

Leopard Prints

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Did you know September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month? It is the ninth month and has nine letters. Just a fun fact about September.

Each year in September, as school goes into full swing, we all settle into our school schedules, routines, and learning practices. This year is no different, except we are doing it all online. Our online learning is not only keeping us safe and healthy during the world wide pandemic, it is helping us refine our technology skills, something everyone will need in the future.

As we move through the 30 days of September, we look forward to the possibility of moving to onsite learning for those who are ready. At Linda Vista, we are preparing the school for this exciting possibility. Our school has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. We have personal protective equipment (PPE) for our staff and we have created schedules that provide a safe environment for all. We are ready for the arrival of our students!

We are now waiting for the “go ahead” from the Governor of California. When that exciting news arrives not only will we celebrate, we will share more information about how we will keep the students and staff of Linda Vista safe.

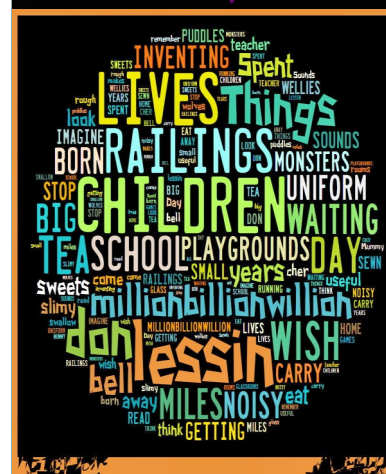
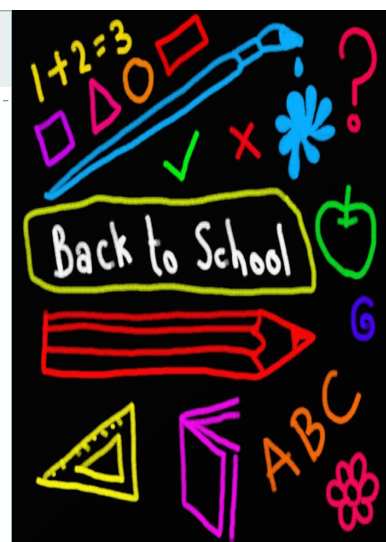
If you would like more information regarding official California Guidance for the Opening of Schools, please visit

<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-schools.pdf>

Working together, we will demonstrate that: We Are Leopards, and We Have PAWS! (Potential, Aspirations, Wisdom, and Spirit)

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Hello and welcome back. We want to start by thanking all the families that have completed their data confirmation and turned in their signed emergency cards. For those who have not, we need both items completed ASAP. As we gear up for reopening, please remember if your student is on medication that will need to be administered during school hours, we need a request for medication form completed by your physician along with the medication in its original container. If you have any questions, please call the office at (714) 997-6201.



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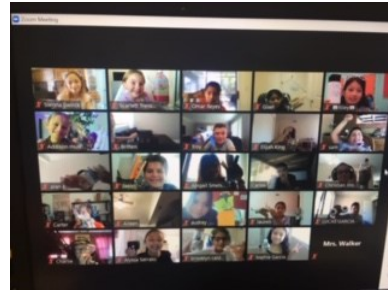
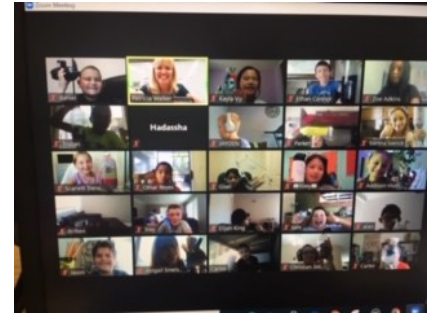
- Data Confirmation is due ASAP
- Medication Forms Due
- Emergency Cards are due
- Over The Counter Medication Forms are due

4TH GRADE—MRS. WALKER

We are off to a virtual great start in 4th grade! We have been busy getting to know each other and learning about one another. Students are also carefully and purposefully being taught the proper procedures of finding assignments and completing them, as well as my expectations of them, in order to get them off to a great start.

Organization of their materials and communication with their parents and myself are key, and the students are learning just that. Developing good habits as an upper grader and students is very important, and I believe they are up for the challenge! So, here we go...upward and onward

to a great school year!



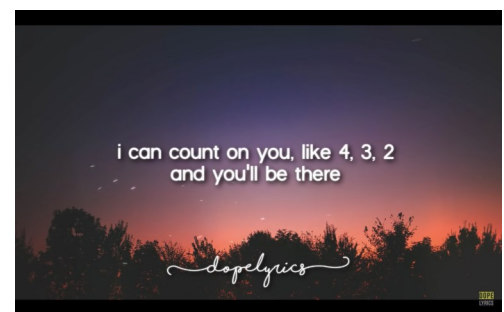
3RD GRADE—MS. CORNWELL

Wow, what an amazing beginning to the school year we had on August 19th at Linda Vista. 3rd graders and teachers would like to thank our parents and guardians for their great support during this time of transition into remote learning. Technology is always a challenge, but we met the challenge and overcame many difficulties. We are now smoothly enjoying our time together in our virtual classroom.

