



# Estrella Foothills Global Academy

## March Newsletter

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

We are quickly approaching the end of the year. It has been a wonderful year thus far and we are excited to see the students demonstrate how much they have learned on the upcoming, high stakes AASA state assessment. Please continue the great job of ensuring your child is at school and on time every day. We can't teach them if they aren't here.

We are welcoming new students every day and want you to know that we are excited to have you a part of our Scorpion family. It is not too late to get involved. Our next PTA meeting is April 5 at 6 pm in our library.

We are looking forward to recognizing many of our students next week for our quarterly incentive. Students that have had great attendance, good grades, and stellar stinger behavior will have the opportunity to join in the fun.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

# Developmental Prek

## Ms. Rachel & Ms. Michelle

**Last Month:** We got to go on a field trip to the zoo, learn all about Animals All Around, hearts and the color pink! It was a FUN filled month.



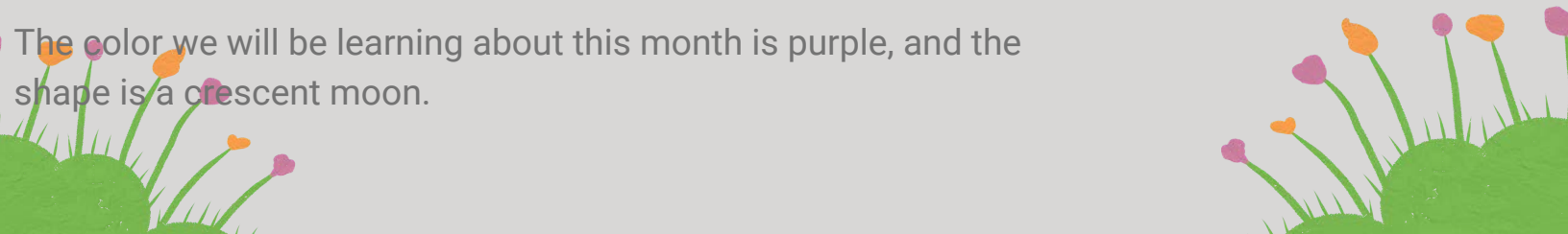
### Important Dates:

Our preschool event for this month is a FREE event right here at Estrella Foothills Global Academy. The Arizona Science Center's "Science on Wheels" will be visiting us on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6pm. All families are invited to attend this exciting event in the Estrella Foothills cafeteria.

### This Month:

Our theme for the month of March is "Space". This month we will be talking about planet Earth, the sun and moon, and the solar system! Each center in our classroom will have something to offer in learning about outer space for the month of March.

The color we will be learning about this month is purple, and the shape is a crescent moon.





# KINDERGARTEN NEWS



## CELEBRATING OUR BLACK LEADERS

We have been coming together as a kindergarten family and learning about many important black influential leaders in our history. We started with Martin Luther King, Jr. , then moved into Mae C. Jemison, Gwendolyn Brooks, Jackie Robinson, Ruby Bridges, and Morrie Turner. We then completed our own cartoon strips and a report writing of the one that stood out the most to each of them. It was such a powerful and informative unit that taught us all about tolerance of others that are different than each of us. Strengthening our global learning experience.



# ≡ FIRST GRADE NEWS ≡

MRS. ESCOBAR, MRS. PIERSON, MRS. RODRIGUEZ

## Hands on Learning: A Trip to the Zoo

In First Grade we are very excited to have the chance to go on our first field trip of the year! We have been very busy being Inquirers in science and learning about different animals. Students have learned about the different animal groups as well as researched particular animals. As they researched their animals, students had to use different resources to complete their animal report. Visiting the Wildlife Zoo is an amazing opportunity to support our Global Learners. The students are very excited about this particular science unit.



## SUPPORT OUR LITTLE LEARNERS

It's not too late to get your tax credit in.

Tax credit donations are amazing ways to support field trips and classroom needs.



## ELA & Math

ELA: We are exploring and using nonfiction text to learn about the life cycle of an animal tree. Students will be able to discuss what a trees and additional plants need to grow as well as make some connections with these stories.

Math: We are currently revisiting both addition/subtraction strategies. These strategies include: double facts, making ten, counting on and finding our missing addended.





# 2ND GRADE NEWS

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## CHINESE NEW YEAR

2023

The students were able to participate in the Chinese New Year celebration led by Ms. Qiao. They had various stations that taught about the Chinese culture.



## STAGES OF MATTER

We had the pleasure of having middle school present their presentations on matter to our students. Each group had hands on learning with each of the stages. Second graders enjoyed learning from the awesome middle schoolers!





