



ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS GLOBAL ACADEMY

Welcome back!!!

We have had a wonderful first semester and I know that the second semester will be just as fantastic! We have so much learning left to do and we can't wait to see all of the growth and achievements that your child will accomplish.

It is so important that your child is at school each day and on time. We take pride in ensuring that every instructional minute is utilized to provide a world-class education for your child.

We have parent/teacher conferences the week of January 16th. We strive to meet with 100% of our families and we look forward to meeting and collaborating with you!

We look forward to a great year of engaging in inquiry, taking action, and being reflective!

Kind Regards,

Erin Lebish
Principal



Developmental Preschool

NEWSLETTER

December Recap

Last month we learned about the color green, the shape star and the theme Winter! We had so much fun wrapping up the first semester and are excited for what we have coming up in January.



January Field Trip:

We have our next family field trip coming up on January 27th to the Great Arizona Puppet Theater! A flyer was sent home with more information!

January Fun!

Our theme for the month of January is "Habitats" and we are going to focus on learning about the desert (with a sprinkle of dinosaurs in there for fun!). Students will have the opportunity to learn about our dry climate here in the Phoenix desert as well as animals that live in deserts and plants they can find! We will also be using this month to learn about the state of Arizona!

The colors we will be learning about this month are black and white, the shape is a rectangle.

KINDERGARTEN

NEWSLETTER

January

What we're learning

Reading

Are you wondering how you can help your child at home with decoding and reading? Please click on the link and find a list of decodable books that your child can read at home.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1od8CRKp-SiK9qwpksZ70IXN0JAIWHnC2UBNS39hwpGk/edit?usp=sharing>

Math

We are reviewing number bonds: finding the missing part in a number bond.

**Place value
Orally counting**

Science

For the next few weeks we'll be learning about polar animals. We'll take a look at their habitats, the food they eat, their body coverings, their babies, and more!

Social Studies

After a long two week winter break, we'll be reviewing STING expectations for being a strong scorpion and being tolerant of others. The students will be learning about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King and his dream.

Upcoming events

Parent Teacher Conferences- Please see your child's teacher for more information

FIRST GRADE NEWS

January 2024



A note from the teacher:

We hope everyone had an amazing winter break. During our first week back to school, we really focus our school routines, procedures and building our classroom community. This also included practicing STING throughout our school (ex: line walking, playground/cafeteria procedures etc). Below is a breakdown our academic topics we will be covering throughout the month of January.

Also, our Quarter 3 Incentive will be the annual EFCA Olympics! This incentive is a lot of fun and has to be earned! If you have any questions about the incentive please feel free to contact your student's teacher.

Upcoming events:

- 1/15 - No School MLK Day
- 1/16: Parent Teacher Conference will be taking place throughout the week.
- 1/23: 100th Day of School
- 1/24: Early Release

Looking ahead:

ELA	Identifying main idea. Using text features.
WRITING	Writing personal narratives.
MATH	Measurement and data.
SOCIAL STUDIES	Martin Luter King Day Lesson



Happy
New Year

4th Grade News

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

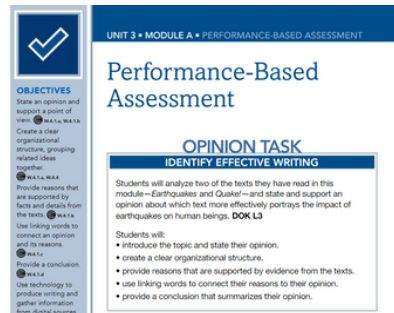
Reading

The students will be reading the informational text, "Earthquakes" and learning more about key ideas and details, explaining events in a scientific text, and describing the text structure.



Writing

During writing, the students will be analyzing their Earthquake books and writing opinions throughout the module so they are prepared to successfully write their performance-based assessment.



Science

In science, the students will be learning about the breaking down and moving of rocks. By the end of this unit, they will be able to answer how wind, water, and weather erodes Earth's surface.

Upcoming Events

Parent teacher conferences will be the week of January 16th.

Math

The students are learning about factors and multiples which will help them when finding the GCF and LCM with fractions.

Thank you!

Thank you for all of your support and we look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher conferences!



5th grade

NEWSLETTER

Math

For math this month of January we are starting chapter 7 in our new volume 2 books. In chapter 7 we will be looking at how to write and evaluate expressions, learning order of operations and solving different patterns. After chapter 7 we will move on to Chapter 8 which will all be about fractions and decimals.

History

In history they are studying maps skills such as the difference between longitude and altitude.

Science

In Science, students are observing how their plants have been growing and writing down new observations. Students have also been learning about ecosystems and comparing biotic and abiotic systems.

English

In English they have been reviewing context clues and different vocabulary that goes along with the stories they are reading. They are also reading different types of poems and how they are related.

