

NEWSLETTER

August 15, 2023

We want to welcome everyone to the 2023-2024 school year. We are so excited to have Mrs. Hughlett join us at Pinnacle Prep! She has over 22 years of experience with children in many different learning environments and enjoys making positive impacts on their academic progress. She is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and is a loyal and true to her OSU Cowboys!

Please remember to be on time. Drop-off is between 8 and 8:30pm and pick-up is at 2pm.

Our calendar is updated and available on our website: [Calendar](#).



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 us a Remind message.

AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
BACK TO School	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	FIRST DAY	10	PHOTO DAY	12
13	14	15	HA HA NATIONAL TELL A JOKE DAY	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	POPSICLE DAY	26
27	28	29	30	31 ICE CREAM		

ELA

Mrs. Hill

Welcome back to school! In my ELA class, we will spend the rest of August settling in—back to school activities, summer reading projects, individualized assessment, and LOTS of observation!

Below is the list of the novel studies we will be covering this year. We will begin with the first one on the list starting the Tuesday after Labor Day. Some reading will be done at school, and there will be assigned chapters to read for homework. All related assignments are intended to be completed at school, however, any incomplete work will be considered homework.

Tigers:

- Of Mice & Men, John Steinbeck
- The Outsiders, S.E. Hinton
- A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens
- The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Freak the Mighty, Rodman Philbrick

Lions:

- Peter and the Starcatchers, Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson
- The Whipping Boy, Sid Fleischman
- Island of the Blue Dolphins, Scott O'Dell
- (if time allows...) Mouse & the Motorcycle, Beverly Cleary

Pandas:

- Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Judy Blume
- Charlotte's Web, E.B. White

Thank you for your support and encouragement as we dive into some GREAT books this year!

Beginning the week after Labor Day:

- Reading logs (Penguins, Giraffes, and Pandas)
- Sight Words (Penguins & Giraffes)
- Spelling (Giraffes & Pandas)
- Vocabulary Workshop (Pandas, Lions, Tigers)
- Winston Grammar (Pandas, Lions, Tigers)
- Writing Workshop (ALL GROUPS)
- Novel Studies (Pandas, Lions, Tigers)

Information will go home as each new subject becomes part of our weekly routine. I'm looking forward to a spectacular year with all students!

Humanities

Mrs. Hughlett

Welcome to Mrs. Hughlett's Humanities/History class! I am so excited to be working with your children this year! Currently, we are doing activities that allow me to get to know your children better and they are learning about me as well. I will also be evaluating their strengths and weaknesses. Folders will begin coming home once a week with your child after Labor Day.

Penguins: After Labor Day, we will focus on reading comprehension and writing as we learn about events in history! We will be learning about being responsible citizens in our community, state, and country. We are also going to learn about the states and their capital cities, with a focus on Texas. My goal is to make sure the students are engaged and enjoy learning about the history of our state, country and the world! I am looking forward to a great year!

Giraffes: After Labor Day, we will focus on reading comprehension and writing as we learn about events in history! We will be learning about being responsible citizens in our community, state, and country. We are also going to learn about our states and their capital cities, with a focus on Texas. My goal is to make sure the students are

engaged and enjoy learning about the history of our state, country and the world! I am looking forward to a great year!

Pandas: After Labor Day, we will focus on reading comprehension and writing as we learn about events in history! We will be learning about being responsible citizens in our community, state, and country. We are also going to learn about our states and their capital cities with a focus on Texas. This year we will compare and contrast states, countries and cultures around the world. My goal is to make sure the students are engaged and enjoy learning about humanities and history! I am looking forward to a great year!

Lions and Tigers: After Labor Day, we will focus on reading comprehension and writing as we learn about events in history! We are starting a great book study over a book titled [A Long Walk to Water](#) by Linda Sue Parks. We will be engaged in many reading comprehension and writing activities along with this book. My goal is to make sure the students are engaged and enjoy learning about the history of our state, country and the world! I am looking forward to a great year!

Math

Ms. Jaya

A hearty welcome to all the students! I'm absolutely thrilled to have each one of you in my class this year. I'm confident that by working together, we can turn this into a year of achievement and excellence. To start off, we'll be focusing on revisiting the math concepts you've already covered during the first couple of weeks. Let's embark on this journey of learning and growth together!

Penguins:

At the start of the year, penguins will begin to learn counting and matching numbers. They will also practice reading and writing numbers from 1 to 20.

Giraffes:

In the beginning of this year, giraffes will go over their addition and subtraction work. After that, they will begin learning about place value up to hundreds. During this, children will understand how to find the position and value of a number, and how to write the number in standard, expanded, and word forms.

Pandas:

As the year begins, pandas will go over the concepts they've already learned. They will then move on to exploring the position and value of numbers up to the ten-thousands place, as well as mastering the skill of representing a given number in standard, expanded, and word forms.

Lions :

Lions started this wonderful year by learning place value up to billions and decimals, estimating sums, differences, products and quotients and problem-solving strategies. Some of the lions will work on order of operations.

Tigers:

The tigers are currently going over concepts they've learned before. They'll soon begin exploring Pre-Algebra ideas. A few of the tigers will be focusing on understanding place value up to billions, including decimals, and practicing how to write a given number in standard, expanded, and word forms.

Science

Mrs. Hozie

According to the Responsive Classroom, “The early weeks of each new school year offer [students and] teachers distinct opportunities and challenges. It is during this time—when expectations and routines are established, rules generated, and goals articulated—that the foundation is laid for a productive and cooperative year of learning.”

As a science teacher, I work hard to convey the important message that we will do high-quality work within an atmosphere of support and collaboration. I have created a classroom where students should feel comfortable to be curious explorers. In the first few weeks, our science students will work on STEM challenges while highlighting different areas of science.

“Students can come to know each other and develop a sense of belonging through activities that help them define their commonality and their differences. Deliberately focusing on group-building activities during these weeks helps create the trust and safety essential for active, collaborative learning.” These STEM activities will set us up for a fabulous and productive year.

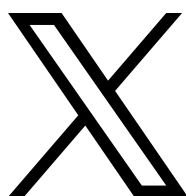
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