



# LEOPARD PRINTS

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's OCTOBER! Time for the weather to begin cooling (we hope), and time for Parent-Teacher Conferences. This year is just like any other, our Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the first full week of October.

Your Parent-Teacher conference is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, share your child's strengths, and possibly their needs. This is the perfect time to work with the teacher; making a plan of action that will help your child do well in school.

This year our conferences will take on a new twist, meaning via our virtual learning platform. The teachers will schedule a time for you to meet virtually and have that all-important conversation.



Though in Southern California we really don't expect the weather to cool in October, we do expect to see all families at our important meetings.

Thank you for helping us make this a great school year for your child, whether they are attending on-site or online.

Always remember that, We Are Leopards, and We Have PAWS! Potential, Aspirations, Wisdom, and Spirit!

## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

As we are all getting in the rhythm of phase two, we have a few reminders. Please self-check your children before school. This includes temperature checks, asking your child how they feel ie: body aches, extreme tiredness and do they have a cough? If for any reason you are in doubt, please call them in sick and keep them home. The absent line number is (714) 997-5480.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- OUSD will be distributing free breakfasts and lunches until December 31, 2020. Whether you are attending school in person or hybrid, you are eligible for this service. For those that are virtual, free lunches will be available on Wednesdays from 12:00pm-1:00pm.. You will receive 5 days of frozen lunches.



## 3RD GRADE

Third graders have been working hard over the past month on their classwork routines online. We are now efficiently enjoying our time together in our virtual classroom, and some of us will soon be meeting in person.



We have been busy getting to know each other on Google Meets through the chat and through the morning activities. We have an amazing group of students with diverse backgrounds and interests. The students are currently studying Government in Social Studies. What a great time to be focusing on this, as this is an election year! Science has started with our Amplify Science unit on Blancing Forces. The online resources, including videos, are excellent to work with.



Our math studies continue with addition and subtraction of whole numbers. Students are learning more and more about place value and rounding. Whiteboards and manipulatives help reinforce concepts, along with computer programs.

We are using the Wonders curriculum for Language Arts lessons. Students work on weekly writing projects that explore grammar rules, writing genres, and various comprehension strategies.



Our classes enjoy singing together and exercising.



## TK NEWS

Coming back to school on September 28th was very challenging. The morning started out with anxious students waiting to meet their teacher and friends in class. I was fortunate to have helpers to help out throughout the day. I'm very grateful to the at-home learning students and parents for their patience and grace as we navigate through this new Phase 2 learning. I'm very happy and proud to see most of my in-person learning students are able to log in with little assistance and being able to follow along with the rest of the on-line students. I'm happy to see everyone is trying and doing their best during this challenging phase. Even though we are little TKers, we have perseverance.

## KINDERGARTEN

Our Kindergarteners are 30 days smarter!



Although school looks and feels different this year, our students are learning what it means to be a kindergartener. Both at home and in the classroom, we are seeing children excelling in navigating our "new normal." Children are finding new ways to be social as making friends is still their number one priority. Whether that means, chatting online during recess or "catching the rainbow" to physically distance on the playground. Children always find a way to connect.

With the help of their fabulous parents, our children are learning that one of the most important traits in Kindergarten, as in life, is flexibility. This year, students are on the fast track to becoming independent.

## 1ST GRADE

We had our second supply pick-up for online students, as we prepare for the return of students on campus. Since some students will now be on campus, we will be working on routines to help the kiddos learn how to be safe at school by social distancing. We will also work on classroom expectations such as using hand signals and following classroom rules.



We have been learning first grade skills such as punctuation and the different types of sentences. We continue to work on building short vowel words and much more through our Wonders series.

$$1 + 2 = 3$$

The students have just finished our unit on addition. We will begin our unit about understanding subtraction.

We have enjoyed having Mrs. McCausland reading to our class each week.

Our class is looking forward to beginning PE with Coach Joel the week of September 28th.





# October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 First day of school 4th, 5th & 6th	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		----- Parent/Teacher Conferences -----				
11	12	13	14 Mid find Wednesday	15 DUSC Board Mtg	16	17
18	19	20	21 Mid find Wednesday	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Mid find Wednesday	29	30	31

notes

**Modified Wednesday Schedule**

TK & K — 8:15am-12:10pm

1st-3rd — 8:00am-12:00pm

4th-6th — 8:00am-12:50pm

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Schedule**

TK & K — 8:15am-1:40pm

1st-3rd — 8:00am-1:50pm

4th-6th — 8:00am-2:00pm