

Leopard Prints

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Leopard Families: Thank you so much for your patience as the Linda Vista Staff navigates this Remote Teaching adventure. None of us ever expected to be in the situation where our students were learning school curriculum at home. Many of us have never experienced online learning for ourselves, so supporting this adventure is new.

With each day that passes, I see what my teachers are doing to support your children. They are pushing out of their comfort zones, trying apps, websites, and devices they have never used. They are learning as they go, just like you and your children.

Not all teachers teach the same way, on-campus or remotely. Our primary teachers are finding this adventure especially difficult. The primary grades are where our teachers focus on socialization strategies, best learning practices, and foundational skills. All of which are more difficult without the personal interaction a classroom brings.

Our upper grade teachers know that students have those skills, so their role is teaching them to apply the skills and then increase their academic knowledge. Which is a difficult task as our 4th-6th grade students are still developing their maturity.

The teachers are here for you and your children. They are online and available from 8 to 3 Monday thru Friday. They are trying to find ways to interact with your children beyond the platform they are using. Our librarian is working to bring story time to our remote learning platforms, so that they will continue to develop their love of books.

We also are bringing Reading Counts to your home. Please encourage your child to read! Reading Counts tests let you and your child know how well they understand what they just read. Don't worry if a book is not on the test list, your child is welcome to do a book report to share their knowledge as well.

I again want to share a few tips that educators have found to be helpful during the school day. First, have a plan for the day. A schedule of when to do things is so important to success for students. Let them know that after math they get a break, or at 11:30 we eat lunch. It is the unknown unstructured time that can leave them anxious and sometimes challenging. Second, have the students listen before they attempt work. The teachers have included videos and recordings in the math and language arts plans. If the kids are not taking the time to listen first, then they may not understand the expectation. The work is not like homework where they have already had instruction. Third, but probably most important, don't have a power struggle with them. If they are not doing their work, then they should not get a reward. At school, the students work for extra rewards. Ask the teacher what rewards work best in the classroom if you need ideas.

We are all unsure about what is going to happen next. Having a calm approach to this stressful situation will be the best thing you can do for you and your child. Give your child an extra hug for me.

Most Sincerely, Gigi Kelley Principal, Linda Vista



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2ND GRADE

Our class is having so much fun learning about science through nature walks. We love seeing our students' siblings joining in on the fun too! Remote learning can be such an adventure!

Mrs. Feliz & Mrs. Carlson



Our class is doing some great work with their online instruction! Awesome job class! It looks like you are having fun with your learning at home. Keep up the great work! I miss you all! Stay safe and healthy!

Ms. Morrissey



4TH GRADE



We are moving forward in 4th grade during this new adventure in learning. Our kids are learning how to ZOOM as we video conference the lessons for the day and discuss questions. They are finding all of their lessons on our Google Classroom page where lessons are posted each morning.

I am so proud of them for their hard work and perseverance! Thank you to the families who have been so patient and have walked this journey along with their child to make things seem as "normal" as they possibly can. To quote one of my students, Dylan Rodriguez, who shared this quote by the priest who was in charge of the mission researched..."Always Forward". We can do this!

Mrs. Walker

Glad to see my students working on all of their assignments at home and on the internet. Students can find their assignments on the PowerSchool App on the OUSD dashboard. First, click on our class name and then click on the different subjects to see your daily assignments. Please check your inbox each morning for messages from me! To do this, log into the app and click on inbox.

Ms. Cornwell



6TH GRADE



Students checking their google classroom. We've been working on language arts, math, and AVID one pagers. The students seem to be adapting to this new way of learning.



Ms. Bulux's class is currently using google classroom and I'm available to support on google classroom, via email and/or video chat.



5TH GRADE

Our class is using Zoom every morning to connect with their teacher and are able to ask questions and interact with their classmates.



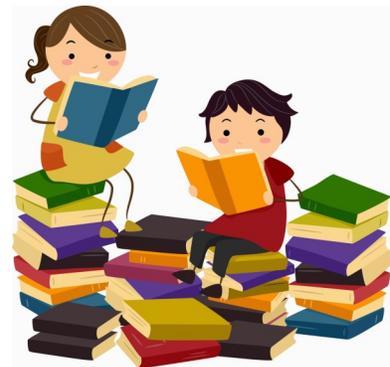
Peyton from Mrs. Peal's class is on zoom doing math assignments with his friends Ayden Esparza, Christian

Rodriguez and Jason Thornton. He gets up and heads straight to class every morning.