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## Third Grade



### ELA

Coming up in March we're beginning our next unit in ELA. In this unit we'll be focusing quite a bit on literature, mostly talking about central messages connected to relying on family. We're reading 2 beautiful stories early in March, *Knots on a Counting Rope*, and *Storm in the Night*. We'll also look into folktales as we read *Paul Bunyon and Anansi's Long, Thin Legs*. We'll also learn a new genre of writing, opinion!

### MATH

March in math has us interpreting and analyzing data using different kinds of graphs. We're also getting ready for some of our big tests that are coming up in April by doing spiral reviews to refresh our memories on what we learned at the beginning of the school year. At home, you can talk about place value, multiplication and division, and telling time to help prepare, as well!

A class favorite review game is math war. All you need is some cards... ask your child to teach you how to play!



### SCIENCE

As we head into March, we'll circle back into science. This unit in science we're going to be focusing on how an environment can impact how living things survive.





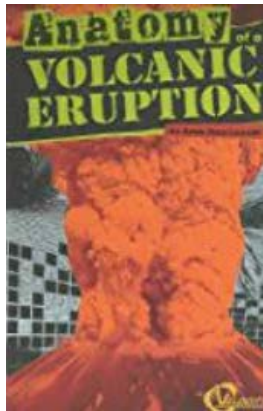
# 4th Grade News

Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Vazquez, Ms. Vail

## What we are Reading:

The students are reading informational texts about volcanoes in reading and science.

They are writing comprehensive summaries and determining the text structure of the book.



## Math:

In math, the students are learning about decimals. They are ordering and comparing them.



## Upcoming Events:

March 8th: Early Release and Q3 incentive

March 10th-end of Q3 and EFGA Tillman Trot

March 13th-17th Spring Break

## Writing:

We are currently working on writing informational essays about the benefits and dangers of volcanoes.

Thank you to our families for all the support you give! We appreciate you! :)





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# 5th Grade

## ELA AND SOCIAL STUDIES

In ELA students have been working on their novel studies; "George's Secret Key to the Universe" and "Night of the Spadefoot Toads." Students are also working on their short stories to demonstrate their understanding of informational texts.

In Social Studies students are studying the Arizona Statehood. They are working on comparing the Arizona Constitution to the United States Constitution. Students will research the Arizona constitution and the United Constitution. Students are learning how to format their writing to write informational compositions.

In ELA students are also reading the "Road to Freedom" and practicing their reading and grammar skills. Students will practice the use of gerunds, word families and interjections. Students need to discuss story structure and provide details with text evidence. Students will also work on their conclusion paragraphs.

## MATH

In Math, students are learning about Fractions and Decimals. They will work on finding the greatest common factor to simplify fractions and convert fractions to decimals. Students use the least common multiple for adding and subtracting fractions. As we towards spring break students will be working measurement.

## SCIENCE

In science students will obtain and combine information about the structures and functions of technologies used to study stars.

Students will also collect, analyze, and interpret data to construct an explanation of why the sun appears larger and brighter than other stars. We will be studying the Sun and Star Brightness.







# 4TH AND 5TH LOA

MS. ADAIR

## This month

In both 4th and 5th grade we have been working on fractions in math. We have been finding least common multiples, greatest common denominators, and greatest common factors to help us add, subtract fractions with unlike denominators and with like denominators. We are now starting to get into measurement and geometry, while reviewing multiplying and dividing fractions. In both grades we working on expository writing to inform the audience with new information about a text.

## this month

In reading we are reading informational texts and using our text evidence to support our writing. Lastly, in science we have been working on landforms and how they change. We have also been discussing natural resources and how can we use more of our natural resources.



## Weekly reminders

Remember to practice multiplication facts every day

Please practice reading for 15-30 min each day

Always go back to check grades for missing assignments.



# LOA Middle School



## 6th Grade

Math–Geometry: Area and Perimeter; Algebra: Equations, Functions and Inequalities

ELA– Personal Best Unit: Author's Purpose and Point of View, Theme, Media, Poetry

Science– Physical Science: States of Matter; Heat Transfer

Social Studies– Ancient Rome



## 7th Grade

Math–Geometry: 3D Shapes, Cross Sections, Area, Circumference

ELA– Moment of Truth Unit: Central Idea, Informational Text Elements, Point of View

