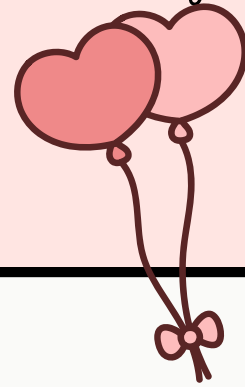
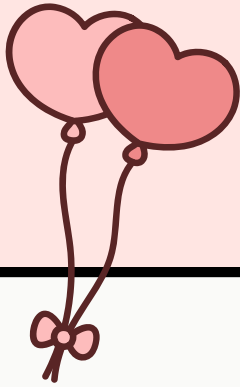
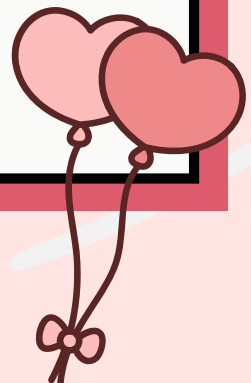


# Estrella Foothills Global Academy February Newsletter



There are so many great things happening at EFGA this month! We kicked off February with our “Great Kindness Challenge!” Students had a different challenge each day to show kindness to one another and ended the week with pairing up with a student from another grade level to talk about kindness and being caring (our IB learning profile of the month)! The book fair is here the week of February 5th! Don’t forget that we have President’s day off on February 19th! Thank you for all that you do each day to help support your child’s teacher in ensuring a positive and caring environment for your child to learn something new each day! We very much CARE about you!

Kind Regards,  
Erin Lebish  
Principal



Breakthroughs are a part of everyday life, conveying a sense of awe towards advancements and serving as reminders that the world is constantly evolving.

# THE FUTURE IS NOW!



## WHAT & WHY

Come celebrate the Laveen Community Parade and walk with our school as we celebrate advancements that lead us to live in a cutting edge moment of our present reality!

This year we are celebrating our 4th year open by sharing more about the International Baccalaureate Program through 6 Global Contexts of study (listed below).

Identities & Relationships  
Personal & Cultural Expression  
Fairness & Development  
Globalization & Sustainability  
Scientific & Technical Innovation  
Orientation in Time & Space

**LAVEEN PARADE  
ON SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 3RD  
AT 11:00AM**

- EFGA will begin set up on 43rd Ave at 9:00am
- Students/Families participating MUST SIGN WAIVER before 9:30am
- Parade Floats are judged at 10:30am

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GLOBAL ACADEMY



# Are you interested in the...

## WHEN:

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

## WHERE:

5400 W. Carver  
Laveen, AZ 85339

# World Fair

**SIGN UP!**

EFGA World Fair Sign Up	
<small>We are looking for Parents/Families/Guardians that are interested in sharing a special cultural or global performance at EFGA's World Fair. Please fill out the form if you are interested!</small>	
<small>Sign in to Google to save your progress. <a href="#">Learn more</a></small>	
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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)  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GaQT6zEGr4COXw-mmy5MFBltIKyM6bGv8Alji0egYAw/edit>



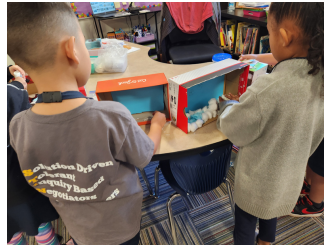
# KINDERGARTEN

# NEWSLETTER

Date

**January 26, 2024**

## **Inquiry Based Science Project- Arctic animals in their Habitat**



## **What we're learning**

Math

**Place Value with Teen numbers**

Science

**Arctic Animals and their Habitats**

Reading

**Sam and Puff- Spalding Readers**

Writing

**Arctic Animal Reports**

## **Reminders**

**Keep the KINDNESS Flowing and Going! Kindness in Kindergarten  
is ALL day EVERY day!**





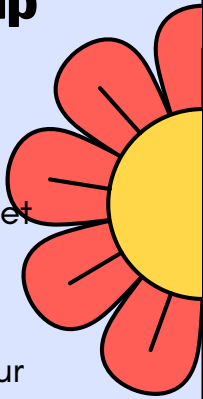
# FEBRUARY NEWS

MS. RACHEL &  
MS. MICHELLE

## Developmental Preschool Updates!

### January Recap

The Developmental Preschool had over 130 students and family members join us at the historical Great Arizona Puppet Theater last weekend to see The Little Engine That Could. The show was a big hit and our students had so much fun!



