



# Estrella Foothills Global Academy

## December Newsletter

*I cannot believe that we are two quarters into the school year already! We have had a great start to the school year and that is a testament to all of your support at home! As we reach our halfway mark through the school year, this is a time that we can pause and look back at the school year thus far and look forward to all the great things ahead! As your school principal, I am looking forward to reflecting and continuing to collaborate with you at home. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones!*

*Kind Regards,  
Erin Lebish  
Principal*

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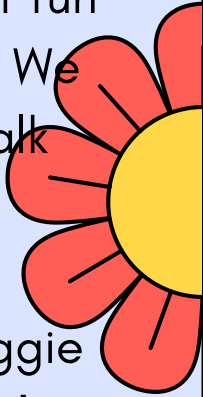
# DEVELOPMENTAL



## PREK NEWS

### November Recap:

November was FULL of fun and exciting learning! We had our BLUE color walk and got to be real farmer's digging up vegetables for our veggie painting extravaganza!



### December Upcoming:

We have some exciting things planned for December! We are learning about Winter and Taking Care, the color green and shape star!

### Upcoming dates:

- Green Day: December 1st
- Winter Break: December 22nd-Jan 7th
- Spirit Week: 18-21





# KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

Our little scorpions had a BLAST on our first field trip to Tolmachoff farm! We had an amazing time learning about the difference between fruits and vegetables and connecting their recent apple and pumpking lifecycle learning to their real world . Also, it was great being able to see them show their best STING out in the community!

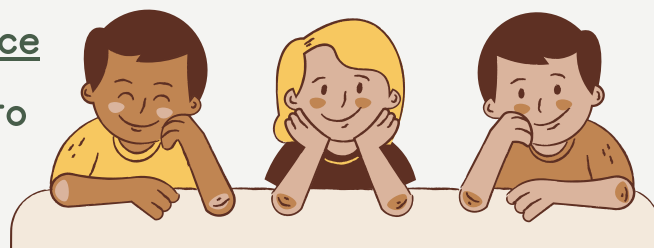




# First Grade News

## Reading & Writing:

This month we are going to wrap up unit 3A. From our anchor text, Winners Choice and Hunter's Month Jar, we were able to discuss how we make choices.



For writing, we are completing our opinion writing unit. Within this unit, we were able to explore how to make our writing stronger by provide reasons to support our opinion.

## MATH

For our math time we are really focus on understanding place value. Place value is an essential standard which connect with adding and subtracting accurately. It is also an issues concept to pratice at home.



## SOCIAL STUDIES

For our Social Studies, we are going to explore holidays around the world. This is a exciting and fun unit that the students really enjoy. They will be learning about several different countries and holiday traditions.





# 3rd Grade News

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

## Reading

This month in reading we'll start the novel *The Year of Miss Agnes*, a wonderful story about an Athabascan village and a teacher who supports her students.

## Math

December finds us becoming multiplication masters! We're working to build our multiplication fluency. You can support your child by playing multiplication war with them at home!

## Writing

We're revisiting narrative writing, focusing on how to strengthen and develop them using details from historical events.

## Social Studies

We are learning about Native American culture this month, focusing on the cultures and beliefs of different tribes.

## Thank you!

Thank you to all those that attended the Make-it Take-It Night!







# 4th Grade News

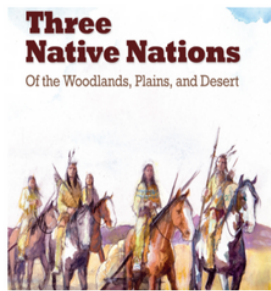
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## Reading

In Reading, the students are learning about the Native American culture through various texts.

Goal: Refer to details and examples when explaining what a text says. RI.1

Goal: Explain events, procedures, and ideas in historical text. RI.3



## Math

For math, we are teaching about non-numeric and numeric patterns. They are doing a lot of observing and noticing to determine each pattern.



## Writing

The students are writing opinion essays that tie in with what they are doing in reading.

## Social Studies

During Social Studies, the students are learning about European settlers in Early America.

## Science

For science, they are researching the differences between renewable and nonrenewable resources.

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# Classroom

## NEWSLETTER FOR 5TH GRADE

### math class

In math we have just finished chapter 4 about multiplying and dividing numbers. This month we will begin multiplying and dividing decimals using similar strategies learned in chapter 4.

### Science

- In science they are learning about facts about different animals. They are also learning about plants genes.

### Social studies

Students are learning about Alexander Hambleton as well as the different presidents. They began learning about the 5 different jobs of the government.

### ELA

In reading students are learning about different genres such as Folktales. They are answering comprehension questions that go along with the Folktale stories. They are also learning about prefixes and suffixes in each story they read.