Science– Physical Science: Potential and Kinetic Energy

Social Studies– World War II



## 8th Grade

Math–Geometry: Volume; Similar Figures, Congruence, Transformations

ELA– Hear Me Out Unit: Claims & Arguments, Technical Language, Point of View

Science– Chemistry: Periodic Table, Chemical Reactions

Social Studies– Cold War





A word from  
your librarian,  
Mrs. Schneider

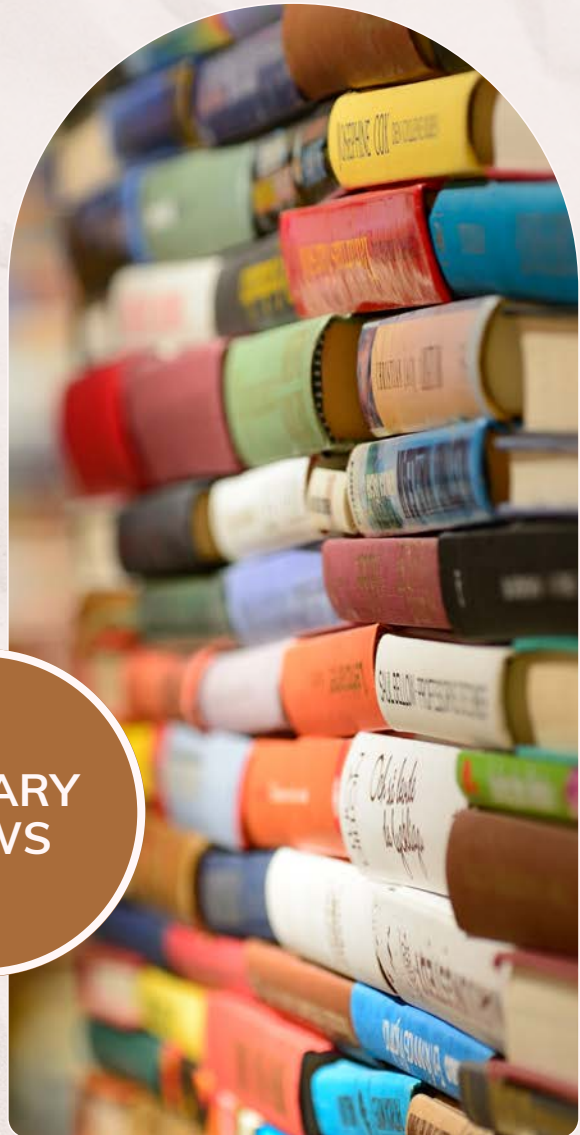
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# Hi!

## THE RESULTS ARE IN!

EFGA families are the BEST!  
This year, with an astonishing combined total of over \$23K in sales at our book fairs, you have helped us earn over \$11K in funds for our school library! These funds will go towards new book, necessary materials and supplies. I can't thank you enough for helping to make our library the best version it can be!

### LIBRARY NEWS



*A list of all new books will be available for parental review in accordance with state law.*

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## OVERDUE/LOST BOOKS

As the end of the school year approaches, overdue notices will be sent home with students. Any books not returned by Spring Break will be marked as lost and will need to be paid for in the front office. In certain situations, replacements will be accepted. (Please contact the library for details.) Any student with unresolved fines will have restrictions placed on their library account. Those restrictions will remain in place until the books are returned or the fines paid.

Please contact Mrs. Schneider with any questions.  
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# HEALTH AND WELLNESS CORNER

**WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK, IT CAN BE HARD TO KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR THE RIGHT LEVEL OF CARE. SHOULD YOU SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR PEDIATRICIAN? OR DO YOU NEED TO GO TO AN URGENT CARE OR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT? VIRTUAL URGENT CARE VISITS ARE ANOTHER OPTION TO CONSIDER. CHECK OUT THESE GUIDELINES BELOW AND LEARN MORE AT [HTTPS://WWW.CHILDRENSOMAHA.ORG/DEPARTMENT/URGENT-CARE-EMERGENCY-MEDICINE/](https://www.childrensomaha.org/departments/urgent-care-emergency-medicine/)**

## GO TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FOR:

- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Blue or purple lips, skin or fingernails
- Chest or stomach pain or pressure
- Seizures
- Animal, snake or human bites
- Severe bleeding or burns
- Head, spinal cord or eye injuries
- Infants under 2 months of age with a fever
- Signs of allergic reaction, such as hives; swelling of the face, lips, eyes or tongue; fainting or trouble breathing
- Uncontrolled pain



## SEE THE PEDIATRICIAN FOR:

- Ear pain
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Fever in children over 1 year
- Sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Eye drainage
- Fussy baby



## GO TO URGENT CARE FOR:

- Minor illness or injury
- Fractures or broken bones that are not crooked and do not cause severe pain
- Worsening fever in infants ages 2 months to 1 year
- Sprains or minor pains
- Minor burns
- Minor asthma
- Small cuts



## SET UP A VIRTUAL CARE VISIT FOR:

- Congestion or cough without respiratory distress
- Dehydration
- Eyelid swelling or pimple
- Fever for a child older than 3 months
- Insect bite
- Itching
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Pink eye





# MARCH 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
27	28	1	2	3
6	7	8 EARLY RELEASE AT 12:30P.M.	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21 FAMILY GAME NIGHT AT 5P.M.	22	23	24
27	28	29 EARLY RELEASE AT 12:30P.M.	30	31