

WHA November Newsletter

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fall Greetings Western Hills Families,

On behalf of the students and myself I want to start with a **“BIG THANK YOU”** to all of our families who took part in making our **“Trunk or Treat”** a success. Thank you for all the candy, cakes and canned goods that were donated. It was so impressive to see parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings all come out to make sure our students had a great time. I have received many positive comments and feedback on the Trunk or Treat and to those of you who took part in this activity a special thank you goes out to you. An extra special thanks goes out to the **Western Hills Methodist Church youth group** who provided assistance and help in this year’s event.

Our next big family affair will be our **Veteran’s and Active Duty Day Program**, which will take place on **Thursday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m.** We will be honoring our veterans as well as recognizing our active duty personnel. Our students will provide the entertainment and after the program coffee and pastries will be served for our honored guests.

Please make sure to mark your calendars in observance of Veterans Day, **Friday November 12**, as there will be **no school** on that day in observance of Veteran’s Day.

Our **Fall Break** will be the week of **November 22-26**. Students will return to school on Monday, November 29.

Looking ahead to **December**, I would like to invite our adult daddies and mommies (and anyone else who may want to help) to a **“Playground Workday”** on **Saturday, December 4**. Our upper playground structures are in dire need of repair and a good refresh. This would mean reattaching wooden steps and tightening screws and bolts and giving the structure a fresh coat of paint. The time for this would be from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you even have an hour to help, it would certainly be appreciated. Please call or let the office know if you’re interested in coming out and helping with this project.

The **Western Hills faculty** and staff would like to wish all of our students and their families **a blessed Thanksgiving**. This is the time of year when we can all come together and give thanks for our many blessings. Our students and their families are certainly our biggest blessing because our school would not be here without you. Thank you.

Blessings to all,
Patricia Aguirre
Director

Early Learning Center

Awesome 2 & 3 yr. old's,

November is here. It's the month to be thankful for all our blessings.

This month will be a short one due to our schools Fall Break starting Monday November 22 though Friday November 26 2021, and Veterans Day which we will observed on Friday November 12th 2021.

We will continue to work on our letters H, I, and J, The numbers will be 1,2 and 3. Shapes are fun to work with they will be square, circle, and triangle. Our classroom will also be learning about Johnny Apple Seed, Thanksgiving, Pilgrims and Indians as well.

Everyone have a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving holiday.

Mrs. Carmen

November will be a busy and short month. We will be talking about Fall, Pilgrims, Indians and turkeys. We will be working with letters I, J, K, L, the number 3, square, and the colors green, brown, orange and red. We will have Farm Animals week, Fruit and Vegetables week and Thanksgiving week.

From my family to yours have a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving holiday. Our Fall break is Nov. 22-26, 2021. Birthday wishes to Samuel and Leonel Nov. 10, Mackenzie Nov.18, and Emma Nov 30.

Happy Thanksgiving.
Mrs. Marisela

Dear Parents,

I love the month of November!! It reminds me of all the things I have to be thankful for. I am thankful for my family, friends and so much to teach and learn from your children.

Each one is unique and brings so much to our class.

This month we focus on family, friends and thankfulness. Our social emotional theme will be friendship skills and letters, numbers etc... :)

Mrs. Davie

In November we are going to work with drawing farm animals, singing owl songs, fall colors, books, Thanksgiving songs, turkey hand paint, hands down turkey and turkey feather activities.

I'm wishing you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving!

All the best,
Ms. Lorena



Dear Parents,

We have been in school for more than two months now. During these last months the children have been learning Numbers, and letters (A-G). To reinforce letters children look in the classroom for pictures or things that starts with the letter of the week. We been also learning colors and shapes in English and Spanish.

We been keeping ourselves safe in the classroom by following safety guidelines.

We wish you all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving with family and friends.
Mrs. Ortiz

Pre-K through 5th

Dear Parents,

We will be completing Theme 3 and transition to Theme 4 where we will be exploring the concepts of time, weather, and seasons. We will focus on the following letters I, J, K, and L. Sight words that will be covered are "I", "the", "is", and "see". Please review these with your child.

It was great to meet with you at parent teacher conferences to discuss your child's progress and goals as we proceed.

Also, thank you to all of our amazing families that participated in the Trunk or Treat. Our class pumpkins came out awesome! We are thankful for all your support.

Blessings,
Mrs. Mendoza, Mrs. Aguilar, Mrs. Mercado

Hello Parents:

Thank you for all your support and participation during Spirit Week, Trunk or Treat and Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Bugado (Room Mothers) for decorating the awesome pumpkin to represent our class. The students did great with their individual pumpkins and the oral presentation about the Nocturnal Animals.

