

WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

January 2024 Newsletter

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Western Hills Families,

We are off to a new semester and a new year, it's hard to believe where the time has gone. I pray you were able to enjoy time with your family. Our students are a little taller and eager to continue their educational journey. We are excited for all the events that are up and coming. It is time to reenroll for the upcoming school year 2024-2025! Secure your spot by taking advantage of the payment plan available. Open enrollment for new students to the Academy will begin January 20th.

Thank you for your continued support, Chuck-e-Cheese Night was a success! We will kick off our Read-a-Thon Fundraiser from Feb. 15th-29th look out for more information and let's get reading. Log every time you read to your child or your child reads to you.

We will be kicking off National School Choice Week on Jan. 21st-27th. Students will work on class activities to express why they love their school and dance during P.E. with Coach Karla. Pre-K - 6th will perform at 8:45 a.m. Our ELC littles will have a parade on Friday, January 26th. Everyone is encouraged to wear red on this day.

We want to congratulate the Meza Family who have welcomed their new baby boy, please keep them in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support and being part of our WHA family.

Blessings,
Mrs. Christel Mendoza
Interm Director



February Important Dates

- Feb. 1st - 100th Day Of School
- Feb. 2nd - Groundhog Day
- Feb. 4th - PTO Chipotle Fundraiser
- Feb. 14th - Valentine's Day (holiday attire)
- Feb. 19th - Presidents Day (no school)
- Feb. 23rd - PTO Sweetheart Social

Early Learning Center

24-35 MONTH OLD | MRS. CUEVAS

Welcome to another month of fun activities and learning. Welcome back to class!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday with your families! We are ready to tackle another semester of school! This month, we are starting back with our phonics and learning new composers and artists. We also have many science (hands-on) projects. We are also getting ready to celebrate 100 days of school.

Thank you for all your support!

-Mrs Cuevas



24-35 MONTH OLD
MISS. VERONICA & MRS. AMPARO

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you well-rested, rejuvenated, and ready for an exciting new year in our classroom. We are thrilled to welcome back our little ones and embark on a new semester of growth, learning, and fun-filled adventures. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of caring for and educating your precious little ones. We are excited about the journey ahead and look forward to making wonderful memories together.

Here's to a fantastic year filled with laughter, love, and endless possibilities!

Best Regards,
Ms. Veronica Carillo

Early Learning Center

36-47 MONTH OLD | MRS. DAVIE

January newsletter

Well, we made it through the holidays!!!

I hope every family had a wonderful time and I wish the best for you in the New Year. I would like to thank you for the many gifts I received. Each and every one was special.

This month, topics include a review of shapes, colors, and numbers. The start of our study of letters of the alphabet, arctic animals, and winter activities.

Master artist and composer

*Picasso

*Brahms

*Shape (diamond)

*Color (white)

*Numbers (13, 14, 15)

*Alphabet (Mm, Nn, Oo)



Mrs. Davie

36-47 MONTH OLD | MRS. ORTIZ

Happy New Year!!

Welcome Back,

On the first day of school, children learned about the 12 months of the year and because January is the first month of the year we celebrated the New Year!

In this semester we will keep learning letters with the zoo alphabet.

Children will also learn about Winter Time, and the North and South Poles.

Our January artist is Pablo Picasso.

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break with friends and family.

Sincerely,
Mrs Ortiz

Pre- Kindergarten

PRE- KINDER 1 | | MRS. PEARSON

Happy New Year and Welcome back parents!
I would like to welcome our new year with lots of love, joy, and peace. I believe 2024 is going to be a great year! We would like to welcome our new student, Stephen A. to our classroom. I am very grateful to be part of Western Hills Academy and their wonderful staff. I am proud of each student's efforts and participation in the classroom. They are all doing well and working hard. They did a great job in the Christmas program, and they had lots of fun. I would like to thank all the parents for their help and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Many blessings,
Mrs. Pearson

PRE- KINDER 2 | | MS. BARNES

HAPPY NEW YEAR PRE-K! The last half of December FLEW BY! I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday break! 2024 has started off on such a great start, and I am so proud of my littles! The curriculum has picked up considerably and they have handled the extra work amazingly! This month we will continue to work our way through the alphabet and phonetic knowledge, as well as continue to build our sight word knowledge! Did you know the kids have already started reading sentences built from their sight words?! I am so proud of them! As always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me on Playground!

