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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The season of change is upon Linda Vista. This school year is almost over and your children will be moving on to the next grade level, and for some a new school. These changes signal growth and new opportunity.

This summer will also bring my retirement and the opportunity for a new Principal at Linda Vista. Through these past three years, we have grown and changed together. We have weathered the challenges of a pandemic and proved to be stronger than we thought. We have adapted, changed, and above all learned what is important to us.

As Linda Vista says goodbye to this school year, we welcome the adventures that are ahead. My opportunities will be taking me closer to family and unknown adventures. Though I am leaving, I will never forget the three years I spent here as a Leopard. I know that I will always have PAWS when facing my future, and I promise I will continue to demonstrate that I have Potential, Aspirations, Wisdom, and Spirit like all of you.

I will miss your faces, smiles, and loving words. I will miss you Leopards. Thank you for the opportunity to be your Principal and become a member of this family of Leopards.

With a full heart,

Mrs. Kelley

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

As another school year winds down, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents who have cleared absences, turned in immunizations, physicals or physician medical request forms in a timely manner. Your diligence has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

Enjoy your summer. Go on adventures and explore. Safe travels and we will see you August 18th.



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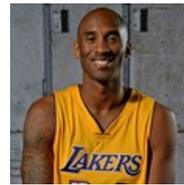
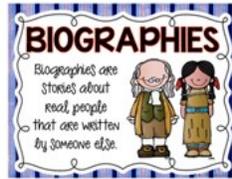
2ND GRADE NEWS

Second grade just wrapped up our Science Unit on Landforms and Earth's changing land and bodies of water. That was fun and we learned a lot on how our world is constantly changing!

Time to get back to Social Studies! We are moving on to biographies starting off with Sally Ride, the American Astronaut and Kobe Bryant the famous NBA Athlete. We will learn about some other familiar names and learn about the impacts that they have made in our world. Who would you like to learn more about?

As we wrap up the last trimester, we are calculating all our reading counts points. Our goal for the trimester was 40 points. Please take a moment to congratulate your child for making their goal and for the huge leaps they have made with their reading. We are so proud of all the hard work our

second graders have put in this trimester! Let's enjoy these last few weeks of learning together.



6TH GRADE NEWS

The past few weeks we have celebrated each day by counting down the last 26 days of school. We created a fun end of the year alphabet activity countdown to make the last few weeks of sixth grade memorable. The students have enjoyed days such as: donut tasting, movie day, Oreo tasting, artwork day, nature day, picking their own spot to sit for the day, sports day, and so much more. Thank you parents for your generous donations to help make these last 26 days fun and exciting for the students.



As we look forward, it is crazy to think that this year is coming to an end. We have been through so many changes this year but the students all did a remarkable job at still learning under these circumstances. Please be sure to continue to check your email as we approach the end of the year, including promotion announcements. Congratulations class of 2020-2021. WOW! You finally made it!

TK NEWS

Our time together this year has finally come to an end. It's sad to witness my students' departure from TK and venturing onward with their education. But upon reflection, I have seen so much growth in each and every one of them. The students are very excited to see what they can do now verse the first day in TK. Many students who weren't able to operate a computer or navigate through a program have been transformed into computer savvy personnel. Moreover, we have learned the basic skills through Big Day program and I am confident that these skills will be carried into kindergarten next year.

In addition, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the parents for stepping up during this pandemic and giving their all. Your guidance and help with your child this school year have been greatly appreciated. I wouldn't be able to do it without your assistance. Please continue to practice sight words with your child and read daily over the summer months.

Lastly, I would like to leave you with this...

We have lived, laughed, loved, learned, and enriched our lives together in TK. These memories will last a lifetime for all of us. I hope you have a wonderful, restful summer and take care.

3RD GRADE NEWS

Our 3rd graders have been busy finishing the third grade curriculum, and continue to do amazing work! Throughout the year, students have shown mastery of the different types of writing. Each class had the opportunity to dive into a novel study of Charlotte's Web. The students enjoyed discussing this timeless book about loyalty and friendship. We have successfully finished our math book, and have reviewed the topics again so we are ready for 4th grade. We've watched Mystery Science and Amplify Science videos to learn about our science concepts. Students always look forward to the twice-weekly PE classes with Coach Joel. It's great to be outside learning new games and playing with friends. During Library time, we watched the metamorphosis of the monarch butterfly while we waited to check out books. Mrs. McCausland always finds the best stories to read to us. Finally, we've enjoyed reading Scholastic News articles throughout the year to learn and expand our knowledge of worldly concepts. The end of the year brings State testing, and although it's a different test this year, we are so proud of our students for the effort they have shown in their iReady Diagnostic assessments. Nothing can stop their drive and determination to do well!

