

## APRIL

- 4/2 1:40pm Character Building Team Meeting
- 4/3 6th grade panoramic and Kinder promotion photos
- 4/6 8:00am Saturday School
- 4/8 3rd—6th grade SBAC Testing to Begin
- 4/9 1:55pm GATE Academy
- 4/10 3:15pm PTO Meeting
- 4/13 9-12 OMSD Poetry Day at Linda Vista
- 4/16 1:40pm Character Building Team Meeting
- 4/20 8:00am Saturday School
- 4/26 Spirit Dress: Twin Day

## MAY

- 5/4 8:00am Saturday School
- 5/7 6:00pm Open House
- 5/8 Minimum Day—School Dismissed 12:45pm
- 5/13 & 5/14 Pride Celebration for 3rd Trimester
- 5/14 1:40pm Character Building Team Meeting
- 5/15 3:15pm PTO Meeting
- 5/16 Perfect Attendance Assembly
- 5/17 Spirit Dress: 80's Neon Day
- 5/20—3rd Trimester Perfect Attendance Assembly—BMX Bike Show
- 5/22 8:30am Kinder Promotion
- 5/22 11:15am TK Promotion
- 5/23 9:00am 6th grade Promotion
- 5/23 Last Day of School. School Dismissed at 12:15pm

# Monte Vista Elementary

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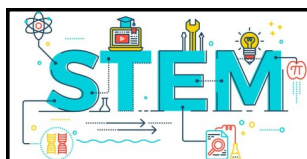
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## Be a STEM Thinker

With science, technology, engineering and math jobs in demand, STEM is a hot topic these days. Being a curious, critical creative thinker who can solve problems will help your child do well in STEM—and in every area of life. Try these ideas.

**Wonder out Loud**—Bring out your child's natural curiosity by discussing what you're curious about ("I wonder why rainbows are curved and not straight.") then, they could experiment to find out. Perhaps they'll create their own

rainbow using a flashlight, a mirror, and a pan of water.



**Make a "tinker box"** - Your child will use critical thinking skills by tinkering with natural objects and loose parts. In a shoebox, let them collect items like pebbles, acorns, seeds, straws, rubber bands, and clothespins. They can add new objects as they find them. Maybe they'll design a

"claw machine" that picks up small objects or examine an acorn under a magnifying glass.

**Promote Problem Solving**—Treat everyday problems as learning opportunities. Say the TV remote won't work, even though you just replaced the batteries. Have your child think of solutions and test them. They might check the batteries are inserted correctly, try batteries that are fresh, or turn the TV off and on again.

## Tips for Standardized Tests

How can you help your child do well on standardized tests? Consider this advice from teachers:

- Emphasize effort; your child will feel more confident and relaxed on test day if they know that doing their best counts the most.
- Have your child do any practice tests or packets that the teacher sends home. Ask them about the material and look over their work to be sure it's complete.
- Make sure your child gets enough sleep, at least 9-11 hours, each night. They'll be more alert and focused during the test.
- Give your child a balanced breakfast that will sustain them while testing.



**Attendance Line / 909-626-5046—Please call if your child will be absent.**