

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS GLOBAL ACADEMY

March Newsletter

Wow! I can't believe we are already in the month of March! As we come to a close of the third quarter, we have many things to look forward to! The fourth quarter is very busy with state testing and a lot of fun events! I would also like to invite you to our parent meeting about Staff Appreciation Week. It will be a planning meeting held at the EFGA library at 6:00 pm on March 26th.

Here are a list of the testing dates and events coming up at EFGA:

- March 11th-15th- Spring Break
- April 2nd- AASA Writing (State Test for 3rd-8th grades)
- April 3rd and 4th- AzSCI (Science State Test for 5th and 8th grades)
- April 9th and 11th- AASA Reading (State Test for 3rd-8th grades)
- April 12th- AASA Oral Reading Fluency (3rd grade)
- April 16th and 18th- AASA Math (State Test for 3rd-8th grades)
- May 2nd- World Fair
- May 6-9th- NWEA MAP Growth Test
- May 7-14th- 8th Grade Costa Rica Trip
- May 21st- 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- May 22nd- Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony
- May 22nd- Lasy Day of School!



IB Learner Profile of the Month:



KNOWLEDGABLE

As IB Learners we strive to:

- Develop and use conceptual understanding to explore knowledge.
- Engage with issues and ideas that are important in our lives and for the whole world.



Check out **Estrella Foothills Global Academy's** website for information about the **International Baccalaureate Program** and what is happening in the **Middle Year's Program** here at EFGA!

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Are you interested in the...

SIGN UP!

World Fair

WHEN:

Thursday, May 2nd, 2024
at 4:00pm- 6:00pm

WHERE:

5400 W. Carver
Laveen, AZ 85339

We are looking for **Parents/ Families/ Guardian's** that are interested in sharing a **special cultural or global performance** at **EFGA's World Fair**.

- **Storytime**
- **Song/ Music Ensemble**
- **Short Play Performances/ Dances**
- **Crafting/ Important Arts**
- **Dress- Up/ Fashion Show**
- **AND MORE!**



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/laveenesd/albums/7217720308037166/with/52872839414>

Google Form Sign Up Link (or click on Sign-Up above)

<https://forms.gle/FB95ptKizvziBrHk9>

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LIBRARY NEWS

Click below to access EFGA's
Library Homepage
[Destiny Discover](#)



That's a wrap!

EFGA is so lucky to have such generous, big hearted families! Our Spring Book Fair blasted our goal of \$10K out of the water. Thanks to you, we had just shy of \$15,000 in sales. That brings a grand sales total of **\$29,792.55** from both book fairs in the 23-24 school year! Thank you so very much for supporting the EFGA Library and showing your children the importance of reading!

Sales like that put a lot of tickets into the Raffle drawing! Congrats to our winners:
Tyler H. (PreK) Aaron G. (K) Alyna P.(2)
Chloe R (3) Chloe B (3) & Amira L. (7)

New Books

In 2020 our library started with a solid selection of books. Over the last 4 years, Mrs. Schneider has been working to add diverse titles and topics for students. New titles can be found listed in [Destiny Discover](#). Click the link above to log in.

Overdue Books

As we approach the end of the year, please help your student find and return any overdue books. If the books cannot be found or is damaged beyond repair, the book will need to be paid for or replaced. You can log into your child's library account in [Destiny Discover](#) to explore their current checkouts/fines under the "My Stuff" tab.

Replacing Books

If you would like to replace a lost book with another, please ensure it is a hardcover book of equal value and similar topic. For example, if a non fiction science book is lost, please provide a science book not a picture or chapter book. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Schneider.

