



PINNACLE PREP SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

May 5, 2022

Wrapping up the year!

As the year comes to an end, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your support this school year.

PARENT'S DAY CELEBRATION

WE WANT TO HONOR OUR PARENTS WITH A PERFORMANCE.

Join us on May 12, 2022, at 1 PM for a performance celebrating our parents! Please arrive by 12:50 pm. We will be starting promptly at 1 pm.

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 students are enjoying all their new discoveries in reading, math, and extra poetry to show appreciation for parents like you. In reading, students have been reading sight words and guided reading in class with questions asked to the students, and your students are coming up with great discussions to answer on topic and beyond.

In Math, the students have been counting from 1 to 200 and practicing addition and subtraction facts. During our class discussions in our round table time, each student uses the number line and responds to their own question, whether it be addition, subtraction, or even an odd number recognition.

We will continue to discover fun crafts and activities to reinforce these concepts and familiarize the student's skills and confidence. Thanks for sharing in your students' educational journey.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Laura Venegas



ELA- Writing

Mrs. Chavez

Hello there, Pinnacle Parents!

In England, during April, there are many cuckoo festivals. The arrival of the cuckoo bird is a signal that spring has arrived. Unfortunately, for me, it's a sign I've lost my mind! No worries, though- with summer break around the corner, I'm sure to find it once again. On that merry note....

Ms. Suzy's great big flock is flying high and wide. They've been fluttering about as they put their finishing touches on all their "Thank You" letters. Please come out for Parent's Day, Thursday, May 13th. Out End of Year presentation will start at 1 pm. All the moms and das will be pleasantly surprised.

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

"I used to jog but the ice cubes kept falling out of my glass."- David Lee Roth.

Quote for April:

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month." – Theodore Roosevelt



ELA & Math

Mrs. Hill

Giraffes:

Our Giraffes did an excellent job on our Nonfiction Text Features Unit! Here's what we have going on in May...

- Each student is required to read 20 minutes daily, and record on their reading logs inside their purple folders. PARENTS, PLEASE INITIAL EACH ENTRY!
- We will be working on End-of-Year fun review packets
- Please encourage our Giraffes to practice handwriting—especially forming the letters the correct way, and making letters the correct size!
- NO MORE SPELLING this year!
- Treasure Chest will be every Friday...ONLY for those students who have completed reading homework ON TIME
- I have some special surprises in store for our Giraffes for the last week...stay tuned!

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

Pandas:

Our plan for May 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...ONLY for those students who have completed reading, Abeka, and TOFGN work ON TIME
- No more Spelling for the last few weeks!
- Abeka Language—2 pages daily (M-Th)...I check weekly and randomly choose pages to grade.
- We are finishing our novel study, *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing!*
- I have some special surprises in store for our Pandas for the last week...stay tuned!

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Lions (ELA):

Lions did an excellent job finishing our novel study on *The Lion, the Watch, and the Wardrobe!* Our main focus for the rest of the year will be on our Biography Research Reports. ***Please pay CAREFUL ATTENTION to these deadlines***:

- Friday, May 6— Works Cited & Outline
- Friday, May 13—First Draft
- Friday, May 20—FINAL PROJECT DUE!!!
- All directions, examples, and helpful tips were sent home three weeks ago...we are using all class time on this project, and I will continue to help to answer every question. I pray that all my expectations are CLEAR ...
- Reading Log (M-Th), a minimum of 20 min. and must be initialed DAILY by an adult... This is your child's responsibility. For the month of May, ANY work done on the project will count on the reading log. Just write RESEARCH on _____.
- Abeka Language—We only have a few sections left! Dictionary Section is due Friday...We WILL finish this book this year!
- Spelling is DONE for the year!
- I have some special surprises in store for our Lions for the last week...stay tuned!

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

Lions (Math):

We are completing our advanced unit on GEOMETRY next week...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. I HAVE SOME SPECIAL PLANS FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS!

Math

Ms. Jaya

Tigers:

Tigers worked on percent's in which they learnt to relate and compare fraction, decimals and percent's, percent of a number, calculate better buy, calculate sales tax, total cost, commission, discount, sale price and problem-solving applications. They also worked on calculating simple and compound interests. They will continue to work on measurements in which they will learn to measure and compare different customary units, calculate area, perimeter, surface area, and volume of different polygons. Some of the tigers are working on figuring out the relations and functions, linear equations in two variables, slope of a line, slope intercept form. We will also be wrapping up this year by reviewing all the concepts learnt.

