



# PINNACLE PREP SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

April 5, 2022

## Let's enjoy the spring weather!

We are so excited to finally have some wonderful weather and to be able to enjoy some fun in the sun! April will be full of special surprises and activities.

# April

**April 1:** Funday Friday-Popsicles

**April 8:** Funday Friday- Sidewalk Chalk Art

**April 14:** Easter Egg Hunt

**April 22:** Funday Friday- Earth Day

**April 28:** National Superhero Day

**April 29:** Funday Friday- Bubble Party



### **Easter Break:**

Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18, 2022



## Inclement Weather Policy

Keeping you informed is always our priority. We will notify you about school closure due to inclement weather via Remind 101 on or before 7 a.m. on the morning of closure.

## Follow us on social media!

You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube!

You will be able to keep up to date with everything that is happening at Pinnacle Prep!

**REMIND 101** is our preferred method of communication for everyday activities and reminders.

- If you have quick questions, feel free to send a remind message.

# Ms. Laura

## *Penguins*

Mrs. Laura's Class is discovering all about spring! This month we will be learning the Butterfly Life Cycle. We will be learning about each life stage with discussions on how the caterpillar turns into the chrysalis and, lastly, a beautiful butterfly. We will be doing lots of butterfly crafts this month!

We continue to practice our phonics and read every day. They continue to do an excellent job answering comprehension questions. They can identify characters and the plot. They even come up with creative solutions to the problems before we finish the story!

In math, we're continuing to practice count different ways to 100. We're counting by twos, fives, and tens. The students are continuing to practice addition and subtraction. We are starting to focus on even and odd numbers and how and what that means. I will be looking forward to all their discoveries along the way.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Laura Venegas



# ELA- Writing

## Mrs. Chavez

Hello there, Pinnacle Parents!

They say March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb. Spring Fever is definitely in the air! Let's all remember to relax and sniff whatever daffodils come our way.

Ms. Suzy's spring bees are creating some dinger of their own. They are currently working on the novel *The Same Stuff as Starts*. We are discussing and writing about several themes involved in family dynamics such as guilt, reconciliation, perseverance, and hope. The two main takeaways being we are, indeed, all significant in this world and where there is a will, there is always a way. The students will also be completing a mini astronomy project, as one of the main characters in our novel studies the constellations to get her through some pretty tough times.

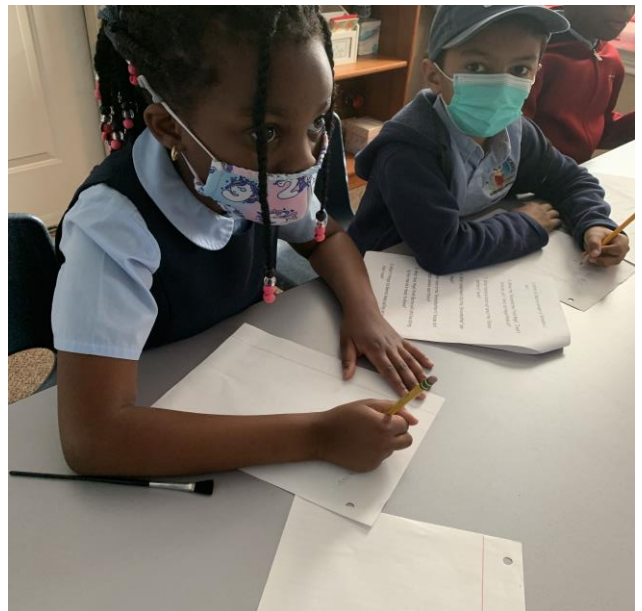
The test results from Tom Sawyer are official in. The Lions rocked it with a class average of 91%! I am so proud of each and every one of you. Keep up the great work!

Until next time, here's a chuckle for your thoughts:

"I don't mean to brag, but I put together a puzzle in 1 day and the box said 2-4 years."

Quote for March:

My mind is like my internet browser-19 tabs open, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no idea where the music is coming from.