WEEK 6

ART AT EFGA



WITH MS. WILD



Kindergarten

Maori Koru

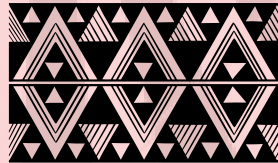


Symmetry Masks



1st Grade

Native Paper Weavings



Indian Mandalas



2nd Grade

Greek Pottery



Earth Day



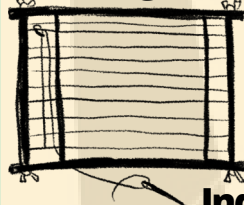
3rd Grade

Illuminated Manuscripts



4th Grade

Weaving: Loom, Weft, Warp

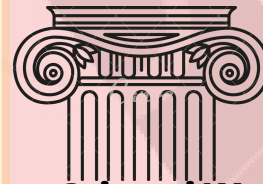


Individual Face Masks



5th Grade

Classical Orders

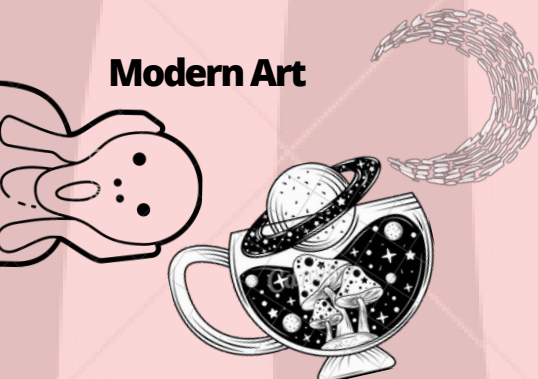


Origami/ Handmade Paper



6th Grade

Modern Art

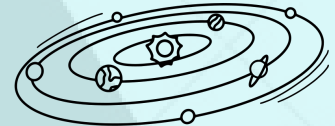


International Baccalaureate:
Visual Arts MYP



7th/8th Grade

Independent Study



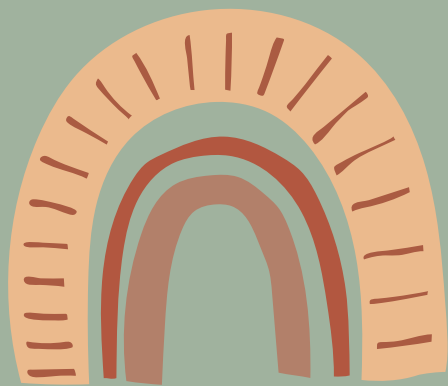
[Art Projects & Material Suggestions](#)

DEVELOPMENTAL PRESCHOOL news

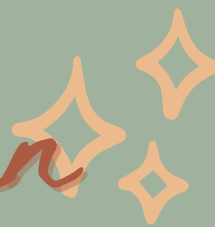


**WE HAVE BEEN HAVING SO MUCH FUN IN
PRESCHOOL!**
**STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THE
COLOR PINK, THE SHAPE OF A HEART AND ZOO
ANIMALS! WE EVEN GOT TO TAKE A TRIP TO
THE PHOENIX ZOO! NEXT WE WILL BEGIN
LEARNING ABOUT THE COLOR PURPLE, THE
SHAPE OF A CRESCENT AND OUTER SPACE!
SCIENCE ON WHEELS WILL BE COMING TO
E.F.G.A. TO HELP OUR STUDENTS BUILD
ROCKETSHIPS.**





Kindergarten Newsletter



CLASSROOM NEWS

- Help us get ready for our World Fair! If you have any artifacts, photos, and or stories to share from the following countries please share with your child's teacher:
 - Costa Rica, Bahamas, Jamaica, Panama

The kindergarten team will begin learning about insects in a few weeks. We are looking for a family from each classroom who would like to purchase a Butterfly Kit for their classroom. If you would like to purchase a kit for your child's classroom please click on the following link and let the teacher know. Thank you so much for all your support.

<https://www.insectlore.com/products/butterfly-garden-with-live-cup-of-caterpillars-%C2%AE-and-a-free-cup>

TO-DO



Read at least 15 minutes per week at home

EVENTS

March 6th- Early Release at 12:00pm

March 7th-Quarter 3 Olympics Incentive (Students may wear red, white or blue to represent the United States)

March 8th- Report Cards go home

March 8th- Tillman Trot at EFGA

March 11th-March 15th-Spring Break (No school)

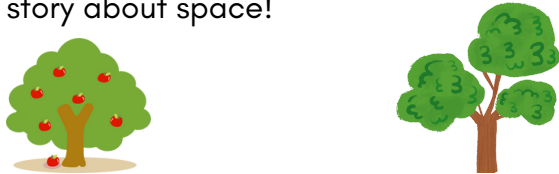


FIRST GRADE NEWS

ELA

At the beginning of March, our little Global Learners started reading about the life cycle of an apple tree. This was a great story which worked hand and hand with our science unit.

When we return from spring break, we will wrap up this unit and start explore story about space!



Science

For our Science unit, the we were able to start our plant experiment! This hands on activity allows the students to be inquirers. As well as explore and discuss the life cycle of a plant.



Math

We are offically ready to start our spiral review!

Throughout the spring semester, we are going to review previous taught math standards and skills. From this review, students will be able to display master of different math skills as well as challenge themselves!



