

In My Opinion by Kevin (2nd grade)

Second grade is learning to express their opinions in writing. They are developing an understanding of the importance of backing their opinion with information.

Do you like cheetahs? I do. They are very good cats. In my opinion, cheetahs are the best cats. First, cheetahs can catch prey that can run 50 mph? In fact, cheetahs are the fastest animals ever! They run up to speeds of 70 mph. Whenever we go to the zoo, I say, "I want to see the cheetahs first."

Next, they are big cats. They grow to be about 6 feet tall and 12 feet long. Their tail is about 2 feet long. The males grow to be about 555 lbs. The females are about 353 lbs. The babies are 65 lbs.

Last, they live in a dangerous place in the world, Africa. There, people wait with their guns ready to fire. People set traps and nets in trees to catch these creatures. But they have a power. They have super vision. They can see miles away.

As you have read, cheetahs are the best cats ever!

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First Grade meets author Chris Camenzind

First grade students had the opportunity to listen to author Chris Camenzind read his book "Danny the Dragon." Chris's story shares what it is like living with autism through the eyes of his character, Danny. This was an awesome celebration of literacy and people's differences. First grade asked great questions, learned about autism, and learned being an author.



Important Dates

- **Mar 2** Spring Class Pictures
- **Mar 2** Parent Coffee
- **Mar 9** Kindergarten Field Trip
- **Mar 10** No school
- **Mar 13-24** PARCC 3rd-5th
- **Mar 21** Conferences
- **Mar 22** 4th Grade Musical
- **Mar 23** PTO
- **Mar 23** Conferences
- **Mar 27 – Apr 3** Spring Break
- **Apr 4** School Starts
- **Apr 5** 5th Grade Young Ameritown
- **Apr 7** 5th Grade Young Ameritown
- **Apr 5-20** 3rd-5th PARCC/CMAS
- **Apr 6** Parent Coffee
- **Apr 6** Skate City Night

Dates to Remember - Spring Break - March 27th - April 3rd

Classes start 8:00 on April 4th

News from the Music Room!

- The 5th Graders are bringing the sounds of Hawaii to Laredo as they learn to play the ukulele.
- Sasquatch has been sighted in 4th Grade! The 4th Graders are singing, dancing and preparing for their show "The Legend of Polar Mountain". All are invited to the big show on March 22 at 6pm in the Laredo Gym!
- The 3rd Graders are playing recorders and earning belts by learning songs in Recorder Karate.
- 2nd Graders are sharpening their skills as they play instruments and learn folk music from Ireland.
- 1st Graders are playing drums, reading rhythms and making up music with a focus on rhythm.
- Kindergarteners continue learning about music, the seasons, and the world around them through singing games, listening games, and instrument play.



Mindset

Have you ever wondered why some children crumble at the first sign of a struggle or shy away from a challenge? Have you heard your child say "I'm just not good at that"? Learning about fixed and growth mindsets will help you change your child's attitude toward challenges and lead to lifelong learning and limitless potential. A fixed mindset is the belief that intelligence cannot be changed where as a growth mindset is the belief that abilities can be developed through effort and practice. The good news is that mindsets can change. One of the biggest things is giving specific praise and accepting mistakes as a learning opportunities.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found continues to grow. If your child is missing something, please check the lost & found. In addition, several pairs of student glasses have been turned into the office. Do you recognize any of these?



**All Students are expected to READ
20 Minutes every day!**

Ways to Support Our Laredo Students...

A Plumfund for Summer Reading Program: Funds raised will support the Summer Reading Program at Laredo Elementary School.

Summer reading support to participating students:

- Summer books/learning packets
- Incentives for completing work
- 3 check-ins
- End of summer celebration



Benefits received from this type of summer program:

- Reduction of summer learning loss
- Accelerates the learning of participating students
- Builds school community
- Encourages academic goal attainment

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Laredo Students...
Responsibility
On Task
Always Safe
Respect

Mission

Laredo Elementary believes in excellence, in both the instructional practices and opportunities we provide, to develop a passion for learning that will empower students to achieve at the highest levels.

Vision

Every Laredo student is a learner, ready to achieve at the highest levels.