

FEBRUARY 2020

WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

January 27-February 7 Read-a-thon

February 10-14 Book Fair

February 3-March 23 Saver's donations collection

February 4 Group Pictures

February 5 World Read Aloud Day

February 12 Progress Reports Released

February 17 President's Day (No school)

February 18-March 12 VIP Card Sale

February 28 Dr. Seuss Day



Dear Western Hills Academy Families,

Happy February! As we kick off the Spring Semester we see that it will be an extremely busy time of year for our students and any time they're busy it means our parents will be just as busy. Of course the beginning of the Spring Semester also means that it is time to pre-register for the 20-21 school year. In order to reserve your child's spot for next year we are asking that parents come in now and pre-register. In order to facilitate the payment of the registration fee we are allowing parents to make monthly payments for the registration so that it can be completely paid by May. Parents, please spread the word to your family, friends, and acquaintances about our wonderful school and encourage them to check us out.

The Read-a-thon fundraiser will run through February 7. The Read-a-thon started on January 27 and your children have to read for a total of 10 days within those two weeks. Please reach out to grandparents, aunts and uncles, other family members and neighbors so that they can donate and support your child in their reading efforts.

Lots to do and at any time if we need to make changes we will send information home, so parents please check your students' folders nightly. Please remember that the staff at Western Hills Academy is here to serve you and your children. If you have any concerns or questions... or even compliments, please come by and visit or give us a call.

Respectfully,
Patricia Aguirre
Director

March 4 Chick-fil-A Night
March 5 Kids, Kows, and More
March 13 End of Grading Period
March 16-20 Spring Break
March 25 Parent Teacher Conferences (Noon release)

The children are happy to come to school. They are ready to learn numbers, shapes, colors and counting from 1-10. They love reading time. We will be working with the heart shaped and number 5. We will be decorating our Valentine box with hearts and getting it ready for our Valentine party. I will be sending more info on that. The little ones are starting to color. And enjoy playing in Mrs. Ortiz classroom and our classroom they like riding the horses or any riding toy. Happy Valentine's Day!

*Mrs. Marisela
Fantastic 2's*

I am very proud of my students. They have learned most of the colors, circle, heart and square shape. The triangle shape is the most difficult for them but we reinforced it this past month. Children can count to 5 and some can count all the way to 10 with no difficulty. This semester the curriculum changes and have more activities children can play and learn from.

*Mrs. Ortiz
Terrific 2's*

Welcome February, the month of hearts! The children will be working with the letters p, q, r and s and numbers. We will be working on Valentines projects, and we will be exchanging valentines cards!

*Mrs. Davie
Wonderful 3's*



Hoping everyone's New Year is off to a great start. I have seen a big improvement since last semester. The children can identify most of the letters of the alphabet, all the numbers, colors and shapes. We will continue to work on letters, shapes, colors and numbers 1-10 during the second semester. During the month of February we will be learning about Punxsutawney the ground hog, Valentines Day and Presidents Day. Read out Loud is on February 5th 2020 please read to your children every day it is so important. Our school book fair will be held Monday February 10th-February 14th 2020. Thursday February 13th is fun and games we will go play and then parents can take their children to the book store and purchase some books. Come join us during this fun activity. Our class will have a Valentines Day Party on February 12th from 9:00am-11:00am more information to follow. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now underway please visit the school office for more information, spaces are limited.

