

APRIL 2023

WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Western Hills Academy,

We have great students and parents! Thank you for all that you do to make our community an awesome one! I wish to report that we have increased the current enrollment because of your excellent references. Also, we are almost at capacity for the next school year, and we are excited about all the wonderful memories we will make!

We have great teachers and staff that have servant's hearts and continue to create extraordinary learning experiences for your children. They provide your child with memorable lessons and enjoy their students' voices and smiles. Several teachers have offered up their time to provide summer camp opportunities for your children this June. We are blessed to have such dedicated teachers!

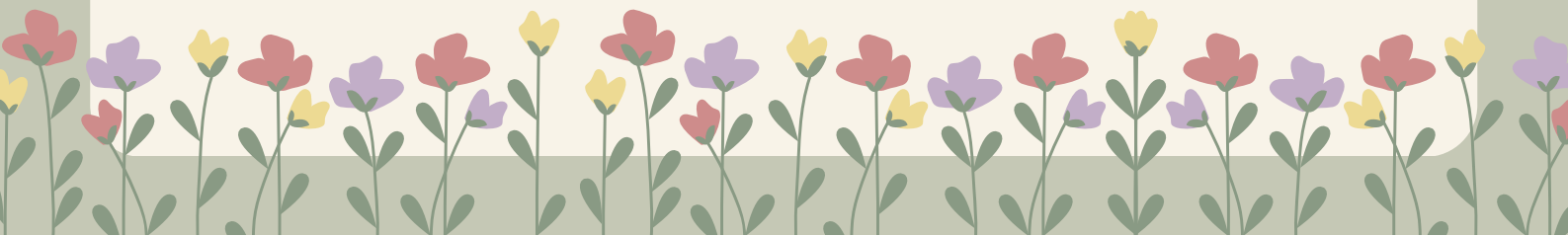
I am happy to report that we will be upgrading some overdue facility maintenance to our classrooms in July. We will be painting our indoor spaces, upgrading furniture, installing new toilets, and improving ventilation and technology...over \$100,000 in improvements. To help with the costs, I applied and was awarded \$51,000 from the Texas Education Agency's Governor's fund for private schools in support of our school's dedication to building better, safer, and cleaner facilities.

Besides the physical improvements, we continue to partner with EPISD Private-Non-Profit schools to offer title services to our elementary students. TEA Title grant funding pays for services such as tutoring, acquiring supplemental materials for English learners, acquiring supplemental materials for Science and Reading, and acquiring educational online subscriptions for our computer lab.

We strive for excellence, and we thank you for your continued support!

Many blessings,

Ms. Christine Sanchez, Ed. S



UPCOMING EVENTS

Events in April

4/6 | Class Easter Parties

4/7 | No School – Good Friday

4/17 – 4/21 | Scholastic Book Fair “It’s Go Time”

4/21 | Earth Day Activities

4/28 | Día De Los Niños Activities

Events in May (more information to come)

5/12 | Celebrate Mother’s Day

5/18 | Graduation Celebration (Pre-K & 5th Grade)

5/24 | Last Day of School (possible pool party!)

HAPPY EASTER!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

P.E. | Coach Karla

Hello parents,

It is a pleasure for me to be your student's PE coach. This season, our focus will be on running. I ask that you please send your child with proper running shoes (tennis shoes), sunblock, and a water bottle. For those in the early learning center, we will continue to improve our gross motor skills.

Kindly,

Coach Karla



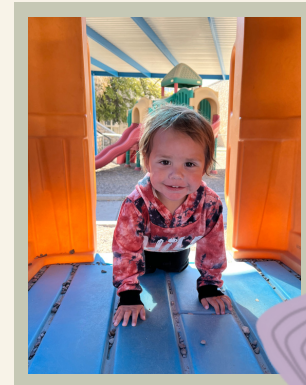
EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Nursery | Mrs. Lorena

Welcome Spring! We will celebrate Easter this month, and our classroom will keep practicing the colors yellow and green . We will work on the shapes of circles and stars, as well as coloring flowers, ants, caterpillars, and bunnies.

Happy Easter!!

Best,
Mrs.Lorena



Terrific 2's | Mrs. Marisela

Happy Spring!

I hope you had a restful Spring break. Glad to see everyone. This month we will be celebrating Easter with an egg hunt, coloring bunnies, and Easter eggs. We will also celebrate Earth Day with a little exploring outdoors and planting flowers. This month's themes will be Easter, Spring, Weather, and Community week. We will be reviewing our letters, numbers, colors, and shapes. Everyone is doing so well and working hard.

I want to welcome Delaney MacCardle and Liam Calderon to our classroom. I also want to wish a Happy Birthday to Delaney MacCardle on April 1st.

Sincerely Mrs. Marisela Terrific 2's



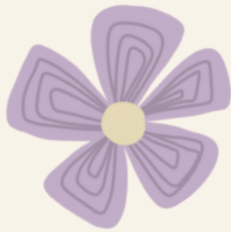
EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Awesome 2 & 3 Yr Olds | Mrs. Carmen

April showers bring May flowers. Our class will be busy planting seeds and flowers to welcome the Spring season. This month we will celebrate Easter with an Easter party on Thursday, April 6th, during our lunchtime—more info on playground. We will be busy making Easter decorations for our classroom and home. During the month of April, our class will review all the shapes, colors, and numbers and will finish the alphabet with the following letters, V, W, X, Y, and Z. It will be fun to learn about Spring, Easter, Earth day, Arbor day, Dia de Los Ninos and the Zoo.