We have been busy getting to know each other and learning about one another. Developing good habits and organizing our work has been a focus of our first few weeks. The students are currently studying American Symbols and Government in Social Studies. Science will begin with our Amplify Science unit on Balancing Forces.

Our Math studies involves using number sense: addition and subtraction, using place value to add and subtract, and addition and subtraction of whole numbers. Students have taken the concepts further by completing topics such as rounding, using number lines, and problem solving. They enjoy using whiteboards and manipulatives to reinforce concepts, as well as computer programs.

Language Arts lessons have explored fantasy and realistic fiction, and the life lessons learned by reading them. They are also studying narrative non-fiction, autobiographies, and biographies. Students work on weekly focus projects that explore grammar rules, writing genres, and various comprehension strategies.



Our class enjoys singing together “Count on Me” to end our online session each day!



TK—MRS. LEE

We are starting off a unique but awesome year in TK. I had the pleasure of meeting all my TK families on our first day of school. Everyone was very happy and excited to be here at Linda Vista. I'm so proud of all my students for showing up every day on Google Meet and participating in our lessons. I'm very fortunate to have all the parents there to help the children to log on and work through all the technical difficulties in the world of technology!

Thank you parents for all the effort and help at home. As you know, TK kiddos would not be able to learn online daily without your help. Now we have everything "somewhat" under control, TK is going full gear!

3RD GRADE—MRS. JONES/MRS. PAPAC

Our third graders are off to a great start! We spent the first few days of the school year getting to know each other and practicing important computer skills, such as click and drag, finding and turning in assignments in Google Classroom, and logging in to various websites. Now that we have that under control, we have officially started learning 3rd grade curriculum!

We are learning about what stories can teach us in Language Arts. In Math, we are learning about rounding and using mental math for addition and subtraction. In Social Studies, we discussed what it means to be a good digital citizen, and had a unit on American symbols and Branches of Government. Finally, we have started learning the lower-case letters in cursive.

We are so proud of the patience and hard work our students have shown during Distance Learning! Our days are busy and full, but our students are doing an amazing job keeping up!

KINDERGARTEN—MRS. WINSLOW

Our kindergarteners have been extraordinary! Along with racing through the alphabet these past two weeks, they have learned whole body listening and how to mute/unmute themselves. Who knew?! They begin each day with a bright smile on their faces and a willingness to try anything we throw at them. You may think kindergarten is easy, but they have already learned to spell r-e-d & o-r-a-n-g-e as well as high frequency words I & can. We have learned two patriotic songs which will start our social studies unit on American symbols. All in all, our kindergarteners are simply amazing!



6TH GR—MRS. GRANT

Sixth grade has started off the year with a different type of learning. This has been a new experience for all. With this new type of online learning, students have adapted well to being 100% online. With this new way of learning comes new challenges, such as technological difficulties, navigating online, as well as learning online expectations. Students have been doing a wonderful job joining class on time daily, turning in assignments through Savvas Math and Google Classroom as well, and being good digital citizens.

In Language Arts we have started reading a novel entitled Maroo. Maroo is a story that follows a young girl during the Ice Age. She and her family cope with harsh winters, lack of food, as well as unforeseen circumstances. This is a great way to kick off our study in Social Studies of First Civilizations. Students will be learning about Early Humans, Mesopotamian Civilization, as well as New Empires.

In Math, we just completed our first topic of Achieving Fluency Adding, Subtracting, and Multiplying Decimals. We will be moving on to topic 5 where we will be studying Division of whole numbers and decimals. We look forward to the coming months and cannot wait until we can be back to normal and learning together in class.

4TH/5TH COMBINATION CLASS-MRS. PEAL

Our class has started out well. In this first few weeks we have gotten ourselves settled into our new school routine and are beginning to make our schedule more comfortable.

We have been working on a writing project that is due Sept. 4th. It has involved writing about three activities we have enjoyed during our summer break. We added an introduction and a conclusion to our three activities. We have elaborated our writing, and reread our work many times checking our spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Some students have added an illustration to the final draft and have now sent in their "Summer Adventures" typed Google document. I look forward to reading all about class adventures with their family and friends.

Math with the new Savvas connection has added some challenges to taking our math quick checks but we keep trying to get everything resolved. We are working to learn our textbook lesson, complete the reteach/practice page, and follow with the online quiz. The 5th grade will be taking their online test this week and 4th grade next week for our Topic 1 lessons. We are all ready to work on the individualized I READY math lessons weekly goals too. Social Studies has gotten both grades familiar with regions. Both California and the continent of North America. We will be finishing our first chapter soon.

We are off to a great

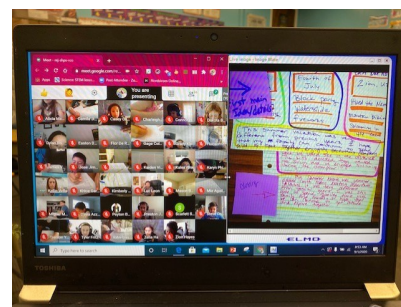


5TH GRADE—MRS. VELLA

Welcome Back!

