




ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS GLOBAL ACADEMY

AUGUST NEWSLETTER



This school year is off to a fantastic start! We have welcomed over 100 new scorpions to our family this year as we are officially a fully authorized International Baccalaureate World School! Our incredible students are exemplifying the S.T.I.N.G. throughout their day. For those of you who are new to our EFGA family, the S.T.I.N.G. stands for Solution-Driven, Tolerant, Inquirer, Negotiator, and Global Learner. Our students learn how to effectively exhibit these aspects while here at school and hopefully at home too. We're looking forward to having you as involved as possible with your child's education. We would love for you to join our PTA! They are actively pursuing ways to involve you in making Estrella Foothills the best school possible for your child. There are only a few meetings throughout the year, and the next meeting is Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m. in our library. We are excited for the opportunity to work with you and your child this year. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Kind Regards, Ms. Lebish

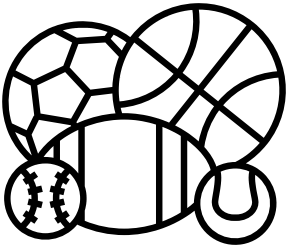
UPCOMING EVENTS

- PTA Meeting, 08/16 at 6p.m.
- Costa Rica Meeting, 08/22 at 6p.m.
- Early Release, 08/24 at 12p.m.



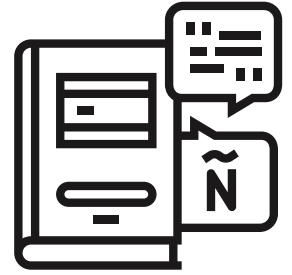
Mr. Robles

Physical Education



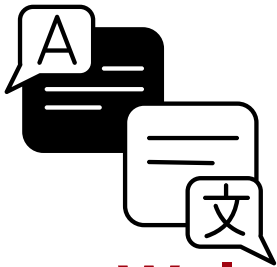
Mrs. Hensarling

Music/Choir/Band



Mrs. Cornejo

Spanish



Ms. Qiao

Mandarin

Ms. Wild
Visual Arts



Welcome EFGA students and families!

We are beyond excited to embark on the 2023-2024 school year with you all. We would like to give a ***special thank you*** to all of our returning students and families and a big welcome to any new ones! This year, students will have the opportunity to engage in **Physical Education, Art, Music** courses, and **World Languages** (Mandarin and Spanish)!

Here at EFGA, we focus on global studies, which allows for students to **investigate the world, recognize perspectives, communicate ideas, and take action**, while engaging within a variety of courses throughout the year.

We appreciate your support!

Humanities Team





MS.
Wild



VISUAL ARTS

Hello EFGA families!

**My name is Ms. Wild!
I am the Visual Arts Teacher at EFGA!**

Please take some time to view my teacher website, through the Estrella Foothills Global Academy website, for **quick classroom information and overall updates!**

[Ms. Wild Staff Website](#)

This shares information about the Visual Arts Schedule, Classroom (like projects and expectations), and about how YOU can help "GROW" our Visual Arts Program!

Be on the lookout for more updates from me in the future!

View --> **[Learn how global competence supports inquiry-based art lessons at EFGA](#)**

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DEVELOPMENTAL PREK

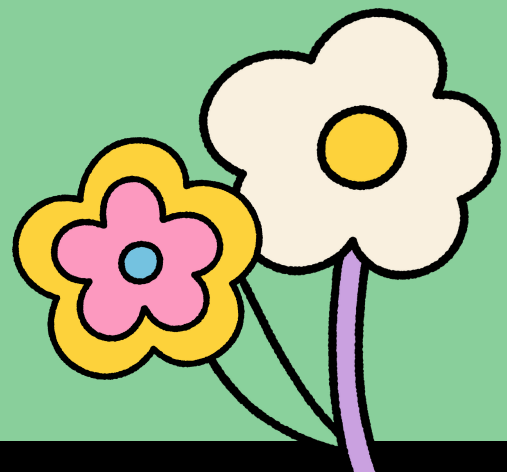
For those of you returning for another great year in Preschool, welcome back! Those of you who are new to our school, we are so happy you are here to join our community and contribute to a successful school year!



