

February, 2012

From Ms. Green, Principal

Dear Parents,

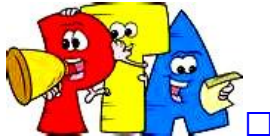
It's hard to believe we are already half-way through our school year. What a terrific year we've had so far!

I would like to once again remind parents that it is imperative you have your student to school on time. The gates open at 8:00 am and close at 8:05 am, as school officially begins at 8:05 am. If the car line is causing your student to run late, please consider arriving earlier to avoid it, or park on the street and walk your child up to the gates.

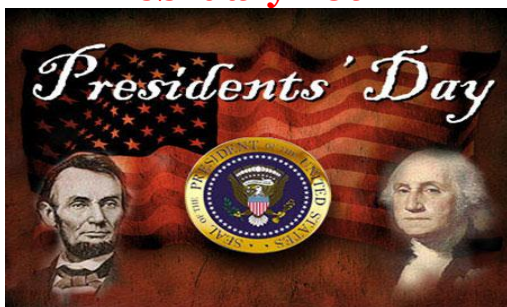
Again, please make a concerted effort to be on time every day. We are experiencing a large number of tardy students on a daily basis and that means for every tardy student, the instructional time for other students and their teacher is interrupted, as well as your child not receiving their full instructional time.

Thank you for your continued efforts and support in this.

PTA Notes: Pacific Fundraiser beginning February! Keep an eye out!



Honoring our Presidents February 20th



Calendar

Feb. 2	School Site Council 2:30 pm
Feb. 3	PTA Meeting 3:00 pm
Feb. 6	Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off
Feb. 7	Vista Heights Band (5th gd.)
Feb. 9	PTA Dine Out-Jason's Deli
Feb. 17	Lincoln's Day Holiday
Feb. 20	President's Day Holiday
Feb. 22	Shakey's w/the Principal
Feb. 22	Pacific Fundraiser Kickoff!
March 2	PTA Meeting @3:00 pm
March 2	Minimum Day!
March 8	Spring Picture Day
March 9	ELAC Meeting @ 8:25 am
March 13	2nd Grade Field Trip
March 13	Earthcapades Assembly
March 15	2nd Grade Field Trip
March 16	Jump Rope for Heart!
March 19	PTA Dine Out
March 22	Choir Meeting @ 2:15 pm
March 26	Spring Break begins!!
April 9	All Students Return!

Kindergarten

On January 31 Kindergarten will celebrate the 100th day of school. We will practice counting to 100, create collections of 100 items and write our numbers to 100! Also, we are learning all about addition.

We are practicing making addition sentences and using objects to add. Our new unit in Language Arts is called *Sunshine and Raindrops*.

We are exploring the weather and learning many new high frequency words.



My Favorite Book

I read my favorite story. My favorite story is Bedtime Stories because before I go to sleep every day, I read that story. It makes me happy. That book is great!

By Maribel Cervantes-Estrada, 1st grade

He Had a Dream...So Do I!

My dream is to help people keep the earth clean. By keeping the earth clean it helps trees and plants grow, keeps the air clean, and the waters blue. It will be a better place for all of the people and animals to live.

By Riley Gottesman, 2nd grade

First Grade

We have past our 100th day of school!!!!!!
Only 76 more days to go!!!

The kids are working extremely hard in all areas. Please remember to keep reading daily and making sure your child can read each story in the Phonics Library book with ease.

Also the children should have their addition facts to 20 memorized by the end of February.

We will start memorizing subtraction facts in March. In P.E. the kids enjoyed learning the Mexican Hat Dance.

We are now working on basketball, hockey, and kickball for the next three weeks. Thank you for helping your child be successful in school.



Second Grade

We are beginning our Amazing Animal theme. We'll be reading and writing about our favorite animals. Our study will include our science chapters about prehistoric animals who left behind fossil remains. This study will prepare us for our early March field trip to the Western Center for Archeology and Paleontology.

In math we'll begin adding and subtracting numbers in the hundreds! Our other math studies include measurement, fractions, and telling time. There's no doubt we'll have busy classrooms.



Fourth Grade - Writing

The Perfect Sentence

It's hard to write a perfect sentence.

When you're writing a sentence, there are many different things to pay attention to.

First, every sentence must always begin with a capital letter. Then, you always have to include all the necessary punctuation throughout every sentence! Word choice is important, too. Additionally, proper grammar and correct sentence structure is needed in good writing. Finally, spelling does matter!

This year, I'm going to work hard to achieve my goal of writing perfect sentences every opportunity I get!

By Amiyah Blocker, 4th grade

Fifth Grade

5th grade students had a great time learning at Thousand Pines Outdoor Science School in Crestline right before Winter Break.

We are currently working hard on essential standards and our students are beginning their publishing project.

Please continue working with your child on building their skills in Math and encouraging them to do well in all subjects.

Haiku by Emily Evans, 4th grade

Winter is chilly,
Snow is falling everywhere
Snowball fights are fun.

Limerick by Andres Torres, 4th grade

There once was a fish named Kish.
One day he disappeared, the next day he was
on the dish.
Fish were very sad, some even were mad.
No one knew who ate the fish dish!

Third Grade

Students took cereal boxes and created their own cereal box using the story *The Nights of the Pufflings*. We named the cereal *Puffin Pops*, and on the box we put special offers, *Puffin Facts*, a Puffin contest and what you could win and what you would do in Heimeay, Iceland. On the back of the box they came up with their own game - find the 7 missing puffins, a puffin word search, and even getting your puffin through the sea maze. So much fun!

We did three flow maps about Space with the order of the Planets with the Planet (its name, general main idea and two facts).

We also read the story *Raising Dragons*, using popcorn bags. Inside were flow maps giving main points to the story and topic sentences or facts.

We also created a Memory Math Box. Using the Geometry Chapter, we went concept by concept in squares and drew pictures and then labeled them. We are challenging the boys and girls in teams with times tables. So far the boys are ahead.

Out of 29 children that took the Mayflower Test from the story *Across the Wide Dark Sea*, 25 students got 100%!!

We have been playing bean bag sentence toss, and singing adverb songs!