# ELA & Math

## Mrs. Hill

### Pandas:

Our Pandas have been working hard on our novel study, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing!* Our plan for April will follow the same routine that is in place...Please remember:

- Reading Log (M-Th), a minimum of 20 min. and must be initialed DAILY by an adult... This is your child's responsibility!
- Treasure Chest will be every Friday from now on...ONLY for those students who have completed reading, spelling, Abeka, and Ivan work ON TIME
- Spelling Tests are on Fridays along with completed packets. Please help your child with learning how to study and be prepared for tests.
- Abeka Language—2 pages daily (M-Th)...I check randomly and choose pages to grade!

### Lions (ELA):

We are on schedule to complete our novel study, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis next week! We will celebrate by watching the movie and doing a small compare/contrast writing piece at school...I am also making TURKISH DELIGHT for all the students as a treat, so please let me know if your child has any food allergies.

- Reading Log (M-Th), a minimum of 20 min. and must be initialed DAILY by an adult... This is your child's responsibility! READING IS NON-NEGOTIALE!!!
- Abeka Language—I assign different sections each week, and also give them 10 minutes daily of independent work time...It is THEIR responsibility to manage their time wisely and have work completed by the deadline I have given. (I check randomly and choose pages to grade!)

- Spelling Tests are on Fridays along with completed packets. Please help your child with learning how to study and be prepared for tests.

We have a BIG research project coming up...Please start talking about notable people in American History with your child...Details will follow after LWW unit is totally finished.

### Giraffes:

Our Giraffes continue to impress me everyday! Here's what we have going on in April...

- Just a gentle reminder...Spelling packets MUST be turned in on Friday mornings. Since we have tests on Fridays, I strongly encourage each student to practice his/her words at home during the week...
- Each student is required to read 20 minutes daily, and record on their reading logs inside their purple folders. PARENTS, PLEASE INITIAL EACH ENTRY!
- Please encourage our Giraffes to practice handwriting—especially forming the letters the correct way, and making letters the correct size!
- We only have a couple more weeks until our "Nonfiction Text Features Books" are finished!
- After this unit, the students will be ready to do a NONFICTION PROJECT! Please start discussing with your child about which animal he/she would LOVE to learn MORE about!

### Lions (Math):

We are completing our advanced unit on FRACTIONS next week...In April we will dive into Geometry! As usual, you can count on lots of critical thinking, real-world applications, and word problems! In addition, I will be having the students complete LOTS of IXL so I can easily tell when they completely understand the objectives.

**Thank you, again, for your support and partnership in education from home!**





# Math

Ms. Jaya

**Tigers:** Tigers successfully completed the unit on Geometry in which they learnt types of triangles, quadrilaterals, and polygons as well as finding the sum of interior angles of different polygons, area and circumference of circles, congruent and similar figures. Some of the tigers worked on factors, fractions, and exponents in which they learnt to find out the G.C.F and L.C.M of variables, rules of exponents, negative and zero exponents, and scientific notation. Tigers are now working on ratio and proportion in which they will learn to write and solve proportions using cross products, similar and congruent figures, scale drawings and probability, after which they will move on to learn percents in which they will learn to relate and compare fraction, decimals and percents, and problem-solving applications. Students will start learning basic algebraic concepts, where they will learn about algebraic expressions and equations, add, subtract, multiply and divide equations. Some of the tigers are working on solving equations with variables on both sides and problem-solving applications.

**Giraffes:** Giraffes were amazing with their unit on Measurements in which they learnt about measuring length, capacity and volume using centimeters and inches. They are now working on Gallon man, where they are learning the relationship between cups, pints, quarts, and gallon. We will move on to learn skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. Students will continue to work on math facts and IXL.

**Lions:** Lions worked on a Geometry unit in which they learnt about points, lines, ray, line segment, angles, parallel and perpendicular lines. They are now working on finding area, perimeter, and volume of regular and irregular shapes, difference between similar and congruent figures and transformations. Some of the lions are working on decimals, in which they are learning to solve decimal problems using different math operations. Some of the lions will be working on ratio and proportion in which they will learn to write and solve proportions using cross products, similar and congruent figures, scale drawings and probability. On completion, they will move on to learn percent's where they will learn to relate and compare fraction, decimals and percents, and problem-solving applications.

**Pandas:** completed working on Measurements in which they learnt about measuring length to the nearest centimeters and inches, capacity in ounces and pounds), and volume, converting between (cups, pints, and quarts) (ounces and pounds), (grams and kilograms). Kids are now working on Gallon Man, and then we will move on to learn probability and statistics. They will continue to work on multiplication and division facts.



