MONTHLY THEMES

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AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Junior Rangers Academy We start off the year going on an African Safari through the Serengeti Plains and continue to travel to the tropical rainforests of South America. The African art and animals we see on our journey will be our focus. We will explore science, and introduce the ecosystems of deserts and the southern rainforests.	Science Academy, inspired by The Fantastic Flying Journey "Hop aboard our hot air balloon!" We will be traveling in a balloon visiting different countries and continuing to learn about different ecosystems. We will emphasize the importance of taking care of our planet, and begin to understand ecology.
OCTOBER	N O V E M B E R
Exploration Academy Let's go back in time to learn about cave dwellers, caves, and the scientists that explore them. We will learn about the animals that live in caves. We'll also use clay to make a cave and fossil imprints. <u>*Special Event:</u> Grandparent's Tea/Cave Museum	Me on the Map/California, Here I Come America, here I come!! Where do I live? We will learn about early America, Native Americans and the colonial times. We will elect and hold our own E3 elections. We will share what we are thankful for with each other.
DECEMBER	JANUARY
Our Place in Space / Holiday Traditions Around The World As we become Space Explorers, we will learn about our planet and the solar system in which we live. Then, we will return back to Earth and take a journey around the world to learn about the many other holiday traditions that others share. <u>*Special Event:</u> Holiday Celebration/ Stone soup	Invention Convention, inspired by Leonardo da Vinci & American Inventors Let's invent! Our focus this month will be getting ready for our famous Invention Convention. We will be building our own inventions with recycled items. We will also explore the science of botany and technology and make our own Mona Lisa portrait. <u>*Special Event:</u> Invention Convention.
F E B R U A R Y	MARCH
The Age of Discovery, inspired by Ben Franklin This month, we will be inspired by the things we use everyday and the famous people that invented them. We will learn how these discoveries advanced our communities, including how the first Post Office has changed communication since the turn of the century. Our Science focus will be on the natural sciences like the weather	Getting to Know You/My Anatomy Journey We will be getting to know all about each other and our amazing human anatomy at E3 Medical School. The activities include building an individual life size model, learning about good nutrition and healthy snacks. We will research our families and ancestry. In art, we will introduce the line family and create our self-portrait.
APRIL	MAY / JUNE
Music Academy: Music Through The Ages We will be inspired by different genres of music through the ages and the musicians and their instruments. We will start with ancient Egypt, learning about early percussion instruments before moving forward in time to understand how music has evolved into what we enjoy today.	Art Academy Throughout the year, we feature different artists each month. During this month we will learn the science of art and create beautiful masterpieces of our own using different art techniques. <u>*Special Event:</u> Art Gallery & End of the School Year Celebration