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

First , I would like to thank everyone for coming to our Spring Book Fair and making it a great success. It was perfect timing to stock up on some fun books to keep you busy while we are all at home for awhile. A big thank you to my volunteers who helped make it possible. From set up to take down and all the shifts in between, I couldn't have done it without you.

Many of you have been asking about Reading Counts. Keep on READING! Reading is a great way to pass the day. It's been decided that the students can take the quizzes from home. They can quiz from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday. This is the District's time frame. It will be fun to see what everyone is reading.



I also want to share a few sites and ideas that your families might enjoy. Scholastic has on line activities for all ages, and Storyline is a site where SAG actors read books and include animations and activities. Both sites are free. Kids love Mad Libs. These are a fun way to practice grammar; filling in nouns, verbs and adjectives, to create wacky stories. You can find these on line also. They are guaranteed to give the whole family a good laugh.

3RD GRADE

Mrs. Grant's 3rd graders have been busy completing their schoolwork using Wonders, Pearson, and Google Classroom.

Some have even done at home Science experiments, art, and even PE. We are all doing an amazing job with this new type of learning.



Mrs. Papa-c's class using class dojo and google classroom.



Ethan and Jessie recording their "Spring Rain" poem in SeeSaw

1ST GRADE

of remote learning.

We want to start by saying how much we are missing our First graders. It has been hard not seeing their smiling faces. During this difficult time, we have had to make many adjustments to our daily learning. This is new to all of us. We hope our First graders have been enjoying this new adventure

Here are the digital platforms first graders are being exposed to: **SeeSaw:** This is a digital portfolio where students can take pictures, draw, type and record to show their learning. This is new to our classes this year. However, our First graders are like sponges and able to pick up how to use the different tools throughout the app quickly. It has been fun seeing the videos and recordings they are submitting.

Connect Ed.: Students have been using this to take weekly and unit tests since October. As we've moved into this digital way of learning we have added new tasks. The Students have been completing these tasks by listening and reading our weekly stories, learning our weekly skills and playing games to reinforce these skills.



Pearson: As a grade level, we have used this to watch our daily math openers that go with each lesson. Now the students have been learning to navigate and watch these videos on their own. They are then following up with a quick check for understanding.



As we, the teachers, are learning this new way of remote teaching, we are looking forward to connecting with our students through video chats. We are so proud of the progress the students (and their parents) are making navigating through this new way of learning. We appreciate the patience our parents have had during this time.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

Our TK students, with the support from their parents, are working very hard daily with the Remote Learning from home. I'm amazed to see that they are incorporating technologies and hands-on activities throughout their learning. I'm so proud of my students for adjusting to this new situation and seeing how happy they are by their smiles. Thank you parents for your in-home support and keep up the awesome work. I miss you all and please stay safe!



building a castle with cups.



KINDERGARTEN



“Valentina Jaimes is working on her letter of the week remote style. So great to see that her big smile and attitude has not wavered at home!”



One of Mrs. Bramel's kinders, Harvey, is enjoying exploring kindergarten online.

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Hello Linda Vista families! As we all adjust to our new routines, we would like to remind everyone that fresh air and laughter are two great stress relievers. A simple walk around the block or great comedy on TV can change the mood in any house.

School breakfasts and lunches are still being distributed for students only. The locations are:

Cambridge Elementary, Esplanade Elementary, Handy Elementary, Lampson Elementary, Taft Elementary, Portola Middle School, El Modena High School and Orange High School.

Breakfast hours are 8-10 am and lunch hours are 10-12 pm.

In addition, they have school bus grab and go lunches at the corner of Bristol and Memory Lane served from 10-12 pm.

Nutritional service provided us with the following statement.

“During these tough economic times, many families in our community face decreasing in

come, layoffs or change in living circumstances. Nutrition Services wants to help. If your family's financial situation has changed since school started and you are not currently on the meal program...please apply.”

To apply, simply go on to the Orangeusd.org website. Locate Nutritional Service and fill out the form.