Teacher:
Ms. Rachel
Classroom IA: Ms. Roxana
Speech Therapist:
Ms. Kim /
Ms. Stephanie
OT: Ms. Jessy
PT: Ms. Carolyn
HI: Ms. Priscilla

Teacher:
Ms. Michelle
Classroom IA: Mr. Martin
Speech Therapist:
Ms. Kim /
Ms. Stephanie
OT: Ms. Veronica
PT: Ms. Carolyn
Floaters: Ms. Erica, Ms. Violet

Our goal as a preschool is to offer a consistent routine and structure to increase self-help and independence in our students.



Kindergarten News Letter

A huge congratulations goes out to our little scorpion for making it through their first weeks in kindergarten!! The students have done an amazing job this week showing their BEST STING! Students were able to use the stamps they have earned and “cash” them in for prizes at our classroom scorpion store! Furthermore, this week we spent a lot of time on classroom routines and procedures. They have worked so hard all week!!



WELCOME TO GRADE 1



hello

Welcome back to school!

Our first week went AMAZING. During our first week back we really focused on STING. In first grade, we really focused on starting our year on a positive note.

looking ahead

Please mark your calendar for the following:

Next Week:

- Monday, Aug 21- NWEA Reading
- Tuesday, Aug 22-NWEA Math
- Wednesday, Aug 23- Half Day
- Thursday-Friday: Normal Day

Following Week:

- The week of August 28th we will be taking AIMSWeb.

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to all of our families. We appreciate the donations, positive feedback and support.

2ND GRADE NEWS

Month of: August



A note from the teachers:

Happy August!
We are so excited to welcome all of our second graders to the new school year. We are thrilled to be learning about each other and our classroom procedures and expectations. We have jumped into curriculum and can't wait to see all the kids grow and learn this year!



The 2nd Grade Team

Upcoming events:

- ☐ 8/21-8/22 NWEA Math
- ☐ 8/22 NWEA Reading
- ☐ 8/23 Early Release
- ☐ Week of 8/28- AIMSweb Reading

Looking ahead:

MATH	Chapter 1: Apply Addition and Subtraction Concepts
READING	Literature Texts with focus on Point of View
WRITING	Narrative Writing
SPALDING	Phonograms 1-26
SEL	Growth Mindset & Goal-Setting



THIRD-GRADE NEWS



August in Third Grade

August is one of our favorite times of the year in third grade! We're busy getting to know each other and our classroom and school routines and expectations! We began the year strong by talking about growth mindset, and how to keep on learning even when things are tough. We've also been developing friendships and building our classroom communities through STING and some of our favorite stories!

Upcoming Events

NWEA - 8/21-8/25

Early Release - 8/23, 9/6

AimsWEB 8/28-9/1

Reminders

Please be sure to send your child in with a water bottle each day. It can be very hot and we get thirsty during the day!

-Breakfast is served between 7:30 and 8:00 and students can pick it up in the cafeteria and head to class.

August Overview

Reading: Literature Texts focused on character development

Writing: Narratives focused on story elements

Math: Place Value

Science: Forces and Motion

SEL: Growth Mindset



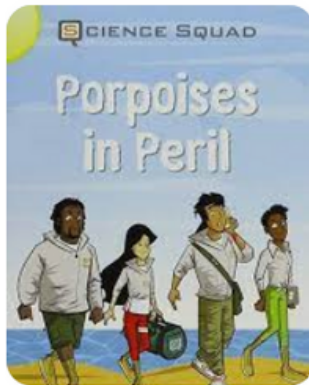
4th Grade Newsletter

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

Reading

In reading, the students are reading the book *Porpoises in Peril* from their ReadyGen Curriculum.

They have been analyzing the characters in the story and learning about point of view.



Writing

For writing, the students wrote paragraphs about their summer break. They had to include an engaging topic sentence, supporting details, and closing sentence.



