

# Leopard Prints

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This school year has provided us with many challenges, from beginning the school year on a virtual platform, making a decision regarding whether students should come back to onsite instruction or stay virtual, and making sure the internet connection could accommodate everyone no matter where the instruction took place.

Regardless of where your child is when receiving instruction this school year, one thing all students have in common is the amount of time on the computer. Our kids are experiencing something none of us did as children, large amounts of screen time. The question we now ask is what is too much screen time?

According to the Center for Mental Wellness, there are signs that tell us when a child has had too much screen time. According to CMW, "We as a society are becoming increasingly aware of the potential dangers of too much screen time. For all of the good that technology has to offer, there are certainly many drawbacks." You may want to ask yourself, is my child regularly overstimulated? Are there physical signs, such as tired eyes? Do they respond better to the "screen" than to people? Do they react poorly if the screen is not available? For the entire article from the Center for Mental Wellness, please visit <https://socialmentalwellness.com/child-counseling/too-much-screen-time/>.

Though at this time we are focused on the health and safety of our world in this time of Covid, let us not forget the health and safety of our children and their future. When not at school, consider activities that do not require the computer screen.

## HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

Just a reminder that if you have a sick student, they can always join their classroom virtually. When choosing this option, please call the office and let us know. We will notify the teacher and adjust attendance to reflect this.

Attention all TK, K, 1st and 6th grade parents; if you have received notification that your child is missing either physicals, dental forms or updated immunizations, please have these completed as soon as possible. All of these forms are mandatory for current enrollment. Sixth grade parents, your student will not be able to register for 7th grade without a current Tdap immunization on file.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- End of 1st Trimester—11/13
- Thanksgiving Break 11/23-11/27





## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our kindergarteners are 50 days smarter!



We have been learning about Fall and what makes this season so exciting. Our students discovered the scientific reasons of how and why leaves change color when the weather starts to get colder. They participated in a fun hands-on activity of crayon rubbings of tree leaves where they were able to take a closer look to observe the characteristics of leaves from their own neighborhood.

We then moved on to bugs, bugs, bugs. Big and small bugs. Jumpy leapy bugs and slimy crawly creepy bugs. Brightly colored winged bugs and stripey swipty sting bugs. Well, you get the idea! We found out that all these bugs are important to our ecosystem and were slowly able to differentiate between arachnids and creepy crawlers.

Now we are focused on nocturnal animals. You know, the ones that make this year extra creepy!

## 3RD GRADE NEWS

Our first trimester has been flying by! Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with us at parent/teacher conferences. It is so encouraging to be able to work together to make this a successful year for all.

With the buzz of the election all around, we've been able to talk about how people make government work. This topic has been covered not only in our social studies time, but also during language arts. We've been able to have discussions on working together to solve problems and important qualities that we should look for in our country's leaders.

In math, we are learning about the concepts of multiplication and becoming familiar with those facts. In Science, we are continuing to learn more about balancing forces while squeezing in some time for some holiday activities and Scholastic News. We will also begin learning about Native American Culture together.

## TK NEWS

It's that time of year where leaves are changing colors and pumpkins are all around us. In our TK class, students are having fun with the pumpkin unit of study. However, this year with Phase 2 learning in progress, we had to modify our lesson. Instead of having a science experiment set up as a center, it was taught as a whole group with virtual and in-school students. We did an investigation with the little, class pumpkin. We began by drawing a picture of our pumpkin. Then we measured the height of the pumpkin, counted how many lines it has, and how many seeds were inside. Students were asked prior to the counting of the seeds to estimate about how many seeds they predict were inside the pumpkin. The estimated guess was about 20 to 25 seeds. As you can imagine, they were amazed when they discovered that the actual amount of seeds inside the pumpkin were 159.

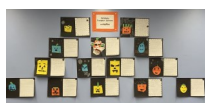
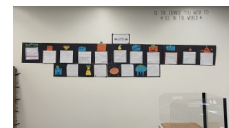


We proceeded with the experiment by putting our hypothesis to the test to see whether the pumpkin would sink or float in the water. Again, the children were astounded to see the pumpkin floating on the water, thus predicting it would have sunk given its weight.

The lesson was extended to learning about the parts of a pumpkin and its lifecycle. We also read books and sang songs about pumpkins throughout the week. In short, the students had a "pumpkin" old time with this topic and learned so much, while having fun, as a result.

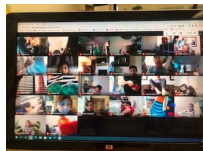
## 2nd GRADE NEWS

Second grade has been busy rolling into October and learning new things. In Science, we learned why pumpkins are orange and why they grow in the fall. A spooktacular time was had by all creating pumpkins after reading Spookley the Square Pumpkin. Students then demonstrated their creativity by writing about their pumpkins. Fun Fridays allow the students to be creative and have fun with directed drawing art lessons.



