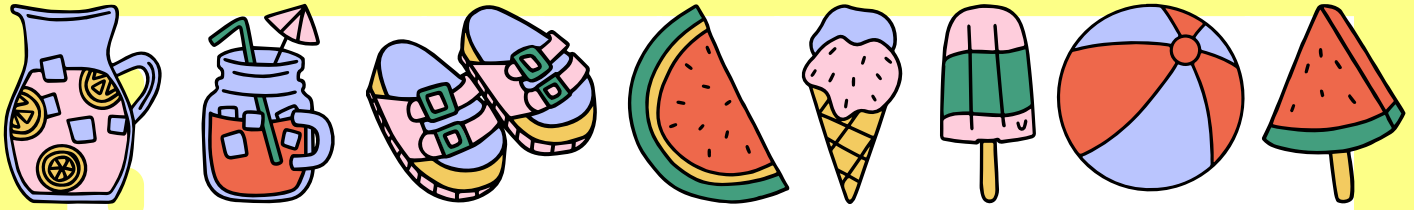


Estrella Foothills Global Academy

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Wow! What an incredible 2023-2024 school year! I could not have asked for a better first year as principal with the most amazing students, staff, and families! We have all learned and grown from each other and that is what I call a successful school year. Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer.

Good luck to our 8th grade students being promoted to high school! I know you all will do great things. I look forward to seeing you back at school on August 5th!

Kind Regards,

Ms. Erin Lebish
Principal



For the last several weeks our **students have shown G.R.I.T.** as they prepared for **spring assessments**. Students were *extremely motivated* to earn these bucks **thanks to your donations!**



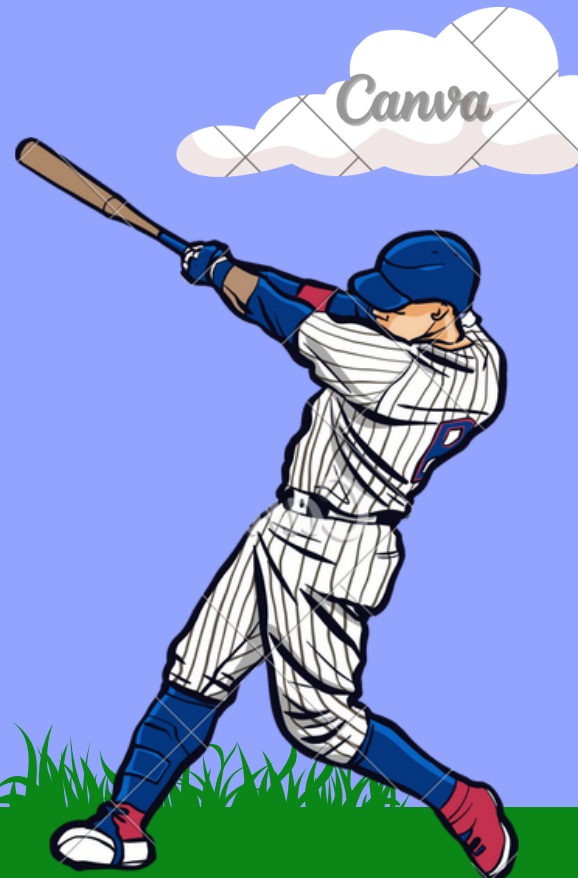
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IB Learner Profile of the Month:



Reflective

As IB Learners we strive to:

- thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience.
- work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.



SELF- MANAGEMENT

Identify strengths and weakness of personal learning strategies

Develop new skills, techniques, and strategies for effective learning

Demonstrate flexibility in the selection and use of learning strategies



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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](#)!



NEWS FROM

Developmental PreK

April Recap



May!

For the month of May, students will be learning about the ocean.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about animals that live in the ocean, going to the beach, investigate shells, and bring home a few of their favorite ocean animals! The color of the month is orange, and the shape is oval and we are focusing on the letters T and J!

important dates

Friday, May 3rd
ORANGE DAY! Wear orange!