Blessings,
Ms. Barnes



Kindergarten

KINDER 1 | MRS. CARDONA

I want to start by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year! I was thrilled to welcome everyone back; everyone was ready to hit the ground running. The kids have been working hard; we have started counting by tens and writing their first and last names. We are going to begin short vowel sounds soon! I also wanted to congratulate the Meza family on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy, a future student of Western Hills Academy! As always, thank you for entrusting your children to me.

Kindly,
Mrs. Cardona



KINDER 2 | MRS. MERCADO

Welcome back, Wild Cats, and Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break! The plan at school is to keep everyone busy and engaged for this month. The kids seem happy to be back and anxious to pick up where we left off. Thank you to all the parents who sent a gift for our gift exchange. It was really fun watching them open a gift from a classmate. Also, thank you for my Christmas presents! It was greatly appreciated! We are so ready for the new challenges that this new semester will bring! We had a really nice visit: Mr. Chuck E. Cheese!! Our students loved it!! Please continue to practice Sight Words and log your child in the IXL program for at least 20 minutes every day! Thank you so much for your help and cooperation!!

Blessings,
Mrs. Mercado K2



Grade School

1ST GRADE | MRS. RAMIREZ



Hello parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a great beginning of the year! It is great to be back into the routine.

I want to congratulate the students for their Christmas performance! They are awesome!

The month's theme is winter, hibernation, and Martin Luther King.

Kindly,
Mrs. Ramirez



2ND GRADE | MRS. SOTELO

Hello parents,

Welcome back! We started a new year with excitement. Our second-grade class is off and running and back in the routine. This month, we celebrate and honor the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholars are preparing exciting new endeavors as we prepare for report cards and progress reports. Second graders can't wait to show off and demonstrate to their parents everything they have and will continue to learn.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sotelo



Grade School

3RD & 4TH GRADE | MS. HUYNH



Welcome back everyone!! Hope everyone had a relaxing winter break. We returned back to school and hit the ground running. Our first week back was filled with Chapel, a few diagnostic tests, little Picasso sketching and a hot cocoa party all while listening to our Master Composer, Johannes Brahms.

Ms. Monica Huynh



5TH & 6TH GRADE | MR. ARELLANO

Welcome back parents and students, I hope that you had a blessed and restful break. As we begin this new semester there will be some changes to the students schedule to make room extended class periods to provide more instructional time as well as time for independent and group practice. As always if there are any questions or concerns feel free to reach out.

Mr. Arellano

Extracurriculares

SPANISH - MS. TRAPANI



Happy New Year Parents!

I hope that all of you had a wonderful winter break and enjoyed some quality family time. The beginning of a new year is an exciting time to start with fresh ideas and new goals for the future.

In January, Pre-K and Kinder students, are learning about family members and planets. Elementary students are working on action words (verbs) and new vocabulary. Next week, all the students will be assigned a project about the solar system to do at home and they will have about 2 weeks to complete it. Please check the Playground app, then I will post all the details about it.

Many Blessings,
Ms Trapani



¡Feliz año nuevo padres!

Espero que todos hayan tenido unas maravillosas vacaciones y hayan disfrutado de un tiempo de calidad con sus familias. El comienzo de un nuevo año es un momento emocionante para comenzar con nuevas ideas y metas para el futuro.

En enero, los estudiantes de Pre-K y Kinder aprenderán sobre los miembros de la familia y los planetas. Los estudiantes de primaria están trabajando en palabras de acción (verbos) y vocabulario nuevo. La próxima semana, a todos los estudiantes se les asignará un proyecto sobre el sistema solar como tarea y tendrán aproximadamente 2 semanas para completarlo.

Por favor revisen la aplicación Playground, porque publicaré todos los detalles al respecto.

Muchas bendiciones,
Ms. Trapani