# Upper Humanities

*Mr. Troxel*

The kids have impressed with their good work coming back from spring break. We jumped right in. The year is winding up soon, but there is much still to keep everyone busy. We are all working hard at Pinnacle to end an interesting year strongly.

## **Lions:**

We have traveled the roads of ancient history together all semester. Now the Lions are approaching their final persuasive speech culminating the extended public speaking unit of Agora. The students have impressed me at all phases, learning and demonstrating the important skills of speaking for specific impact. After we finish the Agora project, our studies will move to exploration of ancient Rome and the many ways they still impact the world today.

## **Tigers:**

We study history to understand the environment, needs, and dynamics that drove citizens of the time. They were people just like us. The Tigers are noticing how many of the changes facing citizens in the early years of the U.S. are very similar to challenges which exist today. Lessons take on a different dynamic when learners can walk in their shoes and work to solve similar problems. The next month will provide more conversation along these lines as we explore the Imperialist phase of American history which brought the U.S. to western economic dominance at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Moving forward, we will continue to examine the challenges posed by growth, immigration, the industrial revolution, and the threats posed by fascism in Europe. So many of the same dynamics can be observed in current events in the world right now.

What an amazing year it has been so far. I want to thank all the parents for your support and blessing me with the opportunity to walk beside your children for a short while on their amazing journey in life. This year will be over sooner than we might notice. Have a great Spring and thank you for sharing your amazing kids with us here at Pinnacle Prep.

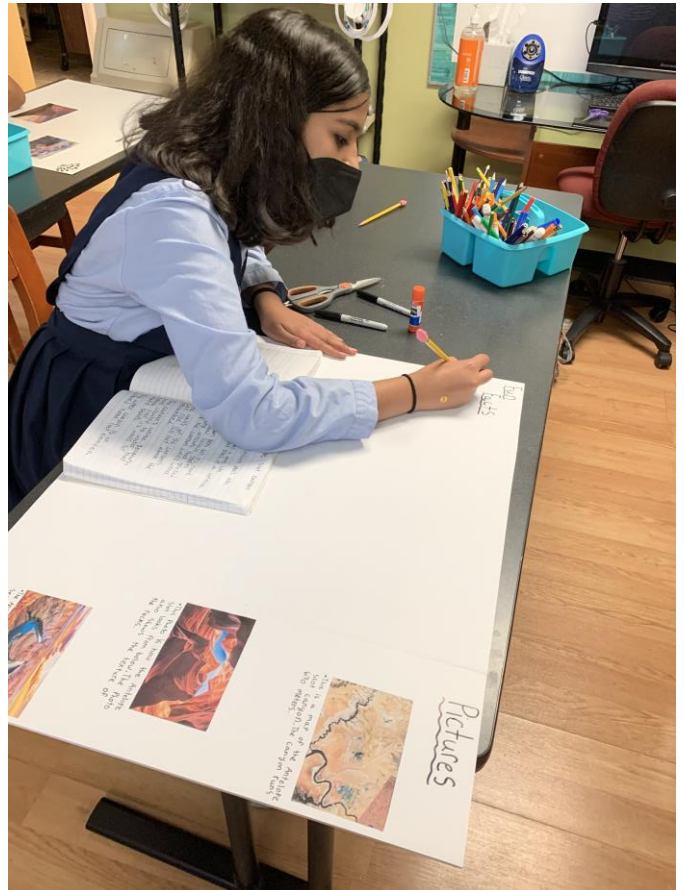


# Science

*Mrs. Hozie*

Our science classes are entering a unit on weather and climate. We will be studying Earth's atmosphere, then exploring air masses and the characteristics of weather fronts. Weather prediction will be discussed and the tools of a meteorologist explained. We will learn about severe storms and the safety precautions that can and should be taken.

Next, we will be working on the solar system and its cycles. We will talk about the distances between the planets and discuss astronomical units and light-years as measures of distance. We will review how the planets rotate on their axes and revolve around the sun. In addition, we will discuss in detail why we have seasons on Earth and explore the possibility of seasons on other planets. Finally, we will describe the waxing and waning phases of the moon and ocean tides. Our final unit of the year will be on Ecology and Environmental science.



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