

## Leopard Prints

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February is the shortest month of the year, yet it is full of many events: Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, and Black History Month. At Linda Vista, we strive to tie all of these National Events together with a focus on Kindness.

Kindness, a term we often use, but rarely think about. Defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate; showing goodwill, affection, warmth, gentleness, tenderness, concern and care for one another. Kindness is something we share.



We support our kids when they demonstrate kindness and love for one another on Valentine's Day. However, it is only one day; let's encourage our kids to spread that kindness every day of this month, but all months.

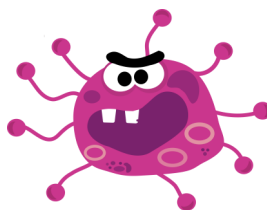
Our kindness can go so far, it can bridge a gap between friends, it can bring warmth to the heart of a stranger, and it can heal a society that is struggling.

As we step into this loving month, let us remember the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., **"The time is always right to do what is right."** Let's let kindness be what is right at Linda Vista.

### NEWS FROM ATTENDANCE/HEALTH OFFICE

Attention 6th grade parents; Outdoor Science Camp is approaching and I am still anxiously awaiting all medicine request forms to be turned in. The deadline for these forms is March 9, 2020. In addition, proof of Tdap is required to enroll for 7th grade. Bring in your yellow card or immunization print out so your student will be first in line when electives for middle school are determined.

You all are aware; the flu has hit Linda Vista vigorously. Please keep in mind the following reminders; students must be fever free as well as vomit free for 24 hours. If your student requires cough drops, please check those in at the health office and Mrs. Michelle will administer them to your student. Any other cold medicines will require a medication form to be signed by your physician. Wash your hands and stay healthy.



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## TK STEAM PROJECT

Our little TK students began theyear to eat them! with a STEAM project using marshmallows and pretzel sticks. They linked the pretzels together by pushing gently into the marshmallows to build shapes/structures. The little builders were very engaged and excited with this engineering activity. They had so much fun knowing that at the end, they got



*The scientist describes what is; the engineer creates what never was.*

### 1ST GRADE NEWS

First graders have had a busy and exciting time in December. We “traveled” to many countries to see how others celebrate the holidays and traditions they have with their families. We enjoyed singing holiday songs to our parents and other students in the school.

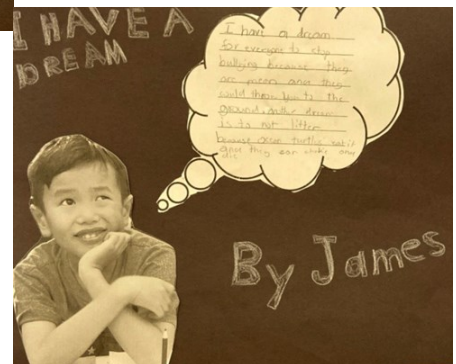
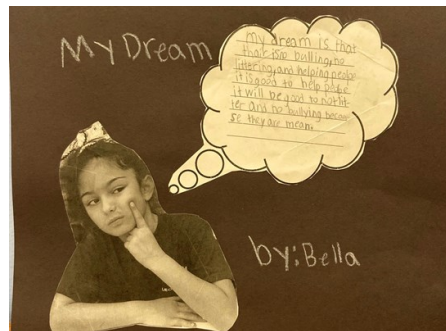
In Language Arts we have been learning about changes over time. We are learning different spellings for long vowels (a, e, , o u). We continue to practice using capitals at the beginning of sentences and punctuation at the end of sentences.

In math, we learned about graphing and telling time the hour and half hour. We are currently practicing our Addition facts to.

With February approaching, we are looking forward to celebrating the 100th day of school, Valentine’s Day and learning facts about our Presidents.

### DREAM BIG!

2nd grade is off to a great start this New Year! We have been spending time reflecting on personal growth through our New Year’s Resolution writing. We also learned all about Martin Luther King Jr. and all the wonderful things he did to make a difference in our world. We wrote about our own dreams for the world and created beautiful photo projects. It was so fun to see all the amazing ways our 2nd graders plan on making a difference. Come on by 2nd grade to check out our photos and to see how we love to dream big!



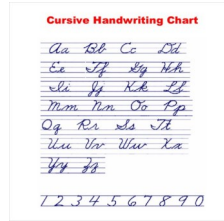
## 3RD GRADE NEWS

Third graders are enjoying a busy and productive start to the new year! We continue to explore the different types of writing, learning how to use dialogue, and including descriptive language in a variety of sentence patterns. While our math lessons include recognizing and comparing fractions, we continue demonstrating mastery of multiplication facts on weekly tests, which will culminate in an exciting multiplication sundae party.

In cursive, we have moved on to learning the uppercase letter formations. We are excited to write fully in cursive soon!

During December, we enjoyed learning about different countries and their holiday traditions. We are currently learning about our city's history, including the founders and how the city got its name.

We look forward to our new science adoption materials being ready so we can explore science concepts. We are proud of our effort and academic achievements!



## LOST & FOUND

Please make sure to check the lost & found cart on a regular basis for any missing items that your student may have. Items left on the cart after 3 PM on the Friday, February 28th will be donated to charity.

Just a reminder, the cart will be donated the last attendance day of every school month.



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Learning is fun in Kindergarten! We are expanding our center rotations to twice a week and they have quickly become one of the highlights of our week. Learning centers allow students to work in small groups and rotate through different exciting and educational stations. Centers include letter-of-the-week art, writing center, a variety of learning games, teacher center, and much more. Centers give students a chance to work in small groups and collaborate with their peers. Parent volunteers make these centers possible, and we are truly grateful!

Next up in centers will be easel painting and iPads. We love centers!



## FREE EDUCATION

Section 5 of Article IX of the State of California Constitution guarantees students a "free public education."

The State Supreme Court concluded in the 1984 case of *Hartzell v. Connell*, "that all educational activities carried on by public school districts, extracurricular as well as curricular, must be without cost to the students who participate in such activities." This same ruling found that "mandatory fees for participating in such extra-curricular activities as drama, music, and athletic competition were illegal under the State Constitution." Furthermore, they also rejected the argument that "fees could be charged so long as the district waived fees for students who were financially unable to pay." Recent proposed legislation includes reimbursement with interest for any illegally collected fees as well as a district sanction. "Donations are accepted at a classroom, school site, and district level."