Saturday, May 4th
SeaLife Aquarium Field Trip @ 9:45am (form in backpacks)

Friday, May 17th **WATER DAY!**

Monday, May 20th End of Year Party! Please RSVP so I know how many people plan to attend 😊

ART AT EFGA



WITH MS. WILD



LAVEEN DISTRICT ART WALK



[Art Projects & Material Suggestions](#)

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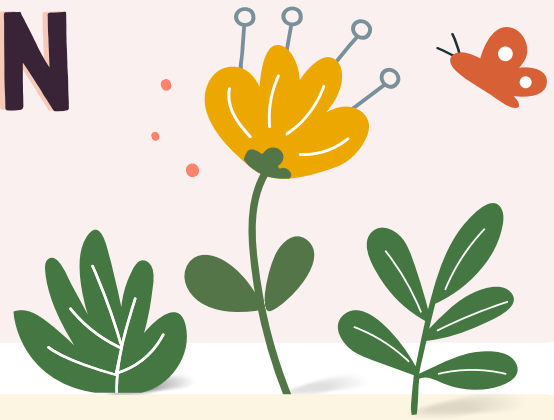


EFGA WORLD FAIR ART WORK



[Art Projects & Material Suggestions](#)

KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER



As we get ready for first grade, this last month don't forget to ask your scorpion, "How are you leveling up?"

* NWEA & AIMS

We continue to prepare and practice strategies for our upcoming NWEA test. Our scorpions are also getting ready for their AIMS test by practicing their fluency challenges!

SAVE THE DATE!

Kindergarten Graduation:

We are officially booked for our BIG kindergarten graduation day. It will be held **Wednesday, May 22nd at 9:00 am, doors open at 8:30 am** to begin seating in the gym. Each family will be provided **4 entry tickets** to help with the crowd size. It will be a **half day and your child will be free to check out** with the office, to leave after the ceremony if you choose.

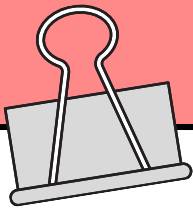
SUBTRACTION FUN

- Using manipulatives: Some students need hands on practice by removing the manipulatives to show they are being taken away.
- Using a Number Line: Some students are visual learners, and using a number line is a subtraction strategy that plays to that strength! Sometimes called the "jump strategy," this method allows students to subtract smaller numbers very easily.
- Make Ten: The Make Ten subtraction strategy makes use of that relationship by reminding students that any subtraction problem can be reformed as a missing addend problem.
- Counting Back (or Up): When using the strategy of counting back or even counting up, it is important to remember that subtraction means the difference

COMING UP

May 2nd- World Fair 4:00-6:00pm
May 8th-Early Release at 12:00pm
(\$2 dress down)
Week of May 6th- NWEA testing
Week of May 13th- AIMS Web testing
May 14th- Field Trip
May 17th- 4th Quarter Incentive





1st Grade **NEWS**

World Fair

Our little learners had a blast learning about South America. Our annual World Fair day provided a great opportunity for them to be Inquirers and explore a different country and culture.

ELA

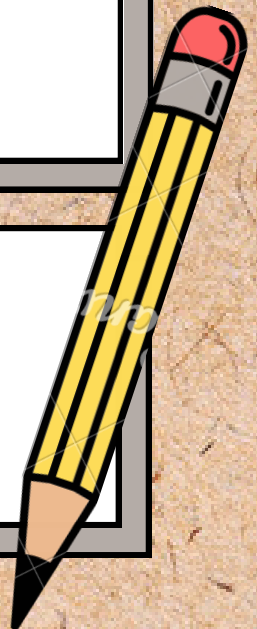
The anchor text we are explore is One Classroom, Different Cultures. As we explore our book, we were able to dicuss similarities and differences that we observed with the characters.

