

# December Newsletter

## A Message from the Director

Dear WHA Families,

'Tis the season to be jolly, merry, happy and grateful for all the wonderful things in our lives, especially our good health. Personally I am grateful for our wonderful families who entrust us with their most precious gifts, our students. In this most difficult year, it is truly a blessing to come to school every day and have a focus and a mission that takes your mind off the troubles that we are dealing with in our world.

Christmas is a special time for children and our teachers are all planning special activities for our students before taking time off for our Christmas break. Parents if you are able to help your child's teacher in any way I'm sure they will appreciate it. Please remember that our **last day of school will be Friday, December 18**. We will have an **early release time of 2:00 p.m. that day** as teachers will have to thoroughly clean, disinfect and sanitize their classrooms before leaving. There will be **no after school care on this day. Students will return on Wednesday, January 6, 2021.**

January will be the start of the spring semester and this is the time of year that we will open up for registration for the **2021-2022 school year**. As of right now, with no clear vision of what school will look like next year, I can only speculate that we will keep our class sizes small for at least one more year. If you are thinking of enrolling your child for the 21-22 school year, please let us know as soon as possible.

We will be having some fundraising events next semester such as the Read-a-thon and the Scholastic Book Fair. We will be attempting to raise money to replace the playground canopies that were destroyed by the strong winds that we recently experienced.

As we enter this Christmas season please know that our thoughts and wishes for our families are that everyone have a very happy and blessed Christmas season. Remember that Jesus is the reason for this wonderful season. May you all have a wonderful time and remember to stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes and blessings to all,  
Patricia Aguirre  
Director



## Early Learning Center

In December we are going to work with the numbers 1-5 , colors red and green, coloring a Santa Claus , making a Santa face, tapping bells to jingle bells song, books and Christmas songs.

Mrs. Lorena Vazquez  
Nursery



Awesome 2-3 yr. olds,  
The holidays are upon us. Let's celebrate the reason for the season. This month is a short month, so we are working hard like little elves. We will continue working on letters M,N and O during this month. Colors for this month are brown, green and red. Our numbers will be 4,5 and 6. During December our shapes are square, diamond and circle. My little elves are working hard on Christmas gifts for their parents and lots of cute decorations and fun activities.

We will have a small Christmas party on December 17th during lunch, more info to follow. Our last day of school for the first semester will be on December 18th with early release at 2:00 pm. Our first day back for the second semester is on January 6th 2021.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe everyone.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Carmen Lerma



Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving Holiday. The month of December will be a short month. We will be working with the letter M, N, O, the number 4, and our shape is the star. The colors we will work with are white, green, and red.

We will be reading about winter animals and snowman, singing songs of snowmen, and best of all we will be reading about Santa Claus. Also, we will be coloring Santa Claus.

I want to wish a farewell to James Krupp, our class will miss you!

I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
And many health blessings.

Mrs. Marisela  
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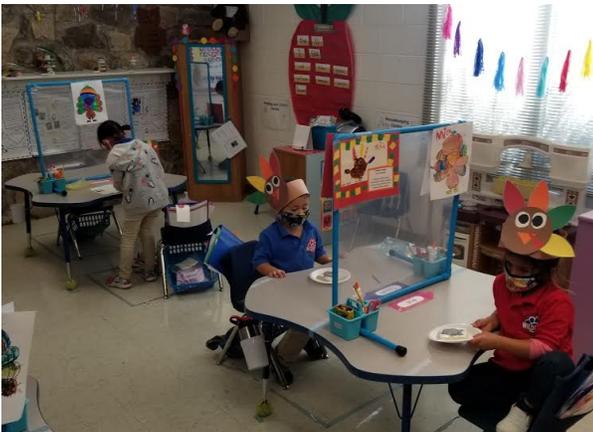
## *Pre-K through 5th Grade*

Dear Parents,

Before winter break we will complete Theme 4; we will be exploring the concepts of time, weather, and seasons. We will focus on the following letters K and L. Sight words covered have been: the, is, see, and I. Please review these with your child. Be sure to look over your child's work with them, they have been working really hard. As always thank you for all your support. Many Blessing during this Holiday season.

Pre-K Teachers

Mrs. Mendoza & Mrs. Aguilar



Dear parents:

First semester is almost over! It has been a blessing to be able to be in person all these months. The students had accomplished a lot. This month we will be joining KFOX and CBS4 to support El Pasoans Fighting Hunger in the efforts to feed those in need during the Holidays!

I hope everyone has a healthy, safe and Happy holiday.

Kindly,  
Mrs. Ramírez



Hello everyone!

December is going to be an exciting but short month. The children and I are looking forward to celebrating the holidays and we have special activities planned. Please note that our pajama and pancake party is going to be held on December 18th. I will be asking for some food/drink donations from each student. More information will be sent home soon. Also, I'm planning a "virtual" Christmas performance to share with all of our kindergarten families, so please be on the look out for that as well.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season! Thank you for all of your help and support and see you back in January!

Mrs. Mora  
Kindergarten

Hello December!

I can't believe how time flies when you are having a great year. The students have completed their chapter books and to conclude their readings they created beautiful dioramas. The 3rd grade class created one depicting their favorite character of the book and the 4-5th grade created what their personal Terabithia would look like. All the classes did an amazing job. This month, all the students are reading one chapter book "Double Fudge" by Judy Blume. This is a light-hearted story that imparts a message about love and family. I felt this book would be a great read for this holiday season. In math, the students are currently working on fractions, units of measure, multiplication tables, decimals, percentages, and of course problem solving. I am a big proponent of problem solving because it gives student the tools to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve hypothetical and real world problems. In science, the students were working on the characteristics of energy such as; light, thermal, electrical, chemical, kinetic and potential. They worked on hands on labs that included working with prisms, flashlights, homemade telephones and balloons. It was fun to see the students talking with each other "long distance" using a string phone that really works. During social studies, the students were learning about the first Native American civilization and the Plymouth colonists especially king Massasoit. This was a time when both groups had many things to be thankful for and giving thanks was really important part of both cultures. During fine arts, the students are working on theater. They performed two reader theaters "Squantos Squash" and "A Day in the Life of a New England Colony". These reader theaters focused on two different cultures coming together to give thanks.

In December, the students are learning about Christmas around the world, the first week we began with Germany. They are also are working on a play "A Super Christmas". This play not only has super heroes in it but also Mary, Joseph, angels and shepherds. What a great way to go into the Christmas season.

As we end the 2020 year, I would just like to say how blessed I am by such a wonderful bunch of students and parents. I will strive to continue keeping them and myself safe as we enter into the 2021 year. I would also like to wish you and your family a very blessed, safe, and healthy Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's school year.

Blessings,

Mrs. Barbara Stegmiller

