

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS GLOBAL ACADEMY

APRIL 2024

A Message from the Principal...

With only seven and a half weeks of school left to go we have so much to look forward to! We are going to **"KNOCK TESTING OUT OF THE PARK"** as we head into State Testing and the final benchmark assessment of the school year.

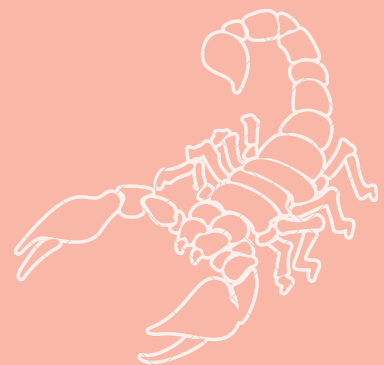
Throughout the next six weeks, students will earn **"BASEBALL BUCKS"** as incentives to **be at school** and **on time each day, show test taking strategies**, and **demonstrate S.T.I.N.G.** each day. Students will put their earned tickets into a weekly drawing for some great prizes!

To view the letter that went out about **STATE TESTING**, please click this **LINK**.

Be sure to SAVE THE DATE for May 2nd! Our Students have been working hard on their World Fair Project, in which they will present for our EFGA community on Thursday, May 2nd from 4:00pm-6:0pm. We hope to see you there!

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT MONTH SCORPIONS!

Ms. Erin Lebish
Principal



IB Learner Profile of the Month:

Thinker



As IB Learners we strive to:

- use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems.
- exercise initiative in making reasoned and ethical decisions.

CRITICAL THINKING

Gather and organize relevant information to form an argument

Identify trends and forecast possibilities

Analyze concepts
create new understandings

CREATIVE THINKING

Make unexpected or unusual connections between objects and/or ideas

Apply knowledge to generate new ideas, products, or processes

Create original works and ideas

TRANSFER SKILLS

Make connections between subject groups and disciplines

Apply knowledge and skills in unfamiliar situations

Inquire in different contexts to gain a different perspective

Combine knowledge, understanding, and skills to create products or solutions

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Check out **Estrella Foothills Global Academy's** website for information about the **International Baccalaureate Program** and what is happening in the **Middle Year's Program** here at **EFGA!**



World Fair

WHEN:

Thursday, May 2nd, 2024
at 4:00pm- 6:00pm

WHERE:

5400 W. Carver
Laveen, AZ 85339

We invite you on a spectacular journey as we spend the day full of explorations, discoveries, and fun for everyone!

WHAT and WHY:

- Celebrate EFGA's four year open and first official year as an authorized International Baccalaureate School (Middle Years Program).
- This year we will showcase the incredible academic excellence, global perspectives, and cultural diversity that define our school.
- The World Fair is a special occasion for students, parents, and the community to come together and celebrate our commitment to education!

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AASA TESTING

SAVE THE DATE!

WRITING

TUESDAY
APRIL 2ND

3RD-8TH GRADE

AZSCI

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
PART 1

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
PART 2 & 3
5TH & 8TH GRADE

READING

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
PART 1
THURSDAY, APRIL 11
PART 2

3RD-8TH GRADE

MATH

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
PART 1
THURSDAY, APRIL 17
PART 2

3RD-8TH GRADE

3RD GRADE
ORF
APRIL 12TH

WILL YOUR STUDENT BE ABSENT?

PLEASE CONTACT HOMEROOM TEACHERS TO LET THEM KNOW YOUR ABSENT DATES TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MAKEUPS.

LIBRARY NEWS

April 2024



EFGA has been selected to receive the Barbara Park Memorial Grant Literacy Grant! This program is made possible by the generosity of Mr. Richard Park in memory of his wife, author Barbara Park.

NEW BOOKS



The Librarian has been very busy adding as many new titles to the library as she can. Over 550 new books have been purchased so far! Biographies, Animals, Geography, Sports, Spanish titles, ASL, Art, New Fiction Series, Picture books and SO much more! Be on the lookout for the New Titles Parent Review Link that will be posted in May. You will be notified via Parent Square when the link is active.

All books will be due the week of April 15-19!
Please help your student find any missing books by logging in to [Destiny Discover](#) to check their account. Any books not returned will need to be paid for in the front office.



Are you interested in the...



World Fair

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We are looking for **Parents/ Families/ Guardian's** that are interested in sharing a **special cultural or global performance** at **EFGA's World Fair**.

