



### **Kinder**

Math: We are learning to recognize and work with teen numbers and learn to count up to 100. We will begin learning addition and subtraction soon. Writing: During writing time we will be drawing and writing responses to our classroom texts as well as beginning writing informational books of our own! Science: We will be learning about animals for our next science unit.

Important Dates: February 5 – All kindergarten classes will be going on a field trip to the Palo Alto Children’s Theater to watch a play. Keep a lookout in February for more information on our 100 th day of school!

### **1st grade**

Unfortunately PIP is unable to fund anymore field trips for 1st grade this year. We unfortunately will not be able to go to Elkus Ranch as was planned for February.

### **2nd grade**

The Second Grade classes will be studying Nutrition and our economy in January and will learn to write a “How To” piece of writing. We will be having CuriOdyssey science in the classrooms once a week in January. In February we will start to study about the Rainforest, plants and animals. Each class will perform a play about the Rainforest in early March. Information about times and dates will be sent home closer to that time. For Valentine’s Day your child may bring Valentine cards to their peers, but please don’t write who they are for. Just have your child sign them, and please bring enough for the whole class to receive one.

### **3rd grade**

Language Arts: We have finished up with our Animal Adaptation unit and students have produced an informative writing piece afterwards. Student will also be studying how characters have different points of view in stories. Math: We’re on to division! And we’ll be studying fractions soon also. Science: Animal Adaptations and then Light and Energy. Reading: Reminder, the third grade expectation is that on top of the one page of math homework, students also do at least 30 minutes of reading every night and record it in their reading log. They also need to do one period of reading of 30 minutes over the weekend.

### **4th grade**

Reading: Students have Reading homework for 30 minutes Monday through Friday. Five minutes out of 30 minutes should be spent reading aloud. Please note, if homework is written in Spanish then that means homework reading and grammar are to be completed in that language. Also, log their reading in their Reading Log. The Log is part of a school-wide movement to promote the love of reading. Writing: In class, we will be participating in a writing contest sponsored by the Embassy of Spain. This year’s theme is around the question “What

does learning Spanish means to me?" You can help your child by talking about what it means to them and have a conversation around this question. Math: we will be learning and practicing multiplication of one digit by one to three digits as well as two digit by two digit. After that, we will be going into division. Social Studies: we will continue to learn about early explorers

Important Dates:

Field Trips: Perez and Ortiz to Filoli on Feb. 22. We will need a lot of help from parent drivers. Please make sure your automobile insurance is up to date in the office so you can help us drive Students. There is no school on: Winter Break - Dec 21st to Jan 4th . Thursday, December 20th will be a minimum day.

**5th grade**

Core: SLA- M.Canfield- Learning about use of natural resources and corn. Learning about finding key details and main idea. Fuel vs. food. ELA- Students are on the unit about Developing Character Relationships. They are learning to write informal essays on Becky Returns Math- Students are currently on Unit 6, working through problems that require them to multiple Decimals. Science: M.Canfield - Living Systems. M.Lowery - Water Planets.

M.Hernandez - Mixtures and Solutions (Students will be rotating for science beginning January.) Social Studies: M.Canfield - Working in groups to learn about explorers. M.Lowery - Working on State brochures individually. M.Hernandez - Working in groups to learn about explorers.

Important Dates: Last Day before winter break- December 20th, this is a minimum day, classes end at 12:58. Sing-A-long- December 20th at 11:45. Winter Break- December 21st - January 7th. First Day back from winter break is January 8th .

**P.E. (1st-5th)**

Basketball unit ended with all of the student classes going beyond the standard! Recess intramurals for 4th and 5th grade basketball started this month. Ask your students about all the fun! Our dance unit started the second week of December (dance will be provided with an exercise activity for those who do not or cannot participate), ask your students about all of the fun they had this week! Go Falcons! Maestro Mario and Jaime have been doing a phenomenal job preparing and educating our students about the PFT (physical fitness test), locomotor/axial movements, and the importance of good sportsmanship! Emphasis placed on the 3 C's (communication, cooperation, and community).

Important Dates: January 11th is our "Jump for hearts" kick off date. We will be working with the American Heart Association to educate our students on the importance of cardiovascular fitness. January will also be our "Healthy Heart Month." We will showing the importance of nutrition and how the heart works in the body. Soccer intramurals will begin in the spring. Have an amazing vacation break!