SEL

In 4th grade, the students have an SEL lesson they learn each week. They have been learning about creating and planning a class goal.

Science

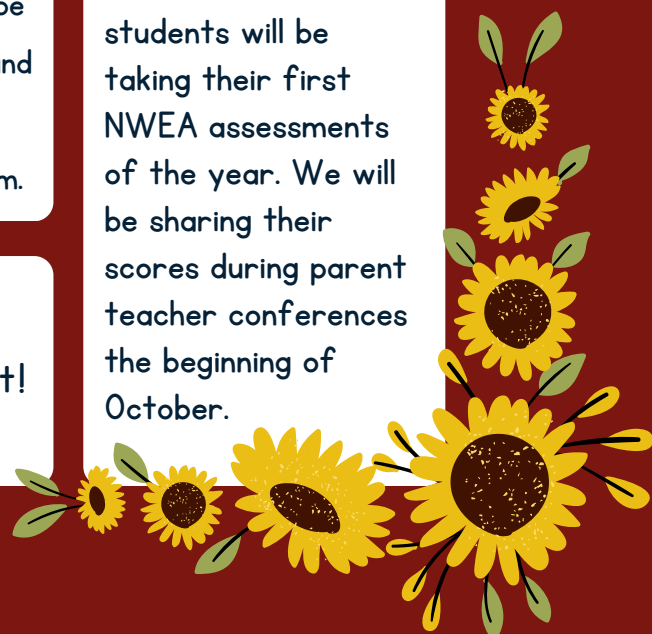
During Science, the students are going to be learning about forces and motions in their Discovery Ed curriculum.

NWEA

Next week, the students will be taking their first NWEA assessments of the year. We will be sharing their scores during parent teacher conferences the beginning of October.

Thank you!

Thank you for all of your support!



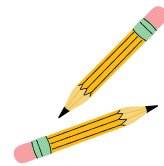
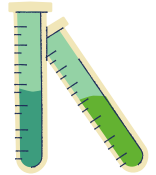
5TH GRADE CLASS NEWS

August 2023

The Fantastic 5th Grade:

What a great beginning to the new school year. Students have come to school each day excited to learn. This week all classes are working on our Continent of Australia. We are discovering it's history, animals, people, and landforms. As a team, we have many exciting lessons planned and hope to engage all students in their learning. In math, students are focusing on place value, in ELA they are reading the first selection of the year, in science they are conducting investigations and observing outcomes, and in social studies students have learned and practiced social emotional skills through our Second Steps program. Thank you all for your support in getting the new year off to such a great start.

Ms. Adair, Ms. Vail
Mr. Besonen, Mr. Meihak



Looking ahead:

MONDAY	NWEA MATH,
TUESDAY	NWEA ELA
WEDNESDAY	NWEA LANG, Early Out 12:00pm
THURSDAY	NWEA SCIENCE
FRIDAY	CHAPTER 1 REVIEW- Math

Stay in touch :

Please allow for 24 hours for a response.



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SIXTH GRADE NEWSLETTER



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What's Happening in the Sixth Grade!

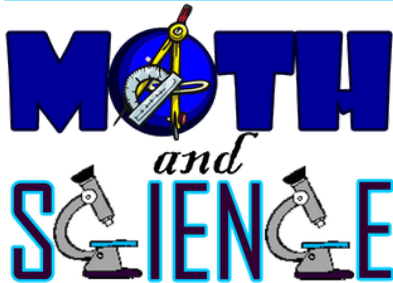
We are so excited to be a part of the journey of our new Sixth graders! Middle school can be challenging but so far so good! We had a great week of getting to know each other and are ready for the school year.

This week in Language and Literature...

In Language and Literature, we got right to creating thinking maps to correspond with our writing activity. We read and write daily! Students wrote from the perspective of a shoe! The students are also reading Hatchet by Gary Paulson.



In Math and Science...



Our Scientists are taking a deep dive into different Kelp Forests and learning how organisms affect one another. We are learning what skills a scientist needs to be successful and practicing working with a team to build a stronger result. As our skills grow stronger we will transition into our hands-on investigations/lab experiments!