- **Storytime**
- **Song/ Music Ensemble**
- **Short Play Performances/ Dances**
- **Crafting/ Important Arts**
- **Dress- Up/ Fashion Show**
- **AND MORE!**



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Google Form Sign Up Link (or click on Sign-Up above)

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WEEK 6 ART AT EFGA



WITH MS. WILD



Kindergarten

Maori Koru

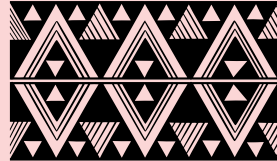


Symmetry Masks



1st Grade

Native Paper Weavings



Indian Mandalas



2nd Grade

Greek Pottery

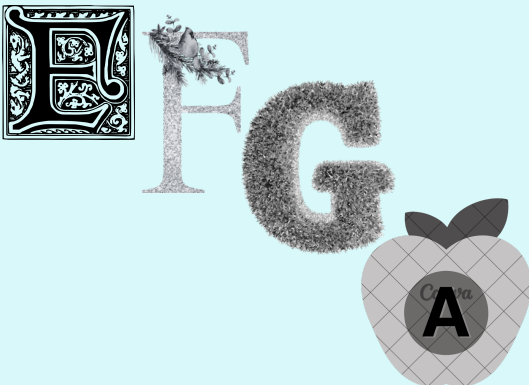


Earth Day



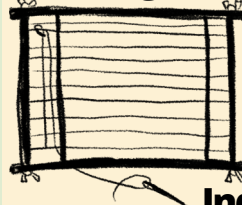
3rd Grade

Illuminated Manuscripts



4th Grade

Weaving: Loom, Weft, Warp

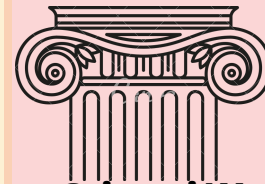


Individual Face Masks



5th Grade

Classical Orders

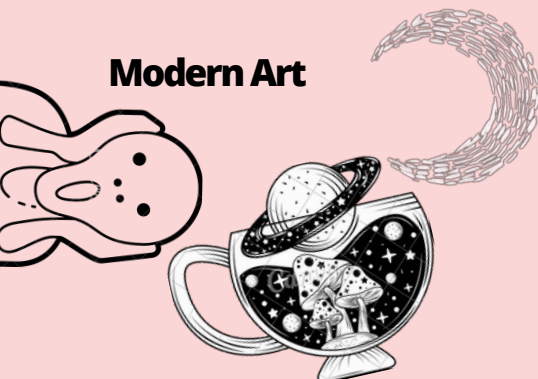


Origami/ Handmade Paper



6th Grade

Modern Art

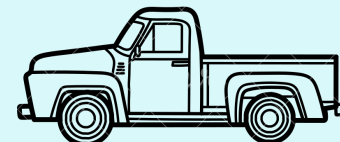


International Baccalaureate:
Visual Arts MYP



7th/8th Grade

Independent Study



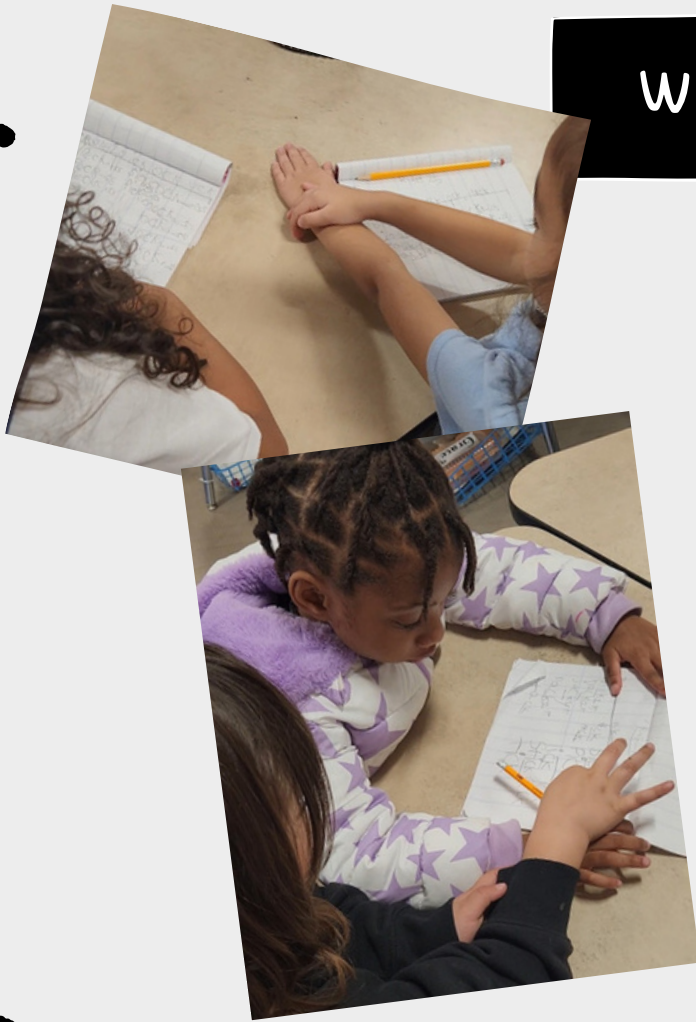
[Art Projects & Material Suggestions](#)

KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

1.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- **Reading:** Our scorpions are learning new phonograms weekly. Making sure to have them show what they know at home by reading and writing!
- **Math:** We are leveling up in addition & subtraction. We are learning about measurement, reading graphs, and comparing numbers.
- Help us get ready for our **World Fair!** If you have any artifacts, photos, and or stories to share from the following countries please share with your child's teacher:
 - **Costa Rica, Bahamas, Jamaica, Panama**



2.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5th- Support Preschool by wearing **BROWN**

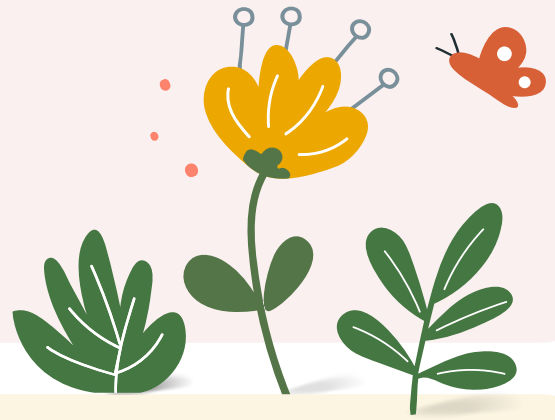
April 10th & 24th- Early Release at 12:00pm

April 17th- Progress Reports go home



1ST GRADE NEWS

*Mrs. Escobar, Mrs. Piersen,
Mrs. Raymond & Mrs. Rodriguez*



Spring is in the air!

We are approaching our last quarter in first grade. Check out everything we will be learning throughout April!

* ELA/WRITING

Throughout April, we are going to continue to build our little learning literacy skills. Students will be reading both fictional and non fiction stories.

For writing, we are going to focus on informational writing. We will review how we use fact in our writing piece.

MATH

For our math block, we are starting our spiral review to prepare for our NWEA assessment. Students will be actively using strategies to previous taught to get ready for 2nd grade!

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

For science, we are started to learn about the animal kingdom. This include animal characteristics and their habitats. Our science unit will help our students make connections when we go on our field trip to the zoo!

WE NEED YOU!

To kick off our assessment window, we had a pep assembly to encourage students to try their best during the test. We need your help to encourage our little learners to practice both the reading and math skills. This can be by doing their homework, reading daily etc.





2nd Grade Newsletter

4TH QUARTER IS HERE!

We studied:

CVC Words

States of the Midwest

Primary Colors



NEXT WEEK

We will study:

- States of the Southwest
- Color Combinations
- Ordinal Numbers
- Dinosaurs





Third Grade **NEWSLETTER**

English Language Arts

In reading we are focused on informational texts that teach about weather and natural disasters. Students will practice summarizing what they've learned to write their own informational essays.

Math



In math, we are working on measurement and data. Students will practice measuring to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and graphing the data into different charts. We will also learn how to measure area and perimeter.

Science and Social Studies



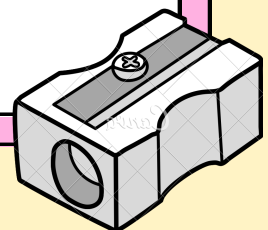
In Science, we are learning about the ways meteorologists predict weather as well as comparing different climates around the world.

In Social Studies, we will begin studying Asian continents to present at the EFGA World Fair in May.

Coming Up

AASA testing will be on the following dates:

- Writing: Tuesday, April 2nd
- ELA Part 1 & 2: Tuesday, April 9th & Thursday, April 11th
- Math Part 1 & 2: Tuesday, April 16th & Thursday April 18th



4th Grade Newsletter

Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Vazquez, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Cortez

Reading

We studied character analysis during our chapter reading of the book Lunch Money.

The students analyzed both the main and supporting characters. They did a great job making inferences along the way.



