

WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

March 2022

A Word from our Director

Dear Wildcat Families,

Welcome March!! Spring is just around the corner and this means more dusty days and a spring forward time change. With just three months of school left in the year, this is the time when teachers and students will be working harder and pushing more to make sure everyone is ready for the next grade level. Parents, we need your help too, let us know if you have any concerns that need to be addressed.

Spring break will take place from **March 14 to March 18**. Students return on March 21. Here's wishing everyone an enjoyable and restful break.

Parent/teacher conferences will take place on **Wednesday, March 30**. After spring break teachers will be contacting you to make appointments for the conferences. Please remember this is an early release day, at noon, for all students in grades PK-5th. We will serve lunch and after school care will be provided.

We are in the process of selecting a new curriculum for grades PK-5th. Parents if any of you are familiar with or have had any experience with a curriculum you have liked in the past, please come by the office and let me know about it. I would most certainly appreciate your input.

Preregistration for the 22-23 school year has begun. If you plan on enrolling your child at WHA next year, please come by the office so we can take care of the registration paperwork now. Since planning is so important for the upcoming school year, help us out by letting us know that you'll be back. In addition, please let your family and friends that preregistration is now taking place.

It is with much sadness that I share the news of the passing of our beloved kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Chris Gonzalez. Mrs. Gonzalez was an excellent teacher and she truly loved her students; she will be missed. I ask that you please hold her family in prayer.

Once again, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable spring break. God's blessings to all. Remember that the staff and I are here to serve our WHA families so let us know if we can help you in any way.

Sincerely,
Patricia Aguirre
Director

Early Learning Center

Awesome 3yr. Olds

March has blown right in. The month of March brings Dr. Seuss week, St. Patrick's Day, the wind and Spring season. Activities for this month are as follows, celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, all about the wind, crafts for St. Patrick's Day, and the beginning of Spring Season. During the month of March we will continue to work on letters S ,T, U and V. Our class will continue to work and review all numbers, shapes and colors.

Happy Birthday Kyla B. March 15th.

Spring break will on Monday March 14th though Friday March 18th, everyone be safe and enjoy your time off.

Mrs. Carmen Lerma

Welcome March!!!!

We will be celebrate Dr. Seuss Birthday with a week activities centering around different Seuss books. If anyone has favorite Dr. Seuss book they would like to share, please bring it in.

Our activities all month will be around the color green and St Patrick's day. Our color will be green, our shape will be rectangle, our number will be 8, and the letters will be s, t, u, and v.

Mrs. Davie and Mrs. Ortiz



Pre-K *through 5th*

Dear Parents,

Wow, February has gone by in a flash. The students had an amazing time celebrating the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day sharing valentines with their friends.

As we begin the month of March, we will start off with an adventure to our first field trip Kids, Kows and More. It is a great introduction to agriculture which will take place on March 3rd. We will follow by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 4th. A fun filled day is planned! We will continue to celebrate throughout the month with lots of stories and activities as we celebrate Read Across America.

We will complete Theme 6 letters S & T; sight words big & find.

We will move on to Theme 7 "The World around Me" after spring break. Which will include different ways of transportation. Our featured letters will be U and V. Sight words we & to. As always, we thank you for all your support.

Blessings,

Mrs. Mendoza, Mrs. Aguilar & Mrs. Mercado



My name is Laura Cardona I am currently the Kindergarten Teacher . I have been a substitute teacher for six years at Western Hills Academy. Formerly a bilingual first grade teacher with EPISD. We are adapting to the current changing circumstances. I am thrilled for the journey we are in together as a group.

During the month of March we will continue to work on sight words and introduce long vowels, digraph and blends. For Math we will continue to identify numbers, sorting and graphing.

Reminders, on Thursday March 3rd a field trip to Cow's and more and on March 30th parent teacher conference.

P.S . Each child needs to bring a 24 Crayon box.

Kind regards.

Laura Cardona



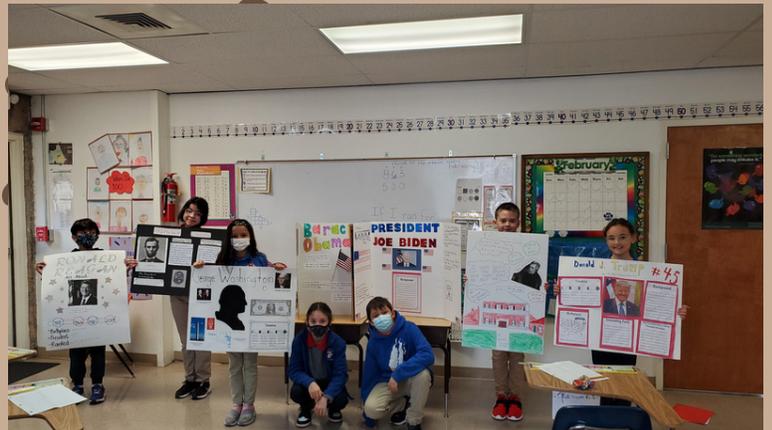
Hello everyone! February was a quick month. The children did an amazing job on their President's Day projects. We were very pleased with their presentations and we hope that they enjoyed learning all about our country's Presidents.

March will be just as busy! March 3rd is our Kids, Kows, and more field trip. Please remember that parents are required to attend this event with their child. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on March 30. We are looking forward to meeting with all of you. Lastly, please keep in mind that the Scholastic Book Fair will take place in April.

Spring break runs from March 13th-18th. We hope everyone has a restful break. School will resume on March 21st.

We thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Billstone and Mrs. Mora



Dear parents:

During February we celebrated the 100 days in school, Valentine's Day, and President's Day. The students also learned about the different seasons and we are currently studying hibernation. Our classroom received 4th place in the read-a-thon. Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated. This month we will be celebrating the Spring season and Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will also go March 03, to Kids and Kows in the Coliseum.

Parent-Teacher-conferences will be held on March 30.
Spring break will be from March 14-18th.

I hope everyone will have a great and safe Spring Break.

Kindly,
Mrs. Ramirez



4th and 5th Grade News,

As we welcome March, let me review some of the wonderful activities the students worked on last month. The students finished reading their wonderful novels and in the words of Emma Thompson - "I think books are like people, in the sense that they'll turn up in your life when you most need them." It is always so rewarding to allow the students the time after reading the novel to soak it all in. Staying within the same themes of family, courage, friendship, kindness, and tolerance of differences the next novel study will be the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. For grammar and mechanics the students were working on simple and compound subjects and predicates, conjunctions, clauses, and prepositional phrases. In writing the students have written folktales, descriptive summaries, and opinion statements. As we continue to focus on these activities, the students are clearly communicating their ideas on paper as well as expressing themselves and their experiences. In math, some of the concepts that are being studied are percentages, decimals, range, median, and mode, rate, and probability. As we continue to work with a variety of math concepts, the most important thing a student can learