# **Linda Vista Elementary**

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# 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.

#### **4TH GRADE**

We are moving along in 4th grade. We are very proud of our student's patience and perseverance as we push forward during our online learning adventure. Thank you to the families as well for helping their student(s) at home. It truly takes a village.

The kids are working hard on learning how to navigate to different sites to find their assignments and turn them in correctly. They are also continuing to learn our expectations of them as a new 4th grader. The students have been busy in language arts learning and being exposed to different types of genres. We have read a fairy tale, realistic fiction, and several expository tests, with many more types of genres to come. They have worked hard on mastering new vocabulary, sequencing stories, writing summaries, and much more.

During the month of September in math, students learned that multiplication facts are a "must know" in order to make future lessons easier for them. Through-

out the year, we will be revisiting different multiplication strategies and lessons that center around multiplication. However, in October, we take a little break and students will be learning more about place value and how to read and write numbers with up to six digits, addition and subtraction of whole numbers, and then we get back into multiplication with multiplying by one and two digit numbers.

In social studies last month, the kids worked in groups to become experts at one of California's four regions. We had the Desert, Coastal, Mountain, and Central Valley Expert Groups. Each group created a slide show of information and pictures of their region to present to their classmates. I was extremely impressed with their attention to the task, their creativity, and knowledge they gained about their region. Pictures of their work are shown here. Next, we will be learning about the California Indian tribes.

#### **5TH GRADE**

Fifth graders have been diligent workers, participating in class and getting assignments turned in online. We appreciate the parent help in also getting hard copy work turned in during collection days. We have been excited to hear VAPA had started, even with a temporary setback as they will be providing support to other campuses during Phase 2.

Coach Joel is back! We are so fortunate to have him prep and organize our PE program.

Mrs. McCausland has kept library time very exciting with a read aloud class novel. Familiar faces and voices make school more interesting. We look forward to having students return to campus early Octo-

#### **6TH GRADE**

We are so excited and look forward to seeing those students who will be returning to campus. Sixth graders have been doing an outstanding job with their online learning. Students finished a novel study on Maroo and the Winter Caves and we currently have dove deep into our Wonders series in language arts. Students have been learning about finding the main idea and key details in a story. Reading different genres form narrative nonfiction, expository texts, to realistic fiction. We are working on different lis-

In math, students finished topic 5 where they learned about division of whole numbers and decimals. Students currently are learning about dividing and multiplying fractions. In social studies, we finished our first unit about early civilizations. In a few weeks, we will be moving on and learning about Ancient Egypt.

tening activities while reading, to help prepare for the future SBAC tests.

Students were very excited to start VAPA a few weeks ago. Students are currently attending VAPA twice a week virtually. Students are either studying band, orchestra, general music, or theater. I know they are very eager to be able to come back and enjoy VAPA in person. Each week for library, we are reading a novel about the California Wildfires with Mrs. McCausland. We are also looking forward to starting PE with Coach Joel in October as well.

#### 2nd GRADE

We are off to an amazing start of the year. So far we have accomplished so much in such a short amount of time. We have learned how to navigate the many different programs, and take amazing brain breaks with Go Noodle. Wow! Mrs. Morrissey, Mrs. Carlson, and Mrs. K are so proud of our kiddos! Exciting things to look forward to in the coming weeks are PE, Art Masters, and Fun Friday online classroom events. We are having fun and enjoying the kids.

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### **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 stu-



dents 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. White-boards 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.

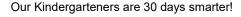
Our classes enjoy singing together and exercising.



#### 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





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 class-room rules.

We have been learning first grade skills such as punctuation and the different types of sentences. We continue

1 + 2 = 3

to work on building short vowel words

and much more through our Wonders series.

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.





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#### Modified Wednesday Schedule

YK & K-4:15am-12:10pm 1st-3rd--8:00am-12:20pm 4th-6th-9:00am-12:50pm

Monday,Tuesday,Thursday, Friday Schedule
TK & K— 8:15em-1:40pm
1st-3rd— 8:00am-1:50pm
4th-6th— 8:00am-2:00pm