

JANUARY 2021

WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY



Dear WHA Families,

Happy New Year!! Hope everyone enjoyed the holiday time off and that we're all ready to hit the ground running as we return to start the Spring Semester. While December is just a memory now, our students did have a great time with classroom parties, visits from Santa and a Christmas play. Thanks to all our moms and dads who helped with classroom parties and goodies.

Our December community service project was a huge success. We raised **\$803** for the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger **Food Bank**. WHA families, you went above and beyond any expectations we started out with. Erica Castillo, KFOX Ch. 14 newscaster, came and did a news piece on our school and our students' success in raising these funds. A BIG **"THANK YOU"** to all of our families for supporting this project.

Our **"Read-a-Thon"** is coming in January. The Read-a-Thon is a fundraiser that requires our students to read as many minutes a day as they can. The students will ask family and friends to sponsor them with a donation. If you remember with the strong winds we had in the fall, we lost our playground canopy covers and these need to be replaced.

Parents, please be aware that we have begun **registrations** for the **21-22 school year**. I have no way of knowing what the CDC guidelines will be for next school year but I can only think that our class sizes will be kept small. If you are thinking of having your child attend next year, please come by the office and let us know. Registration payments can be stretched out until May in order to make planning easier.

As always, if you have any concerns, suggestions or questions, do not hesitate to call the school office or come by and I will be happy to speak with you. As we start a new year, I pray that this pandemic ends soon and that we can all be back to being a little more "normal". Blessings to all in 2021!

Respectfully,
Patricia Aguirre
Director

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 13 – Report cards go home
- 18 – No school, Martin Luther King holiday
- 19 – Read-a-Thon info goes home
- 25 – Read-a-Thon begins

Early Learning Center

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful winter break. This month is winter month and children are going to learn everything related to winter season such as weather, time, clothes, cold climate animals and hibernation. This semester we are adding to our circle time the clock and number recognition.

Regards
Mrs.Ortiz

Happy new year everyone !!January is the first month of the year and we are going to be working on some special things such as drawing animals, singing songs about snowmen, reviewing colors, winter themed books, and snow flake projects.

Thank you!!
Best Regards,
Lorena Vazquez



Awesome 3 yr olds,
Happy New Year 2021 to all. Welcome back to school Wildcats. Well we have made it through half the school year. We are starting our Spring semester already, time sure does fly. I will be sending progress reports for the first semester within the next few days. The month of January brings the winter season, so we will be busy learning about the cold weather, making snowman, winter hats and mittens. The last week of January we will learn all about music as well. Our classroom will still work on letters, shapes, colors and numbers. The letters for this month are P, Q, R and S. Our colors will be blue, white, yellow and purple. Let's not forget our favorite shapes they are circle, star, oval, and rectangle. Please don't forget to read to your children. Western Hills Academy is already taking registrations for the coming year. On a good note, I just want to thank everyone for all the Christmas gifts I received. I would also like to say thank you to the parents who donated money for The El Paso Fighting Hunger food bank. There will be no classes on Monday January 18th MLK (holiday). Welcome to my new student Camila.

My Best,
Mrs Carmen Lermal

Welcome Back!!

Hope everyone had a nice holiday. The children were glad to be back excited to play and see their friends. This month we will be getting back into routine. We will be working with the letters Q,R,S,T and numbers 1-5. The shapes are square, triangle, heart, and star. The colors are red, orange yellow, blue, and the girls favorite, purple. We will be busy, busy, busy, but with a little fun activity also. Thank you parents for your donations for El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank.

Best,
Mrs. Marisela



PRE-K THROUGH 5TH

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome everyone back, Happy New Year!!! The students had a wonderful time at our Polar Express event before the holidays and we would like to thank you for making it all possible. We would also like to thank you for all the generous gifts!!! As we begin the new year, we will review classroom expectations, numbers, letters, and sight words. In Theme 5 we are preparing to look at our neighborhoods and communities through different roles. Featured letters will be M,N,O, and P. Report cards will be sent home January 13th, please sign and return them, for any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress please call the office at 584-6642 to schedule a conference. As always thank you for all your support.

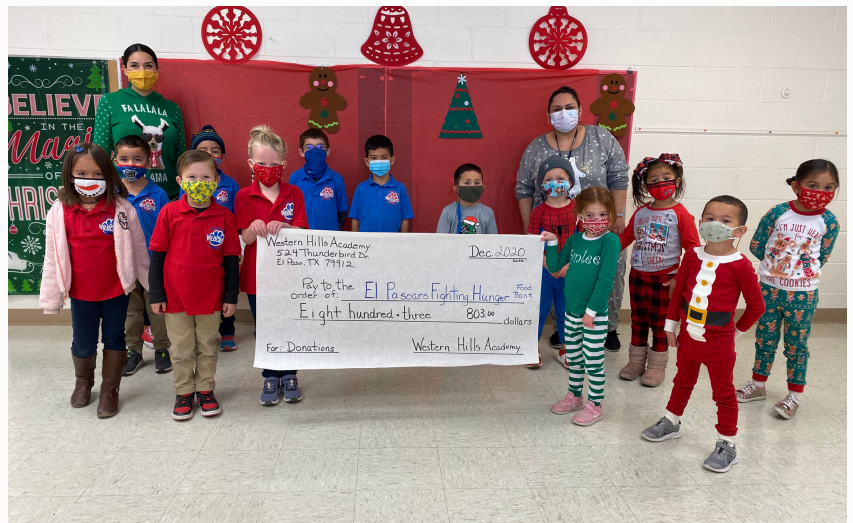
Blessings,

Mrs. Mendoza & Mrs. Aguilar

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back! The second grade class will start reading "The one and only Ivan", the students are very excited. The first graders will continue reading their books. We will be writing and doing more word problems during class. This month we will be honoring MLK Jr. on the 18th. There will be no classes. The theme of the month will be kindness and respect.

Kindly,
Mrs. Ramirez



3 RD -5 TH GRADE NEWS....

Happy New Year! Even though the month of December was short and sweet, we had some wonderful events taken place. The students performed "A Super Christmas" play for their family. All of the students did a wonderful job and at the end of the play they entertained the audience with the song "Santa Clause is Coming to Town". What a fantastic performance! Toys from Trash was another December highlight, the students had a project to create a toy that would entertain the other students that didn't cost a cent to make. It was great to see the creative process come to life during their presentations. For Social Studies, the students created culture collages to show what holiday traditions their family celebrated. The students showed so much pride in their presentation. In Science class, it was all about weather and atmosphere, the students created living sundials and whirly birds. El Paso has the perfect climate and weather to do experiments outside. What a great way to end the month of December.

In January, the classes have begun reading new books. "How to Speak Dolphin" and "Save Me a Seat" both of these books focus on the multi-themes of diversity, empathy, acceptance and friendship. These books are a great way to teach the students about others. They help promote respect and empathy for all types of people. In science, the students are studying Earth Science, the areas of geology, astronomy and ecology. For math, the students are diligently working with measurement conversions, PEMDAS (orders of operations), division and algebraic expression. Finally, for Social Studies the students will be working on a biography of an African American Hero such as; Ruby Bridges, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. and Harriet Tubman to name a few. The students will also be practicing for another reader's theater presentation of "Rosa Parks an American Hero" and "The Drinking Gourd". What a great start to the 2021 year. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful school year.

Mrs. Barbara Stegmiller