This month we will be celebrating Veterans Day on Thursday 11, and we will not have school on Friday 12. The theme of the month is "Fall" and being Thankful. Thanksgiving break will be 22-26.

Thank you for your support and patience.

Mrs. Laura Ramirez



November is here!

Kinder will learn about Thanksgiving traditions and the importance of friendship. For Language arts students will begin to write sentences using inventive spelling and learning that there is a space between words. In math, students are learning to sort by attribute, more than, less than, anticipating patterns, and predicting patterns. In science students will learn about healthy foods and why making good food choices is important.

We started going to chapel every Wednesday and students are learning about the "Fruits of the Spirit", compassion and kindness.

And WHA welcomes our PE teacher: Ms. Wheeler. The kids really enjoy all the activities Coach plans for them.

We had lots of fun making Halloween crafts and I really appreciate Halloween Craft donations. I would appreciate any donations for craft activities for Thanksgiving too! Every little bit helps.

For Veteran's Day PreK-Kinder will perform two songs, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "You're a Grand Old' Flag", for the veterans of our community.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gonzalez

Important dates:

November 7- "Fall" back, Daylight savings time begins

November 11-Veterans Day

November 19-Progress reports

November 22-26-Thanksgiving Break

3rd Grade is Great!

October was full of learning and growth! We have reviewed many of the skills that were taught in second grade, and expanded on them to meet third grade goals. The pumpkin project turned out really well, and we have also had some fun doing “pumpkin” math. In Language Arts, the children are working on cursive, identifying parts of sentences, proofreading, compound predicates, and compound subjects. In math, we are starting elapsed time, and multiplication. Please practice the times tables at home, and in the car. This month will be full of gratefulness as we honor our Veterans, and celebrate Thanksgiving! Can you believe it’s already November?! Thank you for working on activities at home to support what the children are learning in the classroom. This is a wonderful group of children, and we are thankful for the opportunity to work with them.

Thank you,
Mrs. Mora, and Mrs. Billstone

4th and 5th grade news,

As we end the month of October, I would just like to recap the month’s events. 4th grade finished reading “James and the Giant Peach” and 5th grade have finished reading “A Wrinkle in Time”. Both books were adventurous, showed kindness, goodness, and most importantly, both books had happy endings. The students ended their readings with a summary, book study, and compare and contrast of the movie to the book. For November’s readings, the students will be reading a variety of short stories with the focus on family traditions, being thankful, gratitude, and giving. There readings will consist of fiction, non -fiction, and folktales, which will include stories about and written by Native Americans and our 1st Colonists. In the readings my goal is to give the students a chance to appreciate the good things of life like family, community, and the riches of the land. The students also have been working on their 1st research paper, they chose a book on an influential person, created note cards to keep track of important information and dates, created a first draft, will edit it, and then type it up in the computer lab. Way to go 4th and 5th grade.

In Math, the students have been working on the associative property, fractions, geometry, and factoring. Next month, the students will be working on understanding large numbers in various forms, solve real world problems, and customary and metric system.

In Science, the students were learning about the human body systems. By learning about the different systems working inside the body, we can understand how everything works together to keep us healthy, growing, and strong. Some of the labs we focused on were eye – brain tricks, lung capacity, and a nose job. For November, the students will be moving from life science to physical science. We will be studying matter, energy, and physics to measure various physical effects.

In Social Studies we are learning about the Native Americans. So far we have read about the Native Americans of the Southwest, of the Woodlands, and from the Plains. We will continue reading and learning about the Native Americans throughout the other regions as well as the early years of the colonists. The students will also, be working on a Native American Project that will consist of research and a creative structure.

In Fine Arts, the students have been working very hard on their reader’s theatre “It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown”. They will be presenting their reader’s theatre to the 1st-3rd graders during the last week of October. They all are doing an amazing job! Beginning in November, we will be studying music in Fine Arts. The students will be working on tempo, beat, melodies, listen to different genre of music, and learn about the different parts of the orchestra.

Finally, we have pumpkins growing. Pumpkin seeds were taken from a pumpkin and planted and now are growing. How awesome! The students also, gave wonderful presentations on their decorative pumpkin that they created from a book character. All in all, what a busy month we had. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your child’s school year.

Respectfully,
Ms. Stegmiller



A Special Thanks To

MRS. WHEELER



Welcome Coach Wheeler

Mrs. Wheeler is our new P.E. Coach and we are so glad she is now a part of the Western Hills family. We would like to thank her and her family for donating new equipment for our students to use during P.E. They are having so much fun with it. Thank you!