# 6TH GRADE

Mr. Fraser, Mrs. Payne, and Ms. Reilly

## SCIENCE

- Natural Disruptions to Ecosystems
- Interactions between organisms
- Biodiversity in Ecosystems

## MATH

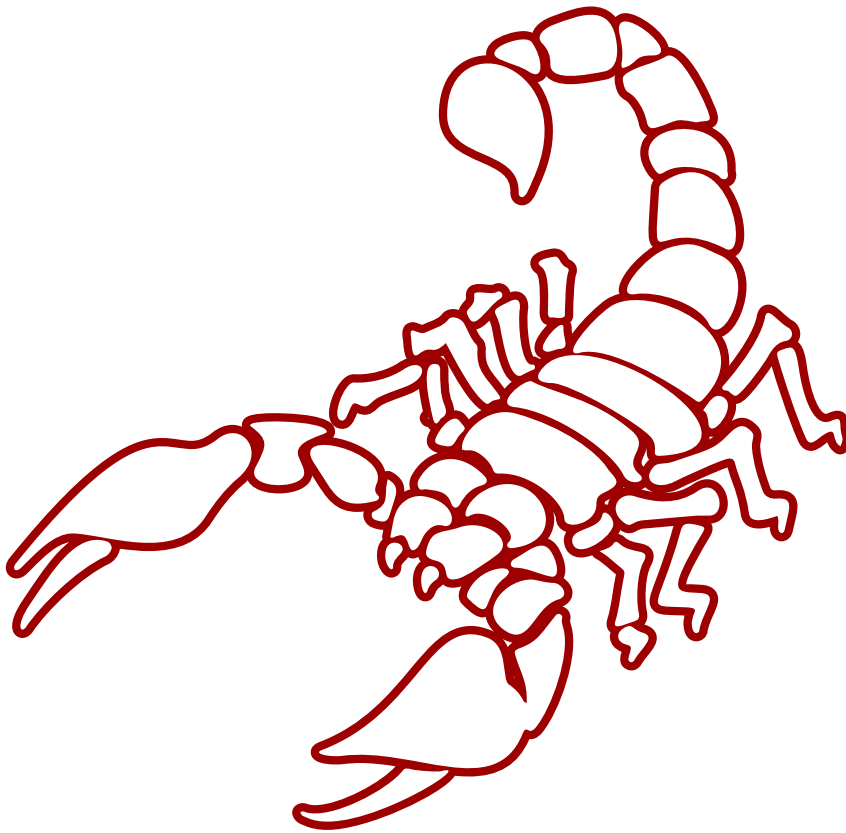
- Rates, Ratios and Unit Rates
- Percent Problems
- Introducing expressions and equations to build onto algebraic thinking

## ELA/SOCIAL STUDIES

- Mesopotamia/Ancient Sumer
- Themes and central ideas
- Point of view of a text
- Informational text mapping

# SEVENTH GRADE

December, 2023



## Updates:

- The Fun Run Color Run was a blast! Thank you for all the support with this fundraiser.
- NWEA Testing is December 4-8
- Quarter 2 Incentive: Pizza Party

### Language and Literature

Students have wrapped up their Informative Essay and we are moving onto “A Christmas Carol.” As the Quarter winds down, the students will have another essay due in December.

### Math

Students in seventh grade are working on percentages and expressions involving integers. Moving into the end of the Quarter, they will be wrapping up these units.

### Science

Students learned all about magnets and gravity! They did many hands on activities to experiment with these forces.

