

LEOPARD PRINTS

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have begun the new trimester with its chance for more learning and growing academically. The Linda Vista students, whether participating in on-site or on-line instructions, are showing growth. We use a variety of assessments to determine what our students know, from iReady for math to other online diagnostics for other subjects.

The question asked by many still remains, do students demonstrate learning loss due to the interruption of "traditional schooling"? Students all over the country did not participate in state testing, which is how our nation tracks student growth.

The plan going forward for this year is to reinstate our SBAC testing so that we can officially determine how much learning loss has occurred. Right now is our chance to focus on learning, to participate as much as possible, and to let our children develop as independent learners.

When our students do participate in SBAC testing, they will be doing it independently. Teachers will read instructions, but no assistance from teachers or parents is allowed. Remember parents, you have already done the elementary school work, now it is your child's turn.

So as we jump into trimester two, please remind your child to participate fully, attend daily, work hard, and shine in school; all of which can be done online or on-site.

Never forget, We Are Leopards and We Have PAWS.

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Linda Vista families. As cold, flu and allergy season approach, please remember to keep your student home when they are not feeling well. This is best for not only your child but for those that sit near them. If they do stay home, they can always attend school virtually. Please inform the office if this is the case.

Sixth grade parents...please check your student's immunization records. If they have already received their Tdap and you have not sent a copy to the office please do so ASAP. If your child has not had this immunization, it is mandatory for 7th grade. Our records must be up-dated in order for them to start their middle school registration. Trust me it will be here sooner than you think.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Mandatory 7th gr immunizations



6TH GRADE NEWS



Happy Thanksgiving! As we look towards December and January we are excited for this much needed break. Students have been working very hard these past several months. In sixth grade, we will be diving into our novel study of *The Egypt Game*.

We will also be taking a virtual field trip to the Valley of the Kings. Where they will explore pyramids that were built for pharaohs, tombs, as well as many different artifacts.

We will be ending the year by travel-

ing around the world and doing a virtual scavenger hunt. Students will be researching and learning about holidays in different countries.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.



3RD GRADE NEWS

The first trimester is complete and students are doing a wonderful job of acquiring the necessary 3rd grade skills. Keeping our assignments up-to-date and organized is of primary importance. Third graders enjoyed creating a "kindness" bulletin board.

We just can't seem to get enough of multiplication as our math lessons have centered on the distributive property, factors, multiplication facts, and multiplying with 3 factors. Now we are moving ahead to problem solving with multiple-step problems using known facts. Please encourage your student to access iReady and xtramath.org at home to strengthen their skills.

In social studies, we are studying Native American tribes in the United States and each student will be completing an AVID One-Pager on one tribe. We will also be learning about all different holidays around the world. Please make sure your student has ear buds for class, as they are needed for projects and testing.

Happy Holidays to you and your family! May you enjoy the blessing of this season as you share time together.



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our kindergarteners are 65 days smarter!

We have been learning about the history and traditions of Thanksgiving. In kindergarten, our focus is about putting the thanks into Thanksgiving!

December is just around the corner. We will be learning about characters and setting with the help of our favorite winter stories.

Our kindergarteners continue to amaze us day in and day out with their love of learning and resiliency.

Go Kinders!



4TH GRADE NEWS

The first trimester is in the books and the students are working hard at acquiring the necessary 4th grade skills. We encourage parents and students to login to their Aeries account through their "single sign-on" weekly to check grades and ensure all assignments have been turned in. This is a good habit to start early in their education.



We just can't seem to get enough of multiplication these days as our math lessons will be centered around this skill. 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. Looking ahead, students will be exposed to different ways of multiplying 2-digit by 2-digit numbers. Students have also been working on **iReady** to strengthen their math skills.

In social studies we will be moving towards learning about the early explorers of California, and preparing for our virtual Walk Through California Assembly. This is paid for through your PTA donations, and we thank you. In science we will be learning about the "human machine".

We would like to wish our Linda Vista families and students a Happy Holiday Season!

2ND GRADE NEWS

Second grade has finished first trimester wonderfully,. They have been working hard and are settling into their new routine. We have been focusing on gratitude this month and "Espresso"-in our gratitude for Linda Vista on our own coffee mug. The students have expressed how thankful they are for the staff, Coach Joel, and friends to name a few.



In Math, we have been working on mental math strategies for addition and subtraction, as well as mastering online test taking skills.



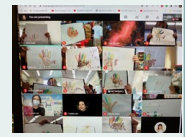
In science, we just completed an exciting STEM activity where they became a structural engineer and had to build a tower as tall as sturdy as possible with pumpkin candies. Students had to problem solve issues the shape of the candies, pressure/force of the toothpicks, and stability as they were building. Lots of fun was had by all!

We look forward to more exciting STEM activities to come and continued growing in the second trimester.



TK NEWS

Our TK class has been working very hard. We are finishing up our last week with a unit on community.



We started the unit with the people in our families about how we care about one another. We learned about responsibilities that people have as a part of the community in which we live in. We also focused on the importance of good citizenship, both in class and at home.

For November, we celebrated World Kindness Day, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving. We made thank you cards to send to our veterans.

Our TK class is thankful for our families, toys, houses, trees, and friends at school. I'm thankful for all the parents for helping their children at home during this pandemic.

In December, we will learn about holidays around the world, review letter A-I, numbers 1-10, and many fun holiday art and craft activities.

Lastly, for January we will start a



new unit called Imagine It, Make It. This unit helps TK students learn how imagination and creativity shape our world.

Happy Holidays and warm wishes to everyone!

1ST GRADE NEWS

We just finished our 1st trimester with our First Graders. It has been fun watching them grow over the past few months. We welcomed some more first graders who have transitioned from online learning to in person learning.

We continued our 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 main topic and key details, digraphs, possessive nouns, and irregular plural nouns. We continue to work on building words and much more through our Wonders series.

We have been learning and practicing writing skills such as topic sentences, transition words, and con-

clusion sentences. We are reviewing using capital letters at the beginning of sentence, punctuation at the end of a sentence, along with spacing and letter formation.

The students have just finished our unit on adding and subtracting number to 12. We will begin Topic 5: Addition Facts to 20.

With Thanksgiving approaching we have discussed about the First Thanksgiving and how we celebrate today. The students wrote about what they are thankful for. We are thankful for such hard working first graders!



5TH GRADE NEWS

We have enjoyed reading our second novel and are making progress with fifth grade ELA content standards. We are excited to finish up long division with two-digit divisors and are really looking forward to multiplying with decimals. Introduction to the X and Y coordinate grid system was a treat as we graphed many holiday characters.

Mystery Science, Science Spin, and Amplify has kept us very busy as we study about Earth and stars.

In Social Studies, we will be starting our Explorers unit and early colonization of North America.

We hope all of our students find a few great books to be reading over the break!

FREE 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.