Reminders

May is a very important month since we have NWEA and AIMSWeb testing. It is essential to encourage your student to try their very best.

Incentive

We will also be having our 4th quarter incentive which will be a water day. This incentive will be the last one of the year as well as one of the students' favorite. There will be more information provided about the day and what the students need to bring.

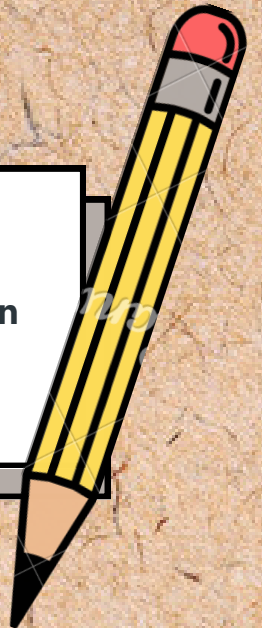


1st Grade

EXCEPTIONAL NEWS



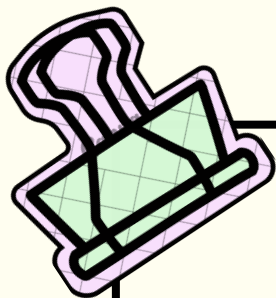
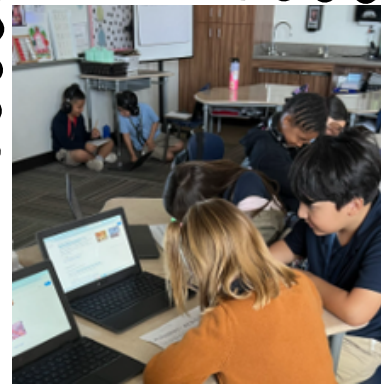
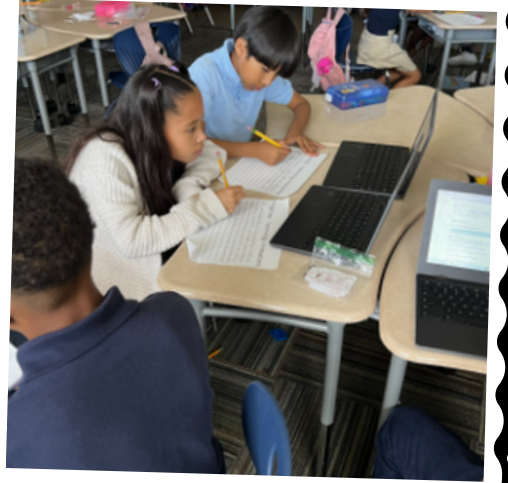
“Congratulations to Ezme Ramirez in Grade 1 who received an award from The Council for Exceptional Children. Ezme was nominated because of her resilience, effort, and perseverance in all that she does throughout her day at school and home. We are so proud of Ezme! She inspires us all!”



Second Grade

World Fair

Students have been working really hard to research and prepare for the World Fair. Since we are in the Asia Hallway, our classes are representing India, Japan, and the Philippines.



Upcoming Dates



- NWEA Math– May 6th
- NWEA Reading– May 7th
- Early Release– May 8th
- AIMSweb Plus– May 13–17th



3rd Grade **NEWS**

ELA

In reading we will finish off the year reading an informational text about the Titanic! The students are very excited and interested in this topic. For writing, we will be writing informative essays to explain what we are learning in science. We will also end the year learning how to write in cursive!

Math

In math we are focusing on geometry. Students are learning about the different attributes of polygons and quadrilaterals. We are also learning how to classify triangles by their angles.

Social Studies

In Social Studies we are working on our World Fair Projects. We hope to see you explore the world here at EFGA on Thursday, May 2nd from 4:00-5:30.

Science

In science we are still learning about the different types of natural disasters and the scientific causes of severe weather.