These 3rd graders have accomplished so much, even with the twists and turns of this crazy year! Thank you to our parents for their continued support and for making their child's education a top priority. We hope you all have a relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you back on campus in August!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

June is here! When we started in August, we had no idea how we were going to pull off a virtual kindergarten. We said, "It can't be done." But we did it, with your help. And then...in September, we had no idea how we were going to pull off a virtual and in-class combo. We said, "Can it be done?" Again, we all did it. Our kindergarteners may have missed field trips, assemblies, and being able to interact with the rest of the school BUT our kinders never stopped learning. In many ways, the skills they were required to learn; perseverance, independence, problem solving, and a positive mindset are much more important and will last a lifetime.



This has been a year of learning for all involved and we will NEVER forget this kindergarten class. We hope they never forget us either. Goodbye, friends!

5TH GRADE NEWS

We have finally reached the end of the 2020/2021 school year! We are proud of all the hard work and dedication our fifth graders have put forth throughout the entire year and are confident they will continue to become successful sixth graders.

During these last few weeks in social studies, we will focus on the how the Colonists gained their independence from England. We will play a taxation game using Smarties candies to represent how the Colonists were taxed on everything, resulting in the beginning of the Revolutionary War. In math, we are working on positive and negative ordered pairs and using the coordinate grid to create summertime pictures. We will conclude with looking at numerous data collections and ways to represent data taken from student created surveys. Other exciting projects will include an in-class partner state project. Students will be given a travel budget and will enjoy a fun project by selecting a state of their choice to research and travel through. Students will also create a Google Slide biography presentation of the historical character they represented during our American Revolution Walk Through. We will enjoy all of the exciting findings in a presentation to classmates.

Many thanks to our PTA for providing us with our wonderful PE Coach and for our Virtual Walk Through the Revolution program this year. We hope you all have a safe and relaxing summer break!

1ST GRADE NEWS

Our firsties continue to IMPRESS us with their increasing technology skills and the growth they have made during this year.

We have been finishing up on our Wonders Unit: Together We Can, which includes: How Can You Work Together to Make our Lives Better, Who Helps You, How Can Weather Affect Us, What Traditions Do You Know About and Why Do We Celebrate Holidays.

As we completed our Social Studies Unit about American Symbols, the students wrote an opinion writing about their favorite American Symbol.

We have just completed our Topic 14 Unit: Using Data to answer questions. We will be moving into our next unit geometry. The students will learn about plane shapes and solid figures. They will also be introduced to flat surfaces, sides, and vertices. 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 in our first grade classes 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 the school. 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.

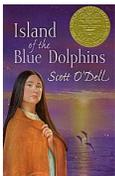


We continue to exercise our hearts with Coach Joel two times a week. The students have been doing a great job participating.

We are amazed at the hard work and “technology” confidence building our students have shown this year. We are lucky to be working with them all!

4TH GRADE NEWS

We are heading into the home stretch of the 2020-2021 school year and what a year it has been! Many students worked hard at transitioning back into the classroom environment, while some worked hard at transitioning into online learners for the year. This year was full of very different experiences that required a lot of “out of the box” thinking on the part of both students and teachers. Together we all made it work the best way we could.



There was a lot of learning going on this year. To just name a few highlights...in social studies, students learned about California history including the Missions and the California Gold Rush. In math students were introduced to two digit by two digit multiplication and long division. In science, a couple things they learned about were volcanoes and how the eye works. In reading, they were exposed to 3 novels, The BFG, The Island of the Blue Dolphins, and By the Great Horn Spoon, on



top of our regular curriculum. The novels helped to connect the kids to our units in history/social studies.

Overall, it has been great to be back in the classroom with the students. We are wishing all our families and students a wonderful “normal” summer full of adventure and laughter. Enjoy!