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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The saying goes, April Showers bring May Flowers. It is amazing how many showers we had in April, so we will most likely see many flowers this May. Flowers come in many shapes and sizes, have different purposes in nature, and bring us so much joy. Our kids are like flowers, they come in many shapes and sizes, they have different purposes in the world, and yes they bring us so much joy!

So far, 2020 has brought us the unexpected "shower" of remote schooling. A little remote school, like a light shower, is easy to take. The heavy rain that we are experiencing can seem overwhelming, keeping us inside and away from our normal activities. Eventually we are tired of the rain, and yes remote schooling.

But this is May! The flowers are blooming and so are our kids! They are sharing this season of change with each other in such positive ways. In fact, they are blooming!

Thank you all for the support and encouragement you are giving the Linda Vista Leopard Staff as we navigate the weather of this unprecedented season. The flowers will continue to bloom and so will our kids. We Are Leopards, We Have PAWS (Potential, Aspirations, Wisdom, and Spirit.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. MICHELLE

With June approaching quickly, it is time to concentrate on the 2020-2021 school year. If you have not submitted your completed immunizations or physicals for the upcoming school year, there are two ways to do so. You may scan and email them to mflansburg@orangeusd.org or mail a copy to 1200 N. Cannon St, Orange, CA 92869.

For those who do not recall if they have completed immunizations, you may email an inquiry to mflansburg@orangeusd.org. All students MUST have completed immunizations and physical verification turned into the office before the first day of school (Aug.19 2020). Any other questions can be answered by calling the school office at (714) 997-6201 and we will return your call as quickly as possible.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Linda Vista Staff misses all of you!
- Immunizations are due prior to the first day of school



4TH GRADE MS. CORNWELL'S CLASS

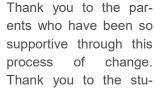
We are continuing to grow and acquire new skills through

this exciting online learning experience. Students are learning many technology skills including: Zoom, Facetime, emailing, typing, printing, scanning, saving documents, creating Google docs,

making videos, attaching and sending pictures and videos, and how to use the many apps on the OUSD dashboard.

The students really enjoyed PE with Coach Joel on Zoom.

The PowerSchool App is also working well for them, as they go on each morning to see their assignments for the day and check their inbox for messages.



dents who have been taking a proactive role in their own success and advancement.

I asked the students, "What do you like most about being home? They replied, "Family Time' "Hot Lunch" "Tik Tok" "My Scooter" "Roblox" "baking cookies with my mom" "Going in the pool" "Games on laptop" "eating whenever I want" "My dog" and "Sleeping in". I then asked them, "What do you miss most about school?" They responded with, "PE" "Lunch" "Friends" "My teacher" Reading" "Everyone" "Recess" "Art" "Music" "Ms. Cornwell's stories" and "Library". All things considered, I think we are all doing AMAZING. Stay Safe!



MRS. WALKER'S CLASS

We have been movin' and groovin' in 4th grade as the kids are getting into the rhythm of this new Distant Learning way of life. Attending Zoom meetings, watching math videos, and completing their assigned

work is not all that they've been up to. Last month we had "Your Future Career- Dress Up Day". I met our future scientists, teachers, engineers, sushi chefs, bakers, video game creators, and inventors, just to name a few. I must say, the future looks bright. Thank you again to the parents of these great kids for helping your student to continue on their path of learning and not stopping them in their tracks when the school building closed. Remember...what if...they are AHEAD



Lorelai Doll Sushi Chef



Alicia McCullough
Teacher



Olivia Shields Scientist



Peyton Bonham
SWAT Officer

3RD GRADE

Mrs. Papac/Mrs. Jones

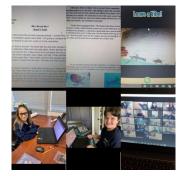


Our 3rd graders have been doing an awesome job at distance learning! They check the google classroom for their assignments daily, and work hard to submit those assignments on time. We meet several times a week over the computer so we can learn new things, and have some chit-chat time. We recently finished up a math unit on telling time and we submitted our Who Would Win Animal report by presenting the report in Flipgrid. An exciting addition to our learning has been Mrs. McCausland's weekly story time and PE with Coach Joel. We are so proud of our 3rd graders!!!

Mrs. Grant

Third graders have been very busy these past few weeks. We continue to work hard with our online learning, adding PE twice a week with Coach Joel, story time with Mrs. McCausland, and having fun with Kahoot Fridays.

For two weeks, students worked on researching two different animals and comparing them to see Who Would Win? Students researched the ani-



mals size, diet, habitat, and special feature. Taking their research, they went on to write multiple paragraphs and record a short video on Flipgrid. They ALL did an AMAZING job!

Transitional Kindergarten - Mrs. Lee

During the last couple of months, distance learning has been very successful in my class. My students are displaying their work and proving that they are resilient during this difficult time.

> As their academic needs are being met with Seesaw activities, I am also very focused on their social and emotional welfare. Children

need to feel happy and safe during this

time of uncertainty and their self-care is of the utmost importance. There-fore, I would like to

FILT AND highlight my students' "happy moments" as they learn to cope with our current situation.





2ND GRADE

Mrs Feliz and Mrs Carlson's 2nd grade class showing Linda Vista Pride wearing their Spirit shirts, while online learning. So proud of Linda Vista Leopards!



I am so proud and honored to work with my students and their wonderful families. Mγ students have been so strong and determined to continue their learning at home!