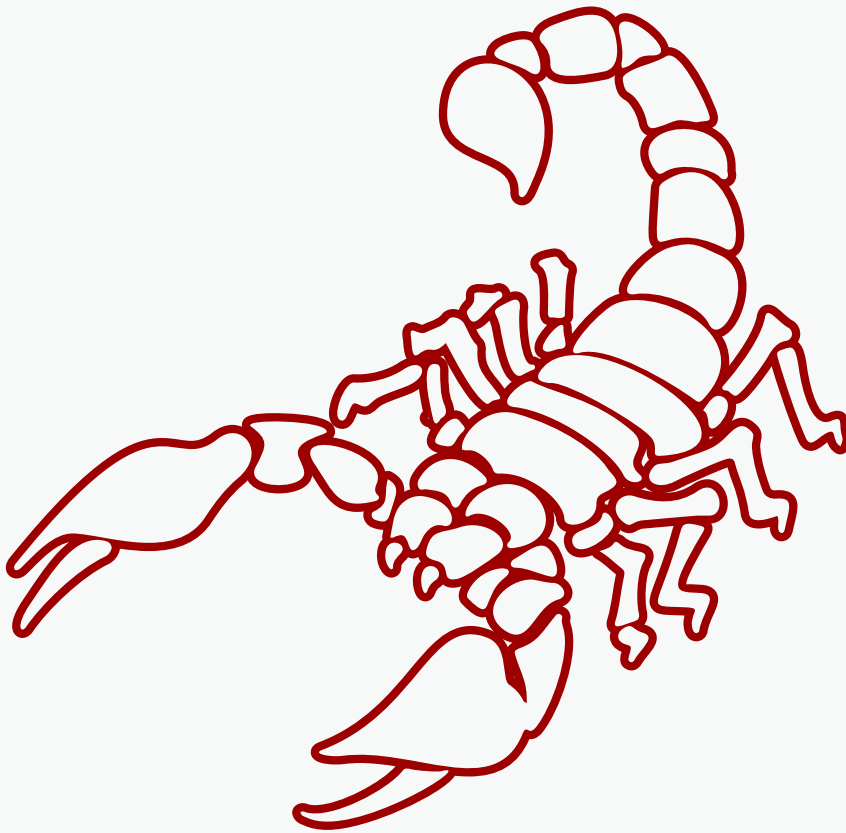
### Individuals in Societies

Students have wrapped up Imperialism and worked on reviewing the relevancy of this topic.



# EIGHTH GRADE

December, 2023



## Updates:

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- NWEA Testing is December 4-8
- Quarter 2 Incentive: Pizza Party

### Language and Literature

Students have been working on reading and analyzing Informative texts. They will end the Quarter with a large Informative essay due later in December.

### Math

"Students are working on solving different equations! These include linear and those with variables. They are also working on graphing these equations along with practicing substitution and elimination.

### Science

Students learned all about waves and the vocabulary that goes with it. They completed many escape room activities, which was very fun!

### Individuals in Societies

Students have wrapped up Federalism and worked on reviewing the relevancy of this topic.



# IB Objectives

## Knowing & Understanding

### Investigating

- Demonstrate:
  - The Art Form
  - Role of the Art Form
- Inform Artistic Decisions

## Developing Skills

### Creating & Performing Art

- Demonstrate:
  - Acquisition
  - Development of Skills & Techniques
  - Application of Skills & Techniques to Create Art

## Thinking Creatively

### Creating & Performing Art

- Demonstrate:
  - Exploration of Ideas to Realization
  - Range of depth of Creative-Thinking
- Develop Artistic Intention

## Responding & Evaluating

- Construct Meaning & Transfer Learning
- Create an Artistic Response
- Present a Critique of Artwork

# AZ Standards

## Connecting

- Relate Knowledge & Personal Experiences
- Social, Cultural, and Historical Contexts
- Deepen Understanding

## Presenting

- Select
- Analyze
- Interpret
- Develop
- Refine
- Convey Meaning

## Creating

- Generate
- Conceptualize
- Organize
- Develop
- Refine
- Complete

## Responding

- Analyze
- Interpret Intent/Meaning
- Apply Criteria
- Evaluate



# Amazon Wishlist (K-8th)

# Art Projects & Material Suggestions



# Library News



As we near the end of our first semester, the library will be issuing overdue book notices. If your student does not return the book before Winter Break, when school resumes in Jan they will be placed on Check Out restriction until the books are returned. If they are lost, they will need to be paid for.

There are quite a few books that are being damaged/lost at home or sustaining water damage in backpacks. Please ensure your student has a safe place to keep their library books while at home and replace any leaky water bottles to prevent damage to ours. books.



“The best way to avoid cold weather is to stay in and read.”



# HEALTH & WELLNESS CORNER

## VACCINATIONS

Winter break will be here before we know it! If you've received a notice from the school about your student's vaccinations, it would be the perfect time to get an appointment scheduled to get everything up to date. If you currently don't have a pediatrician, the county of Maricopa provides several free vaccination clinics. Call 602-506-6767 for more information. Your student must meet Arizona's state vaccination requirements in order to not be excluded from school.

## MEDICATIONS

All medications, both prescription and over the counter medications, including cough drops, Advil, Tylenol, eye drops (other than plain saline) are all considered medication and need to be checked into the health office. They should never be brought in to school by a student. Feel free to reach out to the health office if you have any questions!

## Cold & Flu Season

'Tis the season for all the germs! From RSV, to COVID, to influenza, to a common cold...we see cases starting to rise.

Be sure to urge your children to wash their hands thoroughly and often. Even when symptoms start to subside, if you're coughing/sneezing, it's still a good idea to wear a mask. We have them right outside of the health office for those who need them.

Not sure when to keep your student home? They need to be fever/vomiting/diarrhea free for 24hrs without the aid of medication. For COVID, 5 days from first symptoms is still recommended.





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