Writing

In writing, we have been practicing writing essays following a prompt and reading 3 sources. They have their AASA writing test on April 2nd to show off all of the skills they learned this year! :)

NWEA

May 6th-Math
May 7th-Reading
May 8th- Language
May 9th-Science

AASA

April 2nd-Writing
April 9th and 11th-Reading
April 16th and 18th-Math

Math

We started our measurement chapter and the students are learning about the differences of the area and perimeter formulas.

*Thank
You*

Testing Reminders

Please ensure your child goes to bed early, eats a healthy breakfast, and is here and arrives on time for testing days! :)



News from 5th Grade

There is a lot of learning happening in 5th Grade!

History

The 5th Graders have been digging into the U.S. Civil War. We've discussed the impact that slavery had to cause the war, and all the efforts made by President Lincoln to abolish it in the 13th Amendment. We also discussed the need for additional freedoms found in the 14th and 15th Amendments.

There was some hands-on history as well as the students were able to hold some original Minie ball bullets from the 1800s and see an original soldier's kit of writing tablet, prayer and hymn book, and weapon repair kit from the actual Civil War!



Math

In 5th grade math we are currently working on multiplying and dividing fractions. We are also reviewing for the AASA practice test. We have been also learning about volume, and geometry.

AASA TEST PREP

All the 5th Grade teachers were hard at work in March preparing students for the AASA testing. In Science, Ms. Vail worked through a 5-paragraph essay on the Solar System, while Mr. Meihak provided the documents to examine to correctly perform in-text citations. Lastly, Mr. Besonen worked through the AASA practice writing prompt and score them using the AASA rubric. Each content-area teacher also focused working through their specific practice test.

This group of 5th Graders has some amazing talents and abilities. All the 5th Grade teachers are confident the students will give their best effort on the AASA tests to show their true potential!

6TH GRADE



A note from Mr. Fraser

We had such a great month in ELA! Students were so busy preparing for our AASA writing and reading tests. Students wrote an essay on "values and beliefs," and were able to complement that essay with another essay about food in space. Our students have the tools necessary to take on the state tests and take these skills with them to the next grade.

I am very proud of all 6th grade students and their progress this year.

A note from Ms. Reilly

- Geometry
- Nets of 3D objects
- Surface Area of Rectangular Prisms and Triangular Prisms and Pyramids
- Volume of Prisms

Looking ahead in April:

4/1-4/5	4/2 - AASA Writing Test 4/5- Brown Color Walk/ Dress Down incentive
4/8-4/12	4/9 - AASA Reading Part 1 4/10 - Early Release 4/11 - AASA Reading Part 2
4/15-4/19	4/16 - AASA Math Part 1 4/18 - AASA Math Part 2 4/19 - 6-8 Grade Dance
4/22-4/26	4/24 - Early Release Science & Engineering Fair
4/29-5/3	5/2 - World Fair

A note from Mrs. Payne

Earth and Space Science! Students are stepping away from the ground around us to engaging in the space around the world! From phases of the moon to constellations in the sky students are becoming more aware and knowledgeable!

WE ALSO CAN'T FORGET ABOUT SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR!



7th & 8th Grade Newsletter

What We Are Learning

Language and Literature

Students are all set to begin AASA Testing! We all completed a mock writing assessment on March 27 to help prepare.

Math

Students have been highlighting skills to help prepare them for the upcoming test.

Science

Science students continue in DiscoveryEd. 8th Graders are ready for AZSci.

Social Studies

Students have been practicing test taking strategies.

Month

APRIL

Teachers

Williams 8

Burnap 8

Arriaga 8

Grant 7

Hensarling 7

Vidaurri 7

AASA Testing Dates

AASA Writing: Tuesday, April 2, 2024

AZSci P. 1: Wednesday, April 3, 2024

AZSci P. 2: Thursday, April 4, 2024

AASA ELA P. 1: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

AASA ELA P. 2: Thursday, April 11, 2024

AASA Math P. 1: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

AASA Math P. 2: Thursday, April 18, 2024






At Home

Please discuss with your students the importance of testing! Not only the test itself, but also exhibiting **STING** all the time!

We have plenty of fun incentives to keep kids motivated. Ask students about the exciting stuff going on at school!

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Testing Week 	1	2	3	4	5 KG & 8th Grade Portfolio Pictures	6
Testing Week 	7	8	9 Early Release at 12:00p.m.	10	11	12
Testing Week 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Early Release at 12:00p.m.	25
26	27	28	29 Costa Rica Parent Meeting at 6p.m.	30		