ch.2: Addition Strategies

Science: Unit 1: Force

Social Studies: Unit 1: Being Part of a Community

Writing: Informative Texts



Students had a blast during the first month of third grade!

### REMINDERS:

Our PTA Fall Fundraiser will run from September 15th - October 2nd. Stay tuned for more details.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

9/4 - No School

9/7 - Scorpion Store Opens

9/28 - Curriculum Night

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# 4th Grade Newsletter

Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Vazquez, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Cortez

## Reading

The students in 4th grade are reading a biography about the scientist, Mary Anning. They are learning about the different text structures an author uses to make the writing have good organization and flow.



## Math

In math, the students are learning about finding patterns when adding and subtracting numbers.

### ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What strategies can I use to add or subtract?



## NWEA Goal Setting

After learning about setting goals, the students wrote their own goals they wish to meet by the Winter NWEA test.

## Social Studies

In Social Studies, the students are learning about how the lives of Native Peoples were influenced by where they lived.

## Science

The students wrote about how forces act on a starting and stopping object.



**Next NWEA Test:**  
Week of December 4th





# 5TH GRADE



**math:**

**In Ms. Adair's class, we have been learning about place value in chapter 1. We will be taking our first test this week. Afterwards we will work on accelerations to identify students who are still struggling with place value.**



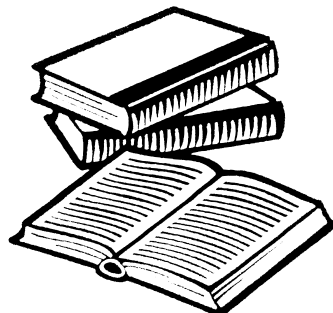
**Reminders:**

- No school on Labor day  
September 4th**
- first day of scorpion  
den September 7th**
- Student of the Month  
September 6th**

**Patriot or Loyalist??**

Many times we look at the American Revolution and cheer for George Washington and the Continental Army. The 5th Graders in Mr. Meihak's U.S. History class, spent time really thinking about whether the demands of the British taxes were enough to cause a rebellion. Even if we might have chosen to stay loyal to King George III back then, we are very grateful for the blessings of this country today!

**In science and reading  
Student are learning  
about matter. Finding  
text evidence and  
writing about their  
observations.**



# 6th Grade

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Ms. Reilly

In 6th grade math, students have been hard at work with decimals and fractions. Students are also applying their knowledge of fractions to the real world with activities such as tying fractions and decimals with recipes, shopping, and even planning their own vacation!

We are off to a great start in this school year!

Mr. Fraser

Greetings from the sixth grade! We have been so busy in our Language and Literature class! The students took a deep dive into learning how to identify the theme of a passage. We have also learned how to map out stories in preparation for our writing assignment! Thank you all for your support! Regards, Mr. Fraser

Mrs. Payne

Our Scientists are learning safety and proper use of lab equipment to demonstrate evidence supporting their hypothesis and claims. We will be expanding their knowledge of photosynthesis and what a critical role it plays in the environment.

We have begun covering our "Scientists of the Week" featuring...

Neil Degrasse Tyson

Jane Goodall

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# 7th Grade



## ENGLISH

Seventh grade just finished up their first essay of the year! We are moving through the stories in our Conflicts and Clashes unit, and should be doing our first Socratic Seminar next week!

## SCIENCE

Students have jumped right in to Science class with microscopes and observations! They just wrapped up studying cells and how the human body heals.


## MATH

Math students have finished up Chapter One this month! They will be reviewing and preparing for their first chapter test soon.

# S.T.I.N.G!

## HISTORY

Students have been exploring the rise and fall of Empires! They studied expansionism and isolationism to understand this.



# 8th Grade



## ENGLISH

Eighth graders have been doing studies with eggs and now fruit flies. They are making observations and tracking their findings!

## SCIENCE

Students have jumped right in to Science class with microscopes and observations! They just wrapped up studying cells and how the human body heals.


## MATH

Math students are working on scientific notation!  
Algebra students are diving into the basics!

## Go Scorpions!

## HISTORY

Eighth graders are diving into the roots of the American Government! They have already worked on assessments and are preparing for more next week.