STING Expectations

After Spring Break, we will focus on our quarter STING lesson.

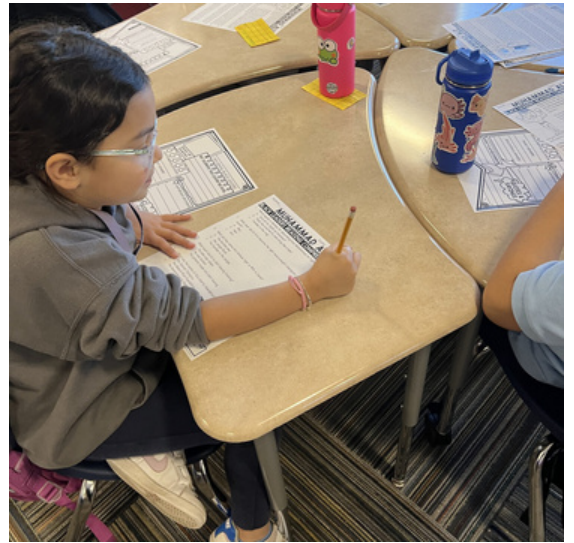
Throughout our third quarter we have seen students struggle to show Tolerant and Readiness both inside and outside the classroom.

This practice will support our school wide expectations and start quarter 4 in a positive way!

Second Grade Newsletter

READING

Students are currently reading "The Earth Dragon Awakes" and "Seek the Sun". During ELA Acceleration, students are working on their specific level on the Phonic Screener. We are so excited to share that students are continuing to show amazing growth in their reading abilities.



MATH

Students are working on Data Analysis and Time. During Math Acceleration, students are working on Number and Operations based on their skill level. This has been a great way to challenge our grade level and prepare them for NWEA testing.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students are learning about everyday heroes. Since February is Black History Month, students also learned about influential African American leaders.



Third Grade!

Learning Focuses and Objectives

Here in the third grade we are beginning to prepare students to take AASA for the first time!

Reading: Students will be able to understand how character actions and dialogue impact sequence of events.

Writing: Students will be able to write multiparagraph essays over a period of time (long term and short term)

Math: Students will be able to tell time to the nearest minute and solve word problems involving addition and subtraction.

Science: Students will be able to explain and describe a habitat and how an organism can or cannot survive there.

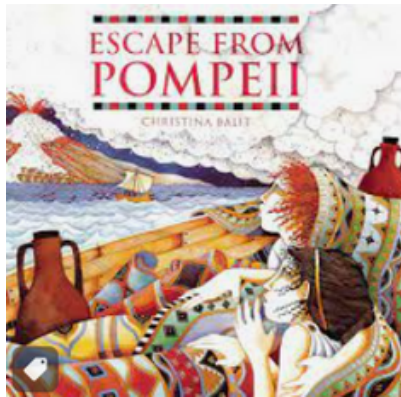


4th Grade Newsletter

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

Reading

In reading, the students are reading a story about Pompeii. They are analyzing the characters, setting and plot of the story.



Math

For math, they are explaining about how a decimal and a fraction shows part of a whole. Our next chapter will be about measurement.



Science

During Science, they are writing about what precautions people can take with changing landscapes.

Upcoming Events

March 11-15th Spring
Break

Writing

In writing, the students are typing 5 paragraph essays to prepare them for AASA on April 2nd.

Thank you!

Thank you for all of your support this year so far!



5th Grade Classroom

NEWSLETTER

What's Going on in Class

Hello Families,

What a great time we are having in 5th grade. It's hard to believe we have less than 3 months of school left this school year!!

In ELA students finished a novel study and are gearing up for a sci-fi adventure in reading. In math students are continuing their work with fractions by using math operations to solve problems. In Science, students are finishing up our space unit by doing a research project. In Social Studies students are working on a informational essay to explain the need for an amendment to the constitution to end slavery, following the Civil War.

Upcoming

3/6 Early Out
3/6 Space Research
Project Due (Science)
3/8 Slavery Amendment
Essay due (Soc. St)
3/8 End of Qt. 3
3/8 Tillman Trot
3/11-3/15 Spring Break
3/20 Feb. Student of the
Month 7:25 am
3/26 Peter Piper Pizza
3/27 Early Out
4/3 Begin AASA Testing



FIELD TRIP

The science center was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents who helped chaperone this trip.

Students explored 4 floors of exhibits, including a bed of nails, tug of war, musical instruments, and so much more!!