Giraffes:

Giraffes worked on skip counting. They are now working on adding and subtracting numbers with and without regrouping, problem solving applications. Some of the giraffes are working on times tables and multiplying larger numbers and word problems using the concept learnt. They are also now working on finding out area and perimeter of squares and rectangles. We will be wrapping up this year with lots of reviews of learnt concepts. Continue to work on IXL.

Lions:

Lions worked on finding area, perimeter, circumference and volume of regular and irregular shapes, difference between similar and congruent figures and transformations, relate and convert between customary units of measurements. They are now working on ratio, proportion and percent's and then move on to basic algebra. Some of the lions completed working on decimals, in which they are learnt to solve decimal problems using different math operations. They are now working on basic algebra in which they will learn equations, missing numbers. Some of the lions are working on exponents, scientific notation, order of operations, translate and evaluate algebraic expressions. We will also continue to review previously learnt concepts.

Pandas:

Pandas were wonderful learning their multiplication and division facts. They are now working on geometry in which they are learning to find edges, vertices and faces of different polygons and move on to find the area and perimeter of different polygons. We are also working on learning multiplying 2 digit and 3-digit numbers by one digit number. Some of the Pandas are working on dividing larger numbers (long division with and without reminders), problem solving applications. We will also continue to practice the concepts learnt.

Upper Humanities

Mr. Troxel

I had this identical sentiment last year. It is too often true that we fail to appreciate the life's blessings fully until difficulties place them front and center. The challenges we have all adapted to certainly made this relevant. Your amazing children are the blessing I see most as our school year nears its close. I want to thank all the parents for their patience and support during the year, and to share how very proud I am of the effort and adaptability of your children. Online instructional models are very different from in person learning, and the flexibility every student demonstrated as we bridged these varied needs helped tremendously.

I am working to keep all students actively and meaningfully engaged throughout the month. There is a natural tendency for kids to see the impending sunshine and focus on the future rather than the now. But I have always found this creates the perfect opportunity for students to actively apply what they've learned in the creation hands on products. That is my goal in the next few weeks.

Lions:

We have traveled the roads of ancient history together all semester, the path has led to the age of Rome. The extensive public speaking unit of Agora wrapped up as the May began. We will move on with a study of ancient Rome and the ways they added to Greek philosophy. The final project will combine what they learned with some engineering and architecture. They will have a chance to build their own devices for overcoming fortifications. It should be a fun combination of science and engineering in a historical context, with a bit of healthy competition. It will be a fun way to finish the year.

Tigers:

American history is about how ideas concerning the nature of government changed the world. Very few nations have placed the value of open and blunt verbal confrontation at the center of politics and power of the citizenry. We have examined the founding of America, exploring both strengths and mistakes, with the understanding that any human endeavor is fraught with human missteps. Learning our flaws reduces the tendency towards repetition. Words are the preferred weapons of combat in a society that values freedom. My goal has been to provide your child with a solid understanding of how this looks. We are closing this month with full blown Cross Examination format debate. In teams we will examine the principles of argumentation, policy debate, and the rhetorical strategies that form the basis for our legislative and justice systems. The kids are ready for a rumble!

What an amazing year it has been. Again, 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. I wish blessings to you all as our national challenges continue and look forward to the next exciting steps together at Pinnacle Prep School.



Science

Mrs. Hozie

This month, our science classes finished up the geology of Earth and transitioned into the study of our Universe. We have studied the solar system and its cycles as well as the difference between astronomical units, and light-years. We have talked about the rotation of planets and how it can determine day/night cycles. We also reviewed how the revolution of Earth along with the tilt of its axis determines the seasons.

We are finishing with the night sky including the phases of the moon and how stars are classified and grouped in our sky. In addition, older students learn how stars are born, develop and finally die.

In the coming week, we are finishing the unit with galaxies, exoplanets, and space exploration (including a special project for Star Wars Day, May 4th). After that, we will delve into life cycles, ecology, and plants.

Along with all of this learning, we are taking time to do projects and activities that give students a chance to use what they have learned and apply it. May the Force Be with You and Yours this month!



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