### This month's learning focus:

- PINK!
- Hearts
- Animals All Around
- Friendships



### Upcoming Event!

The Developmental Preschool will be visiting the Phoenix Zoo this month to celebrate this month's curriculum theme of "Animals All Around." This is one of our most popular family events with discounted ticket pricing and a great opportunity to see our beautiful zoo.



# FIRST GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Escobar, Mrs. Pierson, Mrs. Raymond & Mrs. Rodriguez

## ELA

This February, we are going to focus on our story element standards. This includes but is not limited to identify:

- Main idea
- Characters and Setting
- Making connections

## Math

In our math unit, we are going to currently focusing on measurement and time. Afterward, we will start explore geometry and began our annual spiral review.

## At Home

IXL is an electronic resource students can use at home to help support developing academic skills. The program has activity which align to both our ELA and Math standards.

If you need more information about the program, please reach out to your student's teacher.

## Science/Social Studies

While February is a short month we are going to focus on the following topics in science and social studies:

- Friendship
- Presidents' Day
- Black History Month
- Animals Research



# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE

## newsletter

### WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:

**Reading:** Upcoming in Unit 4, students will be reading *Earth Dragon Awakes*.

**Math:** Students are continuing to learn how to subtract three digit numbers. They are also jumping into Measurement and Data.

**Social Studies:** We will be working on Government and Economics.

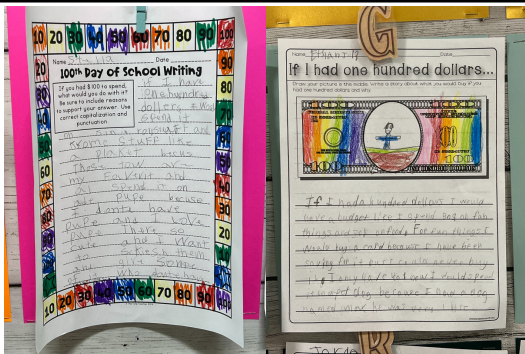


Learning Fun!

### REMINDERS:

The spring book fair is coming! The book fair is coming! Let's get these readers reading with some new books for the home library! February 5th-9th in the EFGA Library.

### 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL WRITING



### HELPING AT HOME

The school has purchased IXL for all students. Please utilize your child's login to work on concepts at their level and beyond in Reading and Math.



# 3rd Grade News

Ms. Conley, Mrs. Sakkas, Mr. Freeman / Mrs. Kanode



## Reading

In reading, we are working on taking information from informational texts and comparing them. We will compare the information we read in City Homes to the places we read about in Deep Down: Extreme Places to Live.

## Math

In math we are starting our fractions unit! We will work on identifying fractions, unit fractions and comparing fractions.



## Social Studies

We are learning the effects on immigration on American culture and how to practice tolerance.

## Upcoming Events

The spring book fair runs from February 5th-9th in the EFGA Library.

## Writing

We are working on informational writing. Students are expected to reference the text when writing multi-paragraph essays.

**Thank you!**

Thank you for all of your support!



# 4th Grade News

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

## Reading

In reading, the students are comparing and contrasting both literary and informational texts about earthquakes.



## Math

### Let's Review:

We have been talking about fractions. Fractions are a part of a whole (less than 1). Sometimes, a fraction part is paired with a whole number. This is called a mixed number. There is another way to write mixed numbers. They are called improper fractions. An improper fraction has a numerator that is greater than the denominator.



Sue's family has  $\frac{5}{3}$  pies left over.

Count the wholes. There is 1 whole pie.  $1 = \frac{3}{3}$  or "3 thirds". Count the parts. There are  $\frac{2}{3}$  ( $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$ ) of the other pies. There are  $\frac{3}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$  or "5 thirds" pies.  $\frac{5}{3}$  is the same as  $1 \frac{2}{3}$ .

During math, they are learning about mixed numbers and improper fractions.



## Social Studies

In Social Studies, the students are learning about why a nation would want to be independent.

## Upcoming Events

The spring book fair runs from February 5th-9th in the EFGA Library.

## Writing

Opinion essays about whether or not sweet treats should be allowed in school celebrations is the focus in writing.

Thank you!

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# 5th Grade News



## Math

Students will be learning about numerators and denominators and how it is related to division. Students are learning greatest common factors, least common multiples, and prime/ composite numbers. They will also learn how to write a fraction in simplest form and creating equivalent fractions.

## Science

Students finished the ecosystems unit last week and are looking forward to exploring gravity and space. This unit will explore different aspects of our solar system and will end with a culminating project.

5th graders are anxiously awaiting their first field trip in many years. We are excited to be going to the science center on February 28th. This will be an opportunity to enhance their science understanding

## History

This month students will have lessons that focus on how to disagree with someone in a respectful manner. We will see how the anti-slavery movement changed people's minds with words from the abolitionists. We will then compare that to disagreements of today where people are not willing to have civil discussions without it turning into a shouting match.

## ELA

We finished our historic fiction reading and writing around Women's Suffragettes.

For the next three weeks, we'll be reading a historical fiction, realistic fiction, or science fiction stories. After the novel, and daily response pages, are done students will write a paper on how their character developed and changed throughout the story.

# 6th Grade Newsletter



## ELA/Social Studies

Our Scorpions have had an amazing January! We are done reading and analyzing "I am Malala" and "Rikki Tikki Tavi" as well as learning about Ancient Egypt!

## Science

Our scientists are working on atoms, moving molecules and the changes of state.

## Math

- Expressions
  - Simplifying, parts, equivalence, writing expressions
- Equations
  - Solving equations with addition and subtraction.



# Seventh Grade Newsletter

## What We Are Learning

### **ELA**

Seventh Grade is wrapping up Unit 4: Moment of Truth! We are finishing our last few stories and are writing an Informative Essay. Our Scorpions really get to practice the planning and drafting process with this assignment, which will be due early February.

### **Math**

- Arriaga 7th: Students are learning about Equations and Inequalities.
- Hensarling 7th: Review Percent Equations for a follow-up test.

### **Science**

Students are learning about Forces and motion. They did several hands-on activities that required students to use their engineering skills.

### **Social Studies**

Students have learned about The Rise of Fascism and Totalitarian States with a writing task to assess their understanding of what was learned. Now, they are starting World War II.

## Announcements & Reminders



- We just sent out Progress Reports on Friday, January 26. We will send them out again with the rest of the school on February 7.
- Possible seven week update on February 27



# Eighth Grade Newsletter

## What We Are Learning

### **ELA**

Eighth Graders are wrapping up Unit 4: Hear Me Out! We are finishing our last few stories and are writing an Informative Essay. Our Scorpions really get to practice the planning and drafting process with this assignment, which will be due early February.

### **Math**

- Arriaga 8th: Students are learning about Triangles and the Pythagorean Theorem.
- Arriaga Algebra: Algebra students continue to work on their self guided PXU course.
- Hensarling - 8th: Testing on equations with variables.

### **Science**

The Scorpions have learned how to identify science tools used to measure volume and mass. We completed several hands-on activities. Next, we will continue exploring chemical reactions and have an introduction to the Periodic table of Elements.

### **Social Studies**

Students have concluded lessons on Law, Liberty, and Interpreting the US. Constitution. Now, they are starting Citizen Participation and will continue work on their IB inquiry task related to freedom of speech in schools.

## Announcements & Reminders



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  - Possible seven week update on February 27
- Community Project Phase 3



# Library

## NEWSLETTER

### Spring Book Fair



February 5-9

Our Spring book fair promises to deliver in a big way! More than half the Spring selection will be brand new titles AND we'll have the latest Dog Man available for presale. That title is set to be released March 19. The Book Fair Raffle has weighted plushies, books (of course) and even CREDIT to shop for your favorites at the fair!



<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/efga>



### What's In This Month's Issue?

- Upcoming Book Fair
- Raffle Info
- Story Time Focus



### This Month in the Library

Story time for K-2 grades in January have focused on New Year traditions around the globe. We read *Freedom Soup* by Tami Charles, a story of Haitian independence & New Year traditions. *Shanté Keys and the New Year's Peas* by Gail Piernas-Davenport A young girl learns of her neighbors food traditions from many different countries. *How to Catch a Dragon* by Adam Wallace a story about Chinese New Year. Some of you may have enjoyed making recipes that were shared with your student. My hope is these stories bring an opportunity to bond at home and gives your child a chance to make lasting connections between school and home.





# february



2024

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
				1	2 Preschool PINK color walk	3
4	5 Kindergarten Round Up 5-6:30p.m.	6	7 Early Release at 12p.m.	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day!	15	16	17
18	19 No School in observance of Presidents Day	20	21 Early Release at 12p.m.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