The start of our school year has looked very different, but we have persevered through! The 5th graders have definitely put their technology skills to great use. Every day, we are learning new strategies to help us navigate our online curriculum. I am so proud of them!!

We have begun our personal writing narrative by starting with a 'brain dump' of the activities we did over summer break, organized our ideas into a color coded tree map, and then created an outline of our rough draft. We spent time revising our draft, looking for ways to elaborate and expand on our ideas, and students began typing their final copies using a Google Doc. We started reading our first novel of the year, Earthquake Terror. Fifth graders are excited as they follow along with a hard copy of their own. We continuously discuss reading comprehension strategies such as character conflict, plot structure, sequence of events, and figurative language.



In math, we started out the year reviewing the 4th grade skill of decimal place value. We have been practicing saying and writing the decimals, comparing them, and finding patterns. Fifth graders have also been practicing math concepts using the online iReady math program.

Social studies has kept us busy reviewing mapping skills, directions, and regions of North America. Students are getting the hang of navigating our Google Classroom and becoming very familiar with all the tools on their OUSD Dashboard. We are looking forward to an exciting school year!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Welcome back in a whole new way. Each week I will be popping into your child’s classroom to share a story, talk about authors and writing styles, upcoming new releases and much more. I am also adding more stories to my YouTube channel, so be sure to check it out at “Storytime with Mrs. McCausland”.

Reading Counts Is up and running!! Congratulations to those students who have already begun earning points for 1st trimester.

I know it’s a challenge to get books to read since our library is not open yet, but there are many options out there. Our district has online books on Sora/Overdrive that can be checked out using the students’ ID number. Epic is another site that also offers online books. Get the site code from your teacher. Public libraries now have curbside pickup. Go to their site and reserve a few. Book reports have become a great way to earn Reading Counts points if the book does not have a quiz. This opens endless opportunities to read books you have at home that are at your reading level and write a short report. Then email it to me at lmccaus@orangeusd.org I will read them, assign a point value, and send them back to the student and to the teacher. Your teacher can give you more info on the length and expectations of the reports. It’s easy and it has been fun for me to see what the kids are reading. Remember: When searching for a quiz, try looking under the author’s last name and the title, dropping The or A from the title. Some are tricky to find.

Virtual Book Fair is Coming Sept. 14-Sept.26



We all love the book fair and though it won’t be quite the same as being here and touching all the “fun stuff”, Scholastic is offering a Book Fair online. You can add some new titles to your bookshelves and the library will earn 25% of all sales to help our library grow too. Shipping to your home is free for sales over \$25.00. More information will be coming but you can get a sneak peek next week by going to Scholastic’s book fair web site and find our fair under Linda Vista. Be sure and click the correct Linda Vista, as there are five. Shopping will begin on Sept. 14th. Hurray for BOOKS!

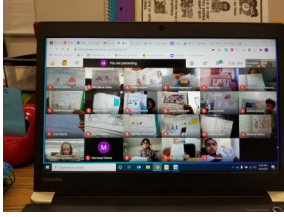
2ND GRADE—MRS. FELIZ/MRS. CARLSON/ MRS. K

This year in Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Felis, an Mrs. K’s 2nd grade class, we have been working on kind acts. We read the book Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler and learned how to think about and perform knnds acts at home with our families. We have been shar- ing our ideas daily and placing hearts listing each act on our class bulletin board. It has been exciting to hear about kind acts and

watch out bulletin board fill up. We will continue to help spread kindness in our school commu- nity and at home.



2ND GRADE—MRS. MORRISSEY



We are learning so many new skills in second grade! We have learned to log in, complete our assignments, and turn in our work. Our class is also working hard with showing Whole Body Listening as we learn together online. I am so proud of my class!

Our second graders are developing their writing skills. We have been brain storming our ideas using thinking maps, writing, and drawing detailed pictures to match what we wrote. In math we have reviewed addition and subtraction equations.

We care and have been active “Bucket Fillers”! Each day we try to “fill someone's bucket”. By making someone else’s day brighter we can fill our own bucket as well. It feels good to be kind!



Second grade is off to a great start and we are looking forward to a great school year!

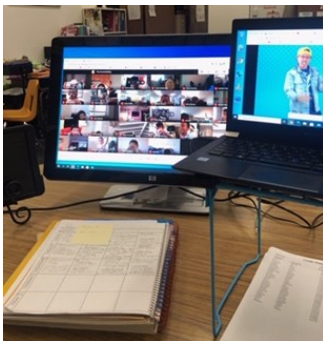
1ST GRADE NEWS

It was so nice to meet our new First graders for the 2020-2021 school year.

We have been working on routines which include learning to mute and unmute at appropriate times, using hand signals, and digital learning etiquette.

We have started the year off with reviewing basic skills such as alphabet letters/sounds, building short vowel words and much more through our Wonders series.

The students have been working on relationships with five and ten on a ten frame.



We were very excited to have our first library time with Mrs. McCausland on September 2nd.



We are looking forward to a great year with this new group of students.

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