We hope to take another field trip before the end of the year.



6th Grade

Mr. Fraser, Mrs. Payne and Ms. Reilly

ELA/Social Studies

Hello from Athens! We are gearing up to fight against our neighbors to the south, Sparta. Wish us luck!

We had a great month of February in ELA and social studies. The students wrote essays comparing Sparta and Athens. In addition we split into two groups and worked on higher level ELA! I'm so proud of our stellar stingers!

Science

Do you love states of matter? Well 6th grade has spent lots of time diving into this topic! We explored the relationship between energy and matter, described changes in temperature and energy across all states of matter. We are ready to sky rocket into next quarter talking about the ever-changing moon!

Math

- Functions-Graphing, Rules/Equations
- Inequalities
- Geometry-Area

Seventh Grade

Language and Literature

AASA Test Prep is in full swing! Seventh Graders are focusing on writing five paragraph essays, and just began StudySync Unit 5: Test of Time. The reading in this unit is focused on folktales!

Math

- **Arriaga:** Seventh grade students have been working on geometry and are currently focused on geometric figures.
- **Hensarling:** Students have begun to learn early algebra! They are starting with the basics and will continue to build on this knowledge.

Science

Students are wrapping up their Rocket Sled unit! They have worked on experiments and learned all about energy.

Individuals in Societies

Students are beginning to learn about The Cold War. This begins Lesson 28.

Eighth Grade

Language and Literature

AASA Test Prep is going strong in eighth grade as well! Students are improving their essay skills, and are in the middle of StudySync Unit 5: Trying Times. The current readings are focused on the Holocaust.

Math

- **Arriaga:** Students in eighth grade are going to continue their lessons in congruence and similarities.
- **Hensarling:** Students are learning about the Pythagorean Theorem and Distance Formula.
- **Arriaga Algebra:** Algebra students are currently working on their self-guided PXU course.

Science

Students in eighth grade are finishing their studies on the Hindenburg Explosion. They have studied data related to the fabric burn.

Individuals in Societies

Students in eighth grade are learning about the Political Process and will soon start Lesson 15, which covers Campaigns and Elections.

8th Grade Resource

Attached you will find a flyer from the Phoenix High School District that will hopefully, help make your student's transition into high school easier!

Prepare For Your Visit

Forms to Complete

- Student enrollment Form (T-1)
- ADE AZ Residency Form
- Home Language Survey (HLS)
- Emergency Health Card
- Open enrollment Form (if applicable)
- Johnson O'Malley (if applicable)

Bring with you

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization records
- School Records (IEP or 504)
or sign a Release for Records



Registration at School of
Residence

PXU.org/Enroll

Scan here to visit page



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Health & Wellness Corner

National Nutrition Month® is an annual campaign established in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating.

This year's theme is "Beyond the Table," which addresses the farm-to-fork aspect of nutrition, from food production and distribution to navigating grocery stores and farmers markets — and even home food safety and storage practices. It also describes the various ways we eat — not only around a dinner table, but also on the go, in schools and restaurants, at games and events. This theme also includes sustainability, for instance, decreasing food waste from school and work to home and beyond.

Here are a few easy, tasty (and healthy) kid friendly snacks to help get you started. Adults may need to help with some of these.

1. Parfait: Layer vanilla or plain low-fat yogurt with fruit and dried cereal.
2. Toast a whole grain waffle and top with low fat yogurt and sliced fruit or smooth nut butter.
3. Blend low-fat milk, frozen strawberries and a banana for thirty seconds for a delicious smoothie.
4. Sandwich cut-outs: Make a sandwich on whole grain bread. Cut out your favorite shape using a big cookie cutter. Eat the fun shape and the edges, too!
5. Mini-pizza: Toast a whole wheat English muffin, drizzle with pizza sauce and sprinkle with low-fat mozzarella cheese.
6. Frozen treats: Mix equal amounts of fat-free plain or flavored yogurt with 100% fruit juice, then pour into paper cups and freeze for a tasty treat.
7. Quesadilla: Sprinkle shredded cheese over a corn or whole wheat tortilla; fold in half and microwave for twenty seconds. Top with salsa.
8. Spread hummus on a tortilla. Top with a slice of turkey or ham, low-fat cheese and lettuce. Then roll it up.

March

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6 Early Release at 12:00pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 EFGA Talent Show	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Early Release at 12:00pm	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Spring Break



Kindness is beautiful