I hope everyone has a safe, wonderful, and blessed Easter Holiday. There will be no school on Friday, April 7th, 2023. See you back on Monday, April 10th, 2023.

My Best,
Mrs. Carmen Lerma



Wonderful 3's | Mrs. Davie & Mrs. Ortiz

Our theme this month is all about nature. Our lesson plan will focus on bird watching, nature scavenger hunts, nature collages, and leaf rubbings.

The children will also be learning about spring weather and the life cycle of plants and animals. We have butterfly larvae so that the children will learn all about metamorphosis. They will see the caterpillars transition into chrysalises and emerge as butterflies.

We will have an Easter egg hunt on Thursday, 4/6/23, at 9:30 a.m.

Please have your child bring a basket and two doz plastic eggs filled with stickers.

Thank you!
Mrs. Davie
Mrs. Ortiz



PRE - KINDER

Pre-Kinder | Mrs. Mendoza

Dear Pre-K Families,

We had a great adventure visiting the El Paso Zoo for our field trip! Thank you for your participation. Students have had a great time listening to Dr. Suess's stories and completing various themed crafts. As we welcome Spring, we celebrate Easter, Earth Day, and Dia de Los Niño's (Children's Day)!

We will move on to Theme 7, "The World around Me." This will include different ways of transportation, as well as our letters and sounds. We will feature letters U, V, W, and X. Sight words will be in, my, up, and jump. Please review sight words with your child. Pre-k graduation has been scheduled for Thursday, May 18th. More information is coming soon. We would like to welcome Eva back; we are officially at a dozen! Please continue to read with your child daily. As always, I want to thank you for all your support and for taking the time to meet with me during Parent-Teacher conferences.

Blessings,

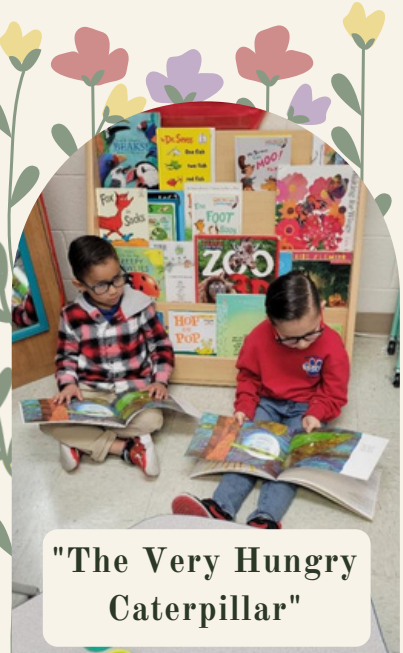
Mrs. Mendoza



Michelangelo
Inspired Creations



Seed Sorting



"The Very Hungry
Caterpillar"



KINDER

Kinder 1 & 2 | Mrs. Cardona & Mrs. Mercado

Hello Western Hills families!

We are starting this new month with excitement and hard work! Our students are having a blast learning about amazing Renaissance artists, and they really enjoyed recreating and learning about Michaelangelo and his famous way of painting art! Also, our students enjoyed our Field trip to the El Paso Zoo.

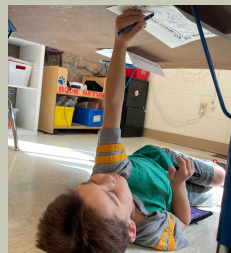
This month we will focus on learning and practicing long vowels; please help us by practicing at home every day. As always, thank you for all you do and your fantastic support.

Sincerely,

Kindergarten Teachers.



Master Artist
Michelangelo
Inspired
creations



GRADE SCHOOL

1st & 2nd Grade | Mrs. Ramirez

Hello Parents,

March was a very busy month. Our principal Ms. Sanchez gave an excellent presentation about rocks and gems that we can find locally.

We have also been learning about the sun and the moon, and we will be learning about the planets and doing a project in our class.

First graders finished their second chapter book about Flat Stanley, and we will start the third one next week. Second graders finished reading "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" and began reading "The Runway Mouse."

We will be having our Spring egg hunt on Thursday, April 06, along with a little celebration in our classroom. There will be no school Friday, April 07.

The scholastic book fair will be in April. More information will be provided soon.

Kindly,

Mrs. Laura Ramirez



GRADE SCHOOL

3rd & 4th Grade | Ms. Huynh

Hello parents!

It's time to put away the gold and lucky charms and welcome Spring.

Don't get me wrong, our class loved celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss, our amazing field trip to the zoo, and let us not forget about our spring break!

Now it's time to kick into gear and embrace all that is Spring. Our April Master Artist and Composer will be Henry Matisse and Chopin.

Some important dates:

April 6-Easter Class Party

April 7-Good Friday-no school

April 17-21st Scholastic Book Fair

April 21-Earth Day

April 28- Dia de Los Ninos

Ms. Monica Huynh



GRADE SCHOOL

5th Grade | Mr. Arellano

The 5th grade has just finished their biome projects and presented them to our 3rd and 4th graders. Students were evaluated on their speech, information, neatness, and creativity. For the month of April, students will be researching a micro-organism of their choice and writing a research paper or creating a PowerPoint presentation. Students will not only be graded on scientific content but also be expected to use correct grammar conventions and are not allowed to copy and paste from their source materials.

For math, students will learn how to find a circle's area and circumference and begin being introduced to algebraic concepts. For this unit, students may have homework to ensure they get enough practice with these newer, more complex math concepts. I would also like to thank all the parents for joining us for parent-teacher conferences. It was so lovely to finally meet you all, and I am very excited about my future here at WHA!