*Mrs Carmen Lerma
Awesome 2&3 yr. olds*

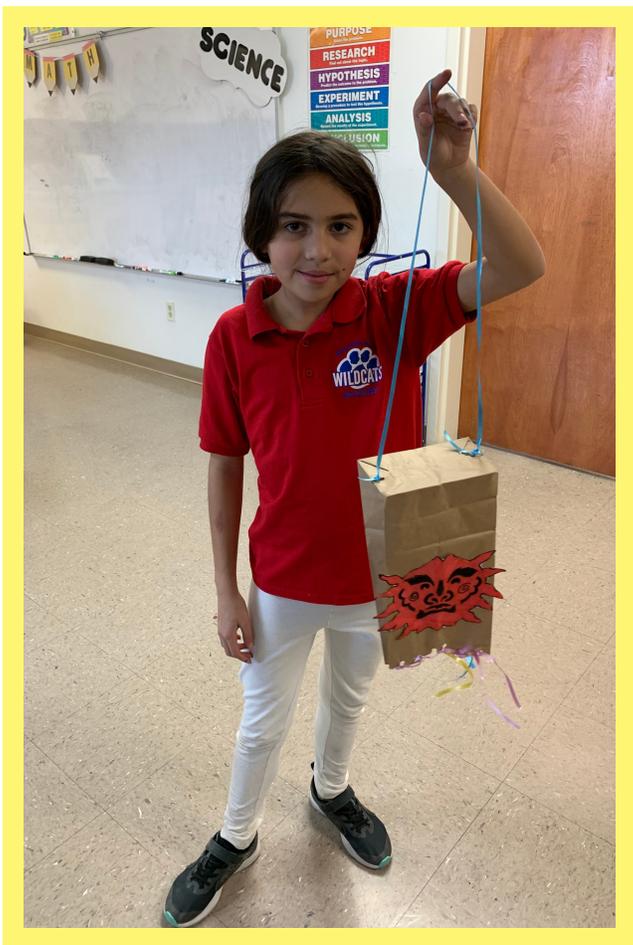


We will complete theme 5 by learning about pets and all that they need. We will transition to Theme 6, "Living Things". This month we will learn about people, animals, plants, and insects and what they need to survive. We will also talk about, how things grow and change. Our featured letters will be Q, R, S, and T. Our students will become scientist this month. Students will also have a valentine card exchange, Cards may be handmade or store bought. This is a great opportunity to encourage your child to write their name, just a few cards at a time. Please continue to read daily with your child. As always, thank you for all your support. Please keep an eye out for all the fun activities being planned.

Pre-K Rocks!
Mrs. Mercado & Mrs. Mendoza

This month we will continue to work with phonics, letter C, E and Y. In math, we will work with numbers, operations and patterns. We will focus on plants and we will start getting ready for our Science Fair. In Social Studies, we will be talking about our community, team work and friendship. Please keep reading with your child at home, that way we can make reading one of their passions. Thank you for everything you do from home and for supporting our school activities.

Regards,
Ms. Rocio Ostos



Hello! January has been great and very busy! We focused on Respect, Acceptance, and Equality. In Science, the students have been learning with Mrs. Stegmiller about the weather, evaporation, and air pressure. This month, we will be having the Read-a-Thon, for fundraising. It will be a fun learning experience, plus we will be making money for our wonderful school! We will be having the BookFair from February 10-14. Also, on the 14th we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. Starting February, your child will be working on their Science Fair project during Science. More information will be given to you in a later date.

Mrs. Ramirez
1st & 2nd

We are off to such a great start of the New Year! Along with the regular curriculum this month, we also focused on social emotional awareness in class. Some of the ways we practiced this was by studying Martin Luther King Jr. The students not only researched what he did and stood for but they also put on two reader theatre plays. These plays promoted tolerance and celebrated diversity by showing the students having compassion and understanding can create positive relationships. They even made a friendship snack to share with the rest of the students at the school. The book we are reading in class, "How to Speak Dolphin" also encourages social awareness. This book provides the reader with a better understanding of how to be empathetic to others especially those who live with a disability. In social studies, we are studying different cultures that immigrated to the United States and Texas. During our readings we are discussing the importance of each culture and how contributions by the generation of immigrants have helped us build our economy. Our readings have encouraged the appreciation of differing perspectives. Finally, during our science labs, the students have been doing a great job working in teams and cooperating with each other on experiments involving air pressure, weather, and the water cycle. What a great month and I am looking forward to February. Some of the upcoming events will include an introduction and the beginning work on Science Fair projects, Dr. Seuss Day, and Spirit Week. More information for upcoming events will be provided at a later date. As always thank you for allowing me to be part of your child's school year.

Mrs. Stegmiller
3rd & 4th

Dear Parents,
Welcome Back! We are excited to start our last semester before Middle School! My students are both anxious and excited! We are working hard to be ready and well prepared for it! This semester is full of learning and fun activities. We have planned several field trips to learn first hand on Science and Social Studies! We'll keep you posted! Thank you! See you soon!

Mrs. Urias
5th