# AUGUST

# ART AT EFGA

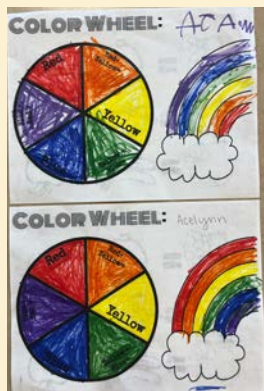


WITH MS. WILD



## Kindergarten

Color & Piet Mondrian



## 1st Grade

Shapes & Paul Klee



## 2nd Grade

Flowers & Vincent Van Gogh



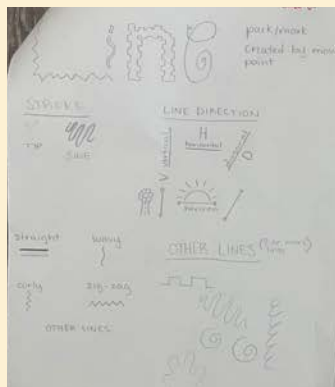
## 3rd Grade

Figures & Keith Haring



## 4th Grade

Drawing Techniques



## 5th Grade

Drawing Techniques



## 6th Grade

Drawing Techniques & Procedures



International Baccalaureate:  
Visual Arts MYP Introduction

Modern Art Study

## 7th/8th Grade

Drawing Techniques & Procedures



# Art Projects & Material Suggestions

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

A runny, yet stuffy nose. An annoying cough. A scratchy throat. Something's settling in, but at this time of year, is it a cold or seasonal allergies?

Since both the common cold virus and allergies can linger year-round, flare up more regularly during certain times of the year and share similar symptoms, it can be hard to know exactly what's happening when the sniffing starts.

Some estimates show that people in the U.S. suffer from 1 billion colds each year. And when it comes to allergies, as many as 30% of adults and 40% of children have them.

So, how can you tell the difference between cold symptoms and seasonal allergy symptoms? Here's what you need to know.

## Allergies vs. colds: A side-by-side look at the common signs

While seasonal allergies and colds share some of the same symptoms, how your symptoms feel and how common they are can be unique. Here's a side-by-side chart comparing allergy and cold symptoms that gives an overview of the similarities and differences.

Is It a Cold or Allergies?		
Is it a cold or allergies causing your cough, sniffles and sore throat? Although their symptoms may be similar, here's how to tell which is which and choose the right treatment.		
 Symptom	 Cold	 Allergy
 Fever	Sometimes	Never
 Body aches and pains	Sometimes	Never
 Headache	Often	Sometimes
 Cough	Often	Sometimes
 Fatigue	Often	Sometimes
 Itchy, watery eyes	Rarely	Often
 Itchy throat	Rarely	Often
 Runny/stuffy nose	Often	Often
 Sore throat	Often	Sometimes
 Duration	Less than 2 weeks	Varies

# OFFICE UPDATE



## Perfect Attendance!

Beginning the month of October we will have Perfect Attendance First Friday's!

Students who have perfect attendance for the month of September will earn a FREE dress down on the First Friday of each month.

**October 6th will be our very First Friday!**

## Student ID's

ID's are required as part of your students uniform and serve as a big part of student safety.

ID's - \$1.00

EFGA Lanyard - \$4.00


ID Holder - \$1.00

ID Clip - \$1.00

## Why are they so important?

- quickly identifies a student in case of an emergency
- tracks our bus riders
- quick scan for lunch
- late students can be scanned in for tracking/safety





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# LIBRARY NEWS

*Mrs. Schneider's latest updates*

## Scholastic Book Fair coming soon!

October 02-06

### Special Events

Wednesday 10/04 - Family Lunch

Thursday & Friday - Open Late!

(during Parent/Teacher Conferences)

### Book Basket Raffle

Our last give away was such a success we're doing it again! Only this time it's bigger and better than before!

## Volunteers Needed!

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Please click the link below  
to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CAA82DA3FBC07-efga1>

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# SEPTEMBER

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24	25	26 Curriculum/ Title 1 Night 5:00- 7:00p.m.	27 Early Release at 12:00p.m.	28	29	30