

Leopard Paws

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We've made it! We are fast approaching the end of this school year. A school year that none of us has ever experienced before. We have all had to adapt the way we live our lives, go to work or school, and share experiences.

The end of the school year activities are just one experience that we are having to change. Our classroom celebrations and good-byes will be done virtually. Class items will be returned through a drive-thru schedule, and we will all need to continue social distancing.



Though our approach to school is changing, its mission remains the same, to educate our children to be good citizens and access knowledge in that pursuit. To access knowledge, our students need to know the basics of mathematics and reading and be able to apply those skills. All of which has been more difficult during these changing times.

As we end this year, I would like to remind you of the resources OUSD has made available for you and your child.

Whether accessed during the summer or school year, use this link or go to the OUSD website and click on Remote Learning to find these resources.

<https://www.orangeusd.org/departments/educational-services/k-12-curriculum-gate/remoteteed-resources-parents>

At Linda Vista we strive to support your children and encourage them to grow their love of learning. This learning does not have to take place in the classroom or at the school, learning happens when we explore our interests, try new things, and stretch with opportunity. Let's keep learning and growing together as a family of Leopards.

We are Leopards, We Have PAWS (Potential, Aspirations, Wisdom, and Spirit)

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

We have made it to the end of the year. Give yourself a pat on the back. We just wanted to thank all of you who submitted your enrollment forms and immunization verification electronically. If you have yet to submit these, please do so before our summer break, which (for the office) starts 6/19/2020.

Have a restful and safe summer and remember to wash your hands.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Please make sure to read the **June Schedule** that is on page 3 of this newsletter.
- Weekly Sunday message will explain in detail how to retrieve your belongs.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to our 6th graders. You are now Middle School students!
- The ENTIRE Linda Vista staff would like to wish everyone a safe and fun summer. See you next year!

4TH GRADE NEWS—MS. CORNWELL



Our class is moving forward with our online learning program on PowerSchool as almost Fifth Graders! My students researched, wrote, and created more than I ever thought possible

from home. In my opinion, they are rock stars who did what they could with the circumstances they were given.

Please SAVE THE DATE! **Wednesday, June 10th** is the day for fourth graders to drop off any textbooks that the students have before summer break. Parents will drive through the front of the school to place the books on a table and we will be passing out your student belongings from their desks in a bag with some of their schoolwork.

Books that need to be returned on June 10th:

Hardcover Math Book, Hardcover Reading books (one big Reading book and one small Reading book), The Horn Spoon (small chapter book), Systems (small Science reader—not the workbook)

The last day of school for students is Thursday, June 11th. I would like to thank the parents again for all they have done to help the students and to make this a smooth transition for them. We crossed this finish line together.



3RD GRADE—MRS. PAPAC/MRS. JONES

Our 3rd graders have been busy finishing the third grade curriculum, and continue to do amazing work while we are remote learning. Our students worked hard writing their imaginative narrative, and then presented the story in Flipgrid. It was great to see classmates reply with positive and encouraging video comments to the authors! For language arts, we read the book *Charlotte's Web*. The students enjoyed discussing this timeless book about loyalty and friendship. We have finished our math book, and have reviewed the topics again so we are ready for 4th grade. We watched Mystery Science and Amplify Science videos to learn about our science concepts. Finally, we enjoyed choosing Scholastic News articles to learn and expand our knowledge of worldly concepts. We will finish out our school year with a short unit on Earth's Landforms, will attend a virtual field trip to a state park in Santa Cruz to learn more about the Monarch Butterflies, and will use math skills to complete a realistic Menu Math activity. We are so proud of these 3rd graders and all they have accomplished!

5TH GRADE NEWS—MRS. VELLA

We have become so proficient with our new normal of online learning! To conclude our social studies unit on the 13 Colonies, students were given the task to conduct a mini-research project and choose which colony they would settle in with their families. They were asked to research the weather, geographical features, jobs, industries, and historical people from their selected colony. Students then chose the platform in which to present their information selecting from Google Slides, Google Doc, or Flipgrid. The presentations were fantastic and showcased their historical knowledge and individuality!

The kids were sure fired up as we played an interactive game simulating how the Colonists felt as they were being ridiculously taxed by the British. Fifth graders were better able to understand the causes that led to the American Revolution and the reasons why the Colonists declared their independence from England.

The learning hasn't stopped there! We have been multiplying and dividing mixed numbers, a 5th grade skill that is challenging enough in the classroom. These students have made it look easy as they tackle this task from home!

As we wrap up this school year, we have been staying engaged and having fun with virtual field trips to the CA State Railroad Museum, the International Space Station, and even a trip to Linda Vista to visit our classroom and staff members.

Thank you to my parents for your continued support and for making your child's education a top priority. I hope you all have a relaxing summer break. Stay safe and healthy!

Congratulations to the 6th grade class of 2020! Sending you all virtual hugs!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



The birds and the bees and the turtles and giraffes...Kindergarten has been busy learning about a variety of animals this last month through Brainpop, Mystery Science, Scholastic News and Discovery Education. Even though we haven't had hands on experiments as a class, we have learned how to categorize a variety of animals, and we have delved into the habitats, eating habits and attributes of birds, bees, turtles, and giraffes. We have also enjoyed doing some awesome directed drawings and art projects that we have been able to share at our Friday class meetings. Even remotely, our kids continue to love learning!



2ND GRADE—MS. MORRISSEY

I wanted to share that my awesome class surprised me with a drive by to see me during Teacher Appreciation Week and it was a memory that I will always cherish! It was so good to see my students after so many weeks apart. Thank you to all of you who were a part of that sweet surprise. It truly meant the world to me!

We are wrapping up the school year and I am so proud of my second graders! Everyone has been working hard and turning in some great work! A special thanks to my families who have worked so hard to keep our students learning through this experience! I am grateful for all of you. Summer is close so let's enjoy our last few weeks of school together!



JUNE SCHEDULE

6/5/20 9am-12pm Kindergarteners will be returning their Wonders Books, their Buddy letter and picking up their personal items.

6/8/20 9am-12pm 1st—3rd graders will be returning any textbooks and library books they may have found and picking up their personal items.

6/9/20 9am-12pm 6th graders will be returning any textbooks, library books that they may have found, and their musical instruments and picking up their personal items.

6/10/20 9am-12pm 4th & 5th graders will be returning any textbooks, library books they may have found, and 5th graders will be returning their musical instruments. They will be picking up their personal items.

This will all be done in the drive through lane of the school. Please be patient, as these will be busy days. A phone message, along with an email, will be sent home with further explanations.

2ND GRADE—

MRS. FELIZ/ MRS. CARLSON

Our class is having so much fun wrapping up the school year with review of all the skills we have learned in 2nd grade. It is amazing to see how much we



have accomplished! We are ready and excited for all the adventures 3rd grade will bring next year.

6TH GRADE

MS. WARD

Wow! May just flew by and now we are already in June. The 6th graders have been doing wonderfully online. Fridays we have open chat, and many students come on just to chat and see their classmates. Coach Joel continues to do PE and Mrs. McCausland joins us for library and updates on the caterpillars. We finished the last Topic in our math, YAHOOOOO!, so on to step up to 7th grade. These lessons will prepare the students for their upcoming year. As June approaches, we are looking forward to our virtual promotion. This is new for everyone and will be a learning experience. We would like to thank our 6th graders for being awesome during our remote learning. It made the transition so much easier. Have a wonderful summer, and don't forget to come back and visit.



6TH GRADE

MRS. DION (MS. MACIAS)

Mrs. Dion's class has been doing so well adjusting to all the new platforms we have been using. We are nearing the end of our math lessons and I have really enjoyed meeting with them everyday to answer any questions or concerns they may have. I truly appreciate the communication and hard work they have put into their learning every day! Keep up the great work and finish strong, you are so close to finishing elementary school!

Ms. Macias

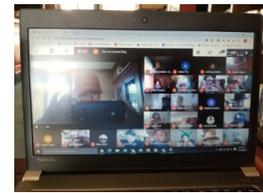


3RD GRADE—MRS. GRANT

Third graders continue to strive and excel through remote learning. Currently we are reviewing all math skills from the year and have been very busy with our novel study on Charlotte's Web. We are learning new vocabulary words, reading two chapters a day, and completing writing assignments. Students have really enjoyed reading this story and learning about loyalty among friends.

Students also worked on an imaginative narrative story. We talked about creating different characters, settings, giving a problem and solution. We had stories that had super hero unicorns, talking animals, and even haunted houses. The kids did an amazing job and ended their writing project by sharing a drawing of their story on Flipgrid.

We are ending these last few weeks of school, by counting down from A-Z until summer. Each day we are doing something fun and different to say goodbye to third grade. We have shared a favorite joke, favorite drawing, cooking recipe, luau day, hat day, green day, and even international day to name a few. It has been fun seeing the kids share and get so excited.



Let's Celebrate our final days of school together!			
A Animal Day bring a pet, stuffed animal, or dress up as one! Wednesday, May 6	B Baby picture day bring your baby picture to your baby picture Google meeting Thursday, May 7	C Cooking Day share a recipe of something you cooked Friday, May 8	D Drawing day share something you drew or teach someone to draw something Monday, May 11
E Excursion day pick your favorite movie to watch and do it with a family member! Tuesday, May 12	F Family outfit day. Wear a family outfit to our Google meeting Wednesday, May 13	G Green day wear green today and eat it up for a healthy week! Thursday, May 14	H Hat day wear your favorite hat to our Google meeting today Friday, May 15
I International day wear something as perfect as your respect for our culture! Monday, May 18	J Joke day share your best joke with your class and a family member today! Tuesday, May 19	K Kindness day do an act of kindness for someone at home! Wednesday, May 20	L Love day wear a tie, a flower, or a hat, or use a flower to look like you love! Thursday, May 21
No School! Monday, May 25	N Nails cartoon day draw up to your recent nails! Tuesday, May 26	O Outspoken day draw up to what you speak to the most! Wednesday, May 27	P Pajama day wear your pajamas all day! Thursday, May 28
		Q Quiet day wear an outfit as you can today. What color combination will you choose? Friday, May 29	

TK - MRS. LEE

In March, our learning at school was interrupted due to coronavirus. As a result, teachers, parents, and students had to adjust to this new "normal" of learning from home.

Now that we are in our last month of distance learning, I can verify that we are resilient and flexible as we carry out the common task at hand, which is teaching our children. I have broadened my knowledge of technology in using Seesaw, Zoom, and Google Meet to cater my teaching to the students. Parents have also adapted to being teachers and being our substitutes in the home.

I was very amazed as to how my students were very adaptable to the new changes. They were very responsive to the new schedule of learning from home. My students enjoy library time with Mrs. McCausland every Wednesday and were able to show and tell about their toys. Then on Thursdays, they have fun doing PE with Coach Joel. We also review letter of the week, having kids talk about the circle map of the four pictures that they drew for that weekly letter as well.



In short, we all learned a lot during this time. I've learned that parents are our true partnership in this world of education, where their support is invaluable in the lives of the children. We are all in it together for the betterment of our future generation. I couldn't have done it without the help of my wonderful parents and for that, I am grateful to them.



FIRST GRADE NEWS

Our Firsties continue to **IMPRESS** us with their increasing technology skills and the growth they have made during these past few months.

The first graders continue to be exposed to many different topics during our time of distance learning.

The students spend a week learning about “How Weather Can Affect Us?” They learned about how weather changes. They have also learned how a Meteorologist reports and predicts the weather. In fact, they have become Meteorologists themselves by reporting and predicting the daily weather.

Coming up we will be talking and learning about traditions and the traditions our own families have.

In Math, our First graders have been working on Geometry. They have learned about plane shapes and solid figures. Students have been introduced to flat surfaces, sides, and vertices. It has been fun seeing their creativity using shapes to make other shapes and objects. They continue to practice their math skills using iReady, XtraMath and Prodigy.

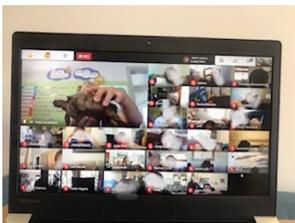
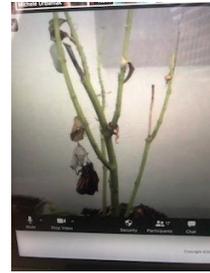
First graders continue to take Reading Counts tests to strengthen their reading comprehension skill.

Mrs. McCausland makes a weekly appearance into our First Grade Meet Ups to read stories to the first graders.

She has been teaching the students about the life cycle of a butterfly by giving live weekly updates on the development of the caterpillars she has brought into her home. The kids have been able to see the tiny caterpillars eating the milkweed plants, the caterpillar making the “J” shape and even saw a video of the pupa wiggling out of its skin before it creates its chrysalis.

We continue to exercise our hearts with Coach Joel two times a week. The students have been doing a great job participating.

As we continue with remote learning, we are amazed at the hard work and “technology” confidence building our students and parents have shown. We are lucky to be working with them all!



4TH GRADE—MRS. WALKER

We are heading into the home stretch of this distant learning adventure and what a wild ride it has been. I am very proud of many of my students and families who met this challenge head on and rose to the occasion. Looking ahead, Wednesday, June 10th is 4th grade’s scheduled day for students to pick up their items from school between the hours of 9:00-12:00.

This month the kids had several STEAM Challenges. They were given tasks of creating something out of everyday objects. We have seen creations/inventions from a plastic water bottle, a toilet paper roll, and a paper plate. The pictures show their latest challenge...what can you create from a paper plate?



As I look back at the last few months, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to see my students in a way that would not



have been possible with our traditional schooling. I have met their family members during our “Bring a Family Member to Class Day”, I’ve met their precious animals, I’ve seen the outside and inside of their homes during our “Share Whatever You Want Day”, I’ve seen projects that they have been working on with their families, like their new garden and their new back patio deck, I have learned about their musical tastes as we move and groove in 4th grade, in short...I have seen them in a whole new light, and it has been **WONDERFUL!** We have had quite the journey and I am so glad we were on this journey together.



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Unbelievably we are at the end of our school year and what a year it has been. Thank you to all who have been to the Storytime with Mrs. McCausland on YouTube. As I have told the students, I never thought that I would be a YouTuber! I hope you have enjoyed them, and I will continue adding a few during the summer, so stay tuned.

Library Book Return

3rd trimester has been filled with change, but some things do stay the same. All library books were due last week and letters have been sent home listing what all students have missing. Please check every nook and cranny for the missing books. I have checked-in everything from the class rooms and have double checked the bookshelves in the library. Please bring all books or money to replace the missing books to school on your assigned drive through day. Thank you!

Summer Fun and Reading

All of the public libraries are having online library activities to keep your reading skills sharp. Be sure and check it out. The Science Discovery Cube has added more fun and exciting adventures for all ages to explore.

Have a great summer!

5TH GRADE—MRS PEAL

Mrs. Peal's class has done a great job at getting together daily at 11:00 AM to have our online classroom meeting. We have all missed each other a lot. I can say we have all learned so much about computer learning. However, the class vote agrees that being at school is better. We have really liked having Coach Joel and Mrs. McCausland join us too. We are feeling confident that we learned about fractions and have spent lots of time working on our personal skills with the iReady Math program.

Language Arts has had us read some very interesting stories these past few weeks. We have had lots of different opportunities and ways to respond to cause and effect, author's point of view, and lots of thinking about comparing.

In Social Studies we wrote about the ideal colony we would have settled in and the type of job we would possibly have had. Now the King's Tax Collector is charging us, the American colonists, taxes for the colonies debt for the French and Indian War. It will cause great hardship for some, and we will voice our opinion while we prepare for our eventual fight for self rule. We will also begin thinking about the future writing and signing of the Declaration of Independence. It has been a challenging trimester, and like our American colonists, we have worked hard to make the most of this new challenge.

We hope for continued good health to all our classmates and their families. We hope for a good summer break and look forward to our return in August. Social distance hugs to you all.