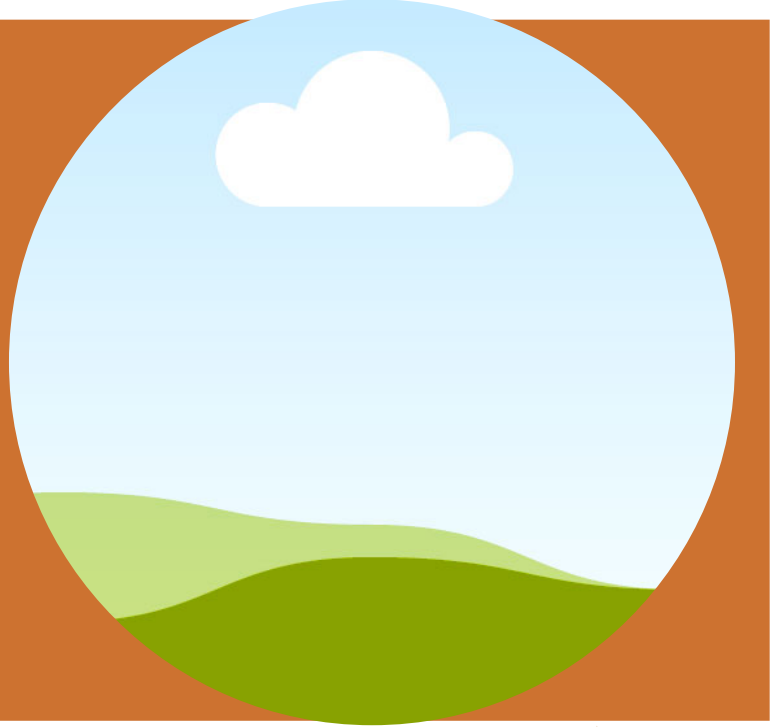


6th Grade



ELA/Social Studies

Happy New Year! In the New Year, we will be learning about the different Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt. Do you know how pyramids were built? Ask your student about Khufu!



Science

New Year new science! Our scientists have now crossed into the world of physical science. For the next month we will focus on the changes in states of matter are caused by the different rates of movement of atoms. We will also discuss how the variation in temperature and pressure affect the states of matter.



Math

- Expressions
- Equations
- Order of Operations
- Exponents
- Variables
- Word problems involving variables
- Distributive Property
- Factoring Expressions



Seventh Grade

Language and Literature

Happy New Year! We are jumping right back into Unit 4: Moment of Truth. We are working with Informative Texts and practicing our textual evidence skills.

Math

- **Arriaga:** Students are converting between the metric and customary system. We will have a review over Chapter 4.
- **Hensarling:** Currently, we are completing our work in fractions and mixed numbers.

Science

Students have been introduced to Rocket Sled. Next week we will explore what makes a rocket sled move. Also, we have begun to review the components for science fair projects!

Individuals in Societies

Students are learning about Revolution and War in Asia. In the next week, we will move to Lesson 25: The Rise of Fascism and Totalitarian States.

Eighth Grade

Language and Literature

Happy New Year! We are jumping into our new StudySync Unit 4: Hear Me Out. Students are focusing on informative texts and constructing argumentative writing.

Math

- **Arriaga:** Students will be using what they know about solving systems of equations to determine if functions will be linear vs nonlinear, compare properties of functions, and construct functions.
- **Hensarling:** We venture into Quadratics!
- **Arriaga Algebra:** Algebra students are currently working on their self guided PXU course.

Science

Students have now reviewed the parts of an atom, and completed a brief introduction to the Hindenburg Explosion. Next week we will explore what caused the Hindenburg to explode.

Individuals in Societies

Students are learning about The Bill of Rights and Civil Liberties. In the next week, we will begin looking at Law, Liberty, and Interpreting the US Constitution.



THE POWER OF READING

Library News

NEVER
UNDERESTIMATE THE
POWER OF A BOOK.

SAVE THE DATE!
THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK
FAIR WILL BE RETURNING
FEBRUARY 5-9!

I have requested Scholastic ensure we have both English and Spanish titles for this fair. Also, more than half of the Spring selection will be NEW TITLES and the latest Dog Man, which releases March 19th, will be available for pre-sale!

I hope you all enjoyed some down time over the winter break! Many students have proudly told me they finished reading their books during their time off and it makes my heart happy to know we have so many avid readers taking the initiative to read outside of school hours!

Please check with your student that they have returned any overdue titles to avoid any restrictions getting new books from the library. Let's keep our readers reading as much and as often as we can!



JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Parent/Teacher conference week! →	15 No School In observance of Civil Rights Day	16	17	18 Early Release at 12:00p.m.	19 Early Release at 12:00p.m.	20
21	22	23	24 Early Release at 12:00p.m.	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