In math, students are refining their skills with decimals! In addition to the skills of computing with the four operations with decimals, they are also learning to analyze word problems to determine which operation(s) to use.

Strategies for Success in the Sixth Grade

Some of the strategies for success in the Sixth Grade include

- 1) Getting plenty of sleep
- 2) Hydrating
- 3) Eating nutritious foods
- 4) Getting organized and using planners
- 5) Thinking positive!



6th Grade is a part of Australia



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SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE

Science:

Hensarling (7th): We covered lessons 1 & 2 in our workbooks, with very interactive discussions about cells and the healing process. Next week, we will explore this further with microscopes!

Williams (8th): After spending time getting to know one another, setting up our science notebook and review how to use a microscope, we began by introducing our Discovery Education anchor phenomenon: Exploring Fruit Flies of Hawai'i (lesson one). Our driving question for lesson one is; Why are all the Hawaiian flies so different? Next week will continue lesson 1 and start lesson 2: So Many Different Types of Fruit Flies.

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE:

7th grade: Unit 1: Conflicts and Clashes! We are reading "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi" and working towards writing an argumentative essay.

8th grade: Unit 1: Everyone Loves a Mystery! We started this unit by reading "The Tell-Tale Heart" and will read two other stories before beginning our informative essay.





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MATH:

Fortier: (7th) In class we will be working on proportional and nonproportional relationships. Students will be graphing and solving these relationships.

(8th) We will be covering square and cube roots, comparing real numbers, reviewing Chapter 1 and getting ready for our first test at the end of the week!

(Algebra) Algebra students will be continuing our pre-test and going over any topics needed before the PXU course begins.

Hensarling: (7th) We had an introduction to ratios expressed as fractions and were reading and interpreting rate examples and unit rate calculations.

(8th) We explored prime factorization, the order of operations, and multiplication tables. We began to explore how to write math expressions in English, so that we can understand the relationship of words and math symbols.

INDIVIDUALS IN SOCIETIES:

7th: Students looked at the Five Themes of History (cultural interaction, political, social and economic structures, and human-environment interaction.

8th: Students are working in Unit 1: Foundations of American Government! Soon we will complete our first assessment.





HEALTH & WELLNESS



Welcome to the start of our 23/24 school year! I'm so happy to see so many returning smiling faces as well as all of the new ones!

HEALTH CONCERNS


- *Please update me on health conditions or concerns for your child.
- *Supply emergency medication such as inhalers or Epi Pens. I DO NOT HAVE THESE IN STOCK!!
- *Please have current phone number on file for illness or injury and an emergency contact who is able to pick up your student within 30 minutes if your unavailable.
- *Students may NOT carry any OTC medications on their person at school. Prior authorization must be signed by a parent/guardian for all medications through the health office.
- *Let's do our very best to keep all of our students and staff healthy this year! Please keep your child home if they have a fever or have vomiting/diarrhea. They must be free of these symptoms for at least 24hrs (without medication) before they can return to school.

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IMMUNIZATIONS

Pediatrician's offices are very busy this time of year! If you've received an email or letter from our health office about your student's immunizations, please feel free to look into the Maricopa County's clinic locations [here](#) to get back on track!

Tracy Capaul - Health Assoc - ETGA



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LIBRARY NEWS

Mrs. Schneider's monthly update

What's new in the library?

NEW BOOK NEW BOOKS NEW BOOKS

The library has added many new titles to the shelves! A list of those titles can be found by visiting the EFGA Library website via [Destiny Discover](#).

It's going to be an exciting year of reading and we hope you'll join Mrs. Schneider in supporting and cultivating that love of reading in your student by encouraging your child to read at home!

Save the date!

**Library classes
begin
Sept. 5th**

**Scholastic Book
Fair
Oct 2nd - 6th, 2023**

August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 First day of School!	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 PTA Meeting at 6p.m.	17	18	19
20 Testing Week →	21	22 Costa Rica Meeting at 6p.m.	23 Early Release at 12p.m.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2