April 2021 Newsletter message from the director

Happy Spring to all of our families,

I'm hoping everyone had an enjoyable and restful Spring Break. As we look at April, things look pretty quiet. We will be closed on April 2 in observance of the Easter holiday.

With only two months of school left in the year, there is still so much learning that has to take place. As the end of the school year gets closer, teachers will be busy with additional assessments to determine if the students are performing at the appropriate levels before moving on to the next grade.

Our older students, in grades 3rd -5th, will be getting ready to take the STARR released tests. This will happen at the beginning of May but preparations and reviews are starting now. At WHA the results of the released STAAR tests are only used to see if our students are performing academically at grade level.

I want to thank everyone who ordered books from our virtual Scholastic Book Fair. We did very well for a school our size with book sales of over \$700. The school will receive the profits in the form of Scholastic Bucks which allows us to buy more books for our students or buy teacher-requested materials.

I wanted to give the Southwest Dairy Farmers a big shout-out for including our school in their line-up of schools that got visited by their traveling exhibit which taught our students about dairy cows. The exhibit visited us right before spring break and our students and staff thoroughly enjoyed it.

Parents, please remember that we are taking registrations for the 21-22 school year. Class sizes will remain small, so in order to plan for classrooms and staff, we ask that you come into the office and let us know if your child will be returning to WHA next year.

As always, know that the staff at WHA is here to serve you. Have a blessed Easter and an enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,

Patricia Aguirre Director

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early learning center











Happy Spring!

Hope you had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break. Glad to see everyone back. April will be full of excitement as we have planted flowers and veggies the children are excited to see grow. We will be watching them carefully for the first spouts. We will be reviewing our alphabet, colors, shapes, and numbers. We will also be coloring Easter baskets, bunnies and Easter eggs, and spring flowers.

We will have an Easter egg hunt on March 31 and April 1st. No classes on April 2nd.

Welcome Maria Isabella Olivas.

Happy Easter to everyone! Mrs Marisela Terrific 2's

Awesome 3 yr. olds,

April showers bring May flowers. Our class has been busy planting seeds and flowers to welcome the Spring season. Planting was one of our favorite activities. This month we will celebrate Easter with an Easter party, we will be busy making Easter decorations for our classroom and home. Our school had a visit from the traveling cow, that was lots of fun.

During the month of April, our class will be reviewing all the shapes, colors, numbers, and letters. It will be fun to learn about Arbor Day as well as Earth Day. In the last week of April, the children will learn about our five senses.

Everyone have a safe and blessed Easter holiday. There will be no classes on Friday, April 2nd, 2021

Mrs. Carmen Awesome 3 yr. olds

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Dear parents:

Spring is here and in the classroom we are ready to learn all about Spring, Flowers, Insects, and reinforce our letters, numbers, and shapes.

Starting in April I will be adding water play and sensory tables to the curriculum as these activities are mostly outdoors. Thank you parents for keeping the classroom safe throughout these months.

Mrs. Ortiz

pre-k through 5th





Dear Pre-K Families,

As we continue with Theme 8 "A Habitat is a Place to Live", we will focus on different types of animals and their habitats. In addition to our letters and sounds, we will feature letters X, Y, and Z. Sight words will include in, my, up, and jump. Please review sight words with your child.

We are anxiously waiting for our seeds to sprout, so that we may plant basil and spinach in our garden. Our caterpillars have arrived! We are excited to begin observing the life cycle of the butterflies. Thank you for all your support and for taking the time to meet with us during Parent/Teacher conferences.

Mrs. Mendoza & Ms. Aguilar

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Hello everyone,

Spring is upon us and the children are very excited about all of our spring-related activities. As the weather warms up, I am going to try and do a little more teaching outdoors. One of our first activities will be working on planting seeds in our new school planter! I will keep you informed about additional activities for the month.

I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Best regards, Mrs. Mora

Spring is here!

It is evident everywhere! The students have grown in all areas from socially to academically. It was great to see them back after their Spring Break. They had so many great stories to tell me from great family time activities to outdoor adventures. I am happy to say we are quickly moving on to our next novel. This will be the student's first graphic novel. A graphic novel is different from the usual novels because it keeps reading at a faster pace, has more exciting plots, and keeps the attention of readers who are very energetic. Even though there are fewer words in graphic novels this does not always mean simple words. During math, all the students are working with some form of division of single and two-digit numbers, fractions, and decimals. They are also continuing to work with measurements and the metric conversion charts. In science, we are continuing to work with life science. In class, we are discussing plant and flower life cycles, life spans, and pollination. We are so excited to have peas, cilantro, and sunflowers growing in our raised garden planter. The students have also been working on experiments that have included hydroponics or growing plants without soil, creating a geometric greenhouse, and now we will be observing metamorphosis with our classroom caterpillars. The great thing about the life cycle of the butterfly is that they will discover and examine first hand the different stages of metamorphosis. In Social Studies, the students have been studying the history of Texas from the missions, presidios, and villas to the first colonists of Texas. I feel teaching the state's history to the students can show them the diversity not only in its geography but of its past. Finally, in art the students have been working on outdoor art and learning about the artist John J. Audubon, the students created some amazing sketches using trees as their subject.

I look forward to meeting with all of you for our parent/teacher conferences and would like to wish you all a blessed Easter.

Yours truly, Mrs. Barbara Stegmiller







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