## 1ST GRADE NEWS

We have had students in class for the past five weeks. Students are continuing to gain an understanding of the expected behavior for First Grade. We have introduced the Zones of Regulation to help students regulate their emotions.



We began a new Unit of Study in Language Arts. We are learning about "What makes a Community", which includes jobs, buildings, communities in nature, helping in our communities and finding our way.

The skills we have been focusing on are story elements, inflectional endings with \_ed and \_ing, contractions, and singular and plural nouns. We continue to work on building short vowel words and much more through our Wonders series.

The students have just finished our unit on subtraction. We will begin Topic 4: Adding and Subtracting numbers to 12.

This last week of October was our Red Ribbon Week. We will be teaching the first graders how to make good choices to keep their bodies healthy.



## 4TH GRADE NEWS

The first trimester will soon be in the past on November 13th, and the students are doing a fantastic job of acquiring the necessary 4th grade skills. Their first report card will be coming home soon. I encourage families to view the AERIES grade report that is sent to your email bi-weekly with your student, and discuss with your student what they are doing well, and what they need to improve upon. This is also a good time to ensure all assignments have been turned in by your student. Students are also encouraged to check their grades during the school day. This is a good habit to start early in their education.

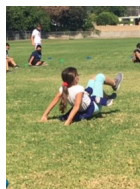
Hip-Hop-Hooray for P.E.!!! The kids are super excited on Mondays and Thursdays for our P.E. days with Coach Joel. He does a great job of creating fun games for the kids to play while keeping them physically distanced. Your PTA donation goes towards paying for Coach Joel, so if you can, please join our PTA, and keep our amazing programs going!

We have been busy in math with place value, adding and subtracting large numbers, and we will soon move on to multiplication. Students will be exposed to different ways of multiplying two digit by one-digit numbers and must be able to solve problems by using the different strategies taught. Students have also been working on iReady to strengthen their math skills.



In social studies, students are working hard learning all about California Indians. Students are working on different projects to help cement their knowledge of the tribes.

We wish you and your families a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.



## 5TH GRADE NEWS

Fifth grade has been working hard to finish out Trimester 1. We concluded our Unit 1 social studies by creating a personal narrative newspaper. The front page shared personal experiences from the perspective of a journalist by visiting different Native American tribes throughout the students chosen region. We will continue to divide with 2-digit divisors and practice iReady daily for foundational support of math skills. We enjoyed being creative with our spooky stories and have lots of good writers amongst us! To add to the holiday fun, we liked learning about the history of candy and became engineers by creating and designing our own candy catapults. Stay happy, healthy, and safe! Enjoy the Thanksgiving Break with your families.

## PTA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

PTA is asking for your support. Your membership directly funds integral programs at Linda Vista, including P.E., Art Masters, Science on the Go, Imagination Machine, Walk Through programs, and much more. Your donation is tax-deductible, and a receipt will be provided. Any amount is welcome!

Please visit <https://jointotem.com/ca/orange/linda-vista-clementary-pta/join/register> to become a PTA member. You can also make a donation, or donate/become a member via PayPal: [lindavistapta@yahoo.com](mailto:lindavistapta@yahoo.com)

The students of Linda Vista appreciate your help!

## 6TH GRADE NEWS

October flew by in a blink of an eye. We started the month with virtual parent teacher conferences, which was definitely a new experience for us all. It was great getting to talk and meet the sixth grade parents. In Social Studies we began chapter two which explores Ancient Egypt and the Civilization of Kush. During this time we will be learning about different pharaohs, ancient temples, as well as learning about how Egyptians communicated, traded, and constructed Egypt.



In math, we finished topic 7 which was learning about dividing fractions. We are currently on topic 1, which is learning about variables and expressions. This includes the funny acronym **P**lease **E**xcuse **M**y **D**ear **A**unt **S**ally to help remember Order of Operations.

Language Arts we finished our week long unit assessment on topic 1. We also worked on a personal narrative about

the students' years in elementary school. We reflected back on each grade level and it was fun to remember all the good times they had in each grade level. We are now moving on to unit 2 where we will be exploring ancient Mesopotamia, Democracy, Ancient Worlds, Cultural Legacies, as well as Listening to the Past. We look forward to November where we will be starting Trimester 2.

## FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION

The State of California guarantees students a “free public education”, according to Section 5 of Article IX of the State Constitution.

All educational activities are offered to our students free of charge or fee. You may however, donate to your child’s classroom and/or school to help enhance the educational program.

At Linda Vista we do not have mandatory fees for participating in activities during the school day. At times teachers will request a donation to help defray the cost of a special field trip or activity. Remember this would be a donation and is in no way required.

We do offer approved special after school programs sponsored by outside sources. These after school opportunities may require parent payment as they are not school provided and are offered after school.

We at Linda Vista know you want your child to have the best learning experiences possible. Thank you for your donations of time and talents as well.

**Linda Vista Staff would like to wish all our families a  
Happy Thanksgiving.**