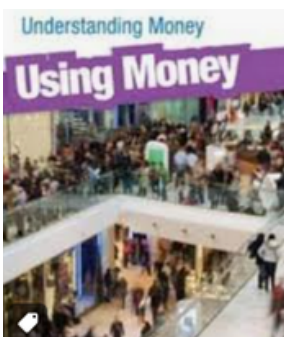


4th Grade News

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

Reading

In reading, the students are learning about money and determining the main idea and details of the text.



Writing/Science

In writing, they are working on writing an informative essay on what they are learning in science...plant and animal adaptations.



NWEA

Monday, May 6th: Math

Tuesday, May 7th: Reading

Wed., May 8th: Language

Thurs. May 9th: Science

Upcoming Dates

May 8th : Early Release

May 17th: 4th Q Incentive

May 22nd: Last Day of School

Math

In math, we are reviewing all of the 4th grade standards to prepare them for NWEA next week.

Thank you so much!

Thank you for all of your support this year!!



5TH GRADE CLASS

NEWS

Math



In math we are reviewing skills to get ready for the NWEA math test. We have reviewed different converting units and now we are reviewing multiplying fractions.

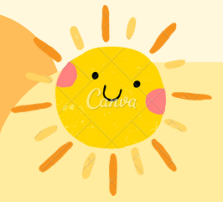
History

We have reached the World's Fair event, the culmination of many months of research on the 5th Grade country: New Zealand. The students have worked very diligently to create a travel package to highlight all the best New Zealand has to offer. 16 different sites were required which were to showcase all huge variety of culture, history, amazing scenery, and unique animals.

Science

The science board games were a huge success!! Students had a great time and really showed some of the science concepts they've learned this year. We have two more STEM projects coming up soon, and a field trip on Monday, May 13. Please make sure permission slips are turned in.

6th Grade News



ELA

- Touching Spirit Bear novel
- Parts of speech review
- Daily grammar time!

Social Studies

- Pre-feudal Japan
- Buddhism vs. Shinto
- Japan government
- Heian- Kyo, Japan's Golden Age

Science

- The Sun
- Planetary objects
- Objects in the night sky
- Lots of review for NWEA!



Math-Reviewing for NWEA and finished the year with:

- Geometry
 - Area
 - Volume
 - Perimeter
- Statistics
 - Measures of Center (mean, median, mode, MAD)
 - Measures of Variation (range, median, Q1, Q3, IQR)
 - Data Displays

We are proud of 6th grade!

7/8th Grade News



Language and Literature: Students are wrapping up their novel studies in both seventh and eighth grade! This study will wrap up with an essay for both grades.

Individuals and Societies: Students are reaching their final lessons of the year! The ELA end of the year essay ties into what the students have learned about history this year too.

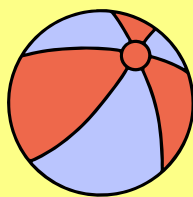
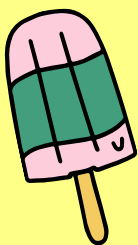
Science: Thank you for a fantastic Science Fair! We had some amazing projects and a great turn out at the event. Congratulations to all the winners!

Math: Students are focused on NWEA prep and wrapping up the final lessons of the year. Both grades are focused on review and prep for the next grade.

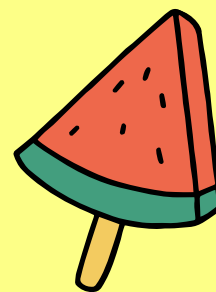
Thank you all for such an amazing year, we are so proud of all seventh and eighth graders!

Congratulations and good luck to all of our amazing 8th graders as they promote and head off to high school!

Special shout out and thank you to Ms. Claudia and Mr. A, our long term subs on the 7/8 team. You have made this year awesome! Thank you!



MAY



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1	2 World Fair 4-6p.m.	3 Preschool Orange Walk	4
5	6	7	8 Early Release at 12:00p.m.	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Early Release 	23	24 Office Closed	25
26	27 Office Closed 	28 First Day of Summer School.	29	30	31 Office Closed	