Our class has been strengthening their reading and writing skills, moving on and wrapping up their second grade math lessons, social studies, and having fun with Art and Science! It has been great getting to see everyone for PE and library time. We are even starting to show our Linda Vista school Spirit from home! Keep up the great work Leopards! You all Stay healthy and rock! safe! I miss you all!

Ms. Morrissey













6TH GRADE

MS. WARD

MRS. DION

March and April have been a learning experi-

ence for all of us. At first we were all a little nervous, but now we are getting the hang of it. It has been wonderful to see my students faces every day through Zoom and hear their interesting stories.



Coach Joel has been doing a wonderful job teaching Physical Education. Thank goodness for technology.

As we come to May, unfortunately we will continue with remote learning. Please take this time to appreciate all the wonderful things and people in your life and stay safe and healthy.

I would like to thank Mrs. Dion's class for adjust-

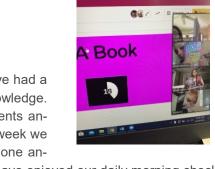
ing so well to a new teacher and digital learning! Thank you for being so flexible and understanding. We have been meeting every day for math and have now been participating in PE with Coach Joel and VAPA. I see the effort

you are putting in on your everyday work and truly appreciate how dedicated you are. Keep up the great work!

- Ms. Macias

5TH GRADE MRS. VELLA

The online learning format has kept us very busy! We have had a fun time finding new and creative ways to express our knowledge. On of our class favorites has been Padlet where all students answer and respond to a post on an interactive board. This week we will be checking out Flipgrid and sharing our talents with one an-





other through a short video. We have enjoyed our daily morning checkins and have fun with each other especially on Fun Fridays with virtual scavenger hunts, or sharing of our pets! We love when we have story

time with Mrs. McCausland and PE with Coach Joel. VAPA has kept us busy as well! We are continuing our 5th grade curriculum at a much slower pace and are looking forward to all the learning that will take place in May!



MRS. PEAL

Springs arrival sure has produced more than flowers this year. We have quickly learned how to be online students and I think we are all getting the hang of it. We are successfully a 5th grade Google classroom with documents, padlets, zooming, and submitting all being familiar vocabulary. Zoom PE and library have added to our activities. We have mastered the Wonders dashboard, and digital math assignments, all while filing in some time with iReady lessons and a good book for Reading Counts. Our overall biggest frustration is we are missing each other and the fun times we have together. So in the spirit of Earth Day we hope to see a healthier world around us zoom.

KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten students enjoyed learning all about Earth
Day and the importance of keeping our planet healthy
by reducing, reusing, and recycling. They were then challenged to make something new by reusing something in their homes. Their creativity was impres-

sive and everyone had a great time!



1ST GRADE MRS. NOLTE & MRS. URBANIAK



We are so PROUD of our first graders! They are working hard getting their work completed and turned in. It has been nice being able to see their faces during our weekly Meet Ups.

We have been lucky to have visitors on our class Meet Ups. The students have been excited to have Mrs. McCausland join us once a week to read us a story. We are lucky that she takes the time to connect with our first graders. Coach Joel has been coaching the first graders twice a week. The students have been doing exercises to help keep their hearts healthy. We have even had parents join in on the classes. The students really enjoy this time with him. Mrs. Kelley popped in for a visit as well.

In Language Arts and Social Studies, the first graders have been exposed to many different topics.

First, we have been busy learning about Earth Day. Through stories and videos the students learned about different ways to protect the Earth. The students, then, shared four things they can do to help take care of the Earth.

Next, the students spent a week learning about "What We Can See in the Sky?" They learned how day and night happens and compared the two. We also watched a video showing the dif-

ferent phases of the moon.

Then, we learned about "What Inventions Do You Know About?" Students were exposed to Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell and Tomotaka Takahashi and their inventions. The students then researched an inventor and what he/she invented.

Last we learned about "What Sounds Do You Hear? How are they made?" Students listened to sounds and had to identify what was making the sound. They learned about how all sounds have two things in common: pitch and volume.

Reading Counts: We are pleased to see that many first graders continue to take Reading Counts tests to strengthen their reading comprehension skill.

In Math, our First graders have been working with numbers to 120. They have learned about 1 more, 1 less, 10 more, 10 less using a 120 chart. They are comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to. Students have been continuing to practice their math skills using iReady, XtraMath and Prodigy.

As we move forward with this new way of learning, our students and parents continue to show patience and effort in making this experience successful. They are truly amazing!





NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Drop Off

I am sure everyone has finished their Library Books by now and I hope you enjoyed them. Now it's time to bring them back. Each Tuesday from 9:30-11:30, there will be a "Book Drop Off" box in front of the school by the drive through lane. Just drop them in. We will continue to do this for the next few weeks. I will also be gathering any library books from the classrooms as well. Towards the end of May, I will send home print outs of what is still missing. This is for Library Books only. I will keep you posted for when text books and instruments will be turned in. Look for this in June.

Reading Counts

Our Reading Program is still in full swing. In fact it should be

easier than ever to read and earn your points this trimester. You can read from your home collections. The District has free on line books of all levels in Overdrive and Sora, and be sure to look on Epic as well. Quizzes can be taken from home Monday-Friday 8:00 -4:00. If the book is not a quiz, no



problem. Write a book report and send it by email to Imccaus@orangeusd.org. The last day of Reading Counts is May 29.

From My Home to Yours

I really enjoy being able to share story time with all of you. It is fun seeing you, meeting your pets and being able to read to you even while some of you are still cozy in bed. And don't forget that I'm now a YouTuber. Watch new stories every week. You can find me at Storytime With Mrs. McCausland.



Proud to be in Mrs. Grant's 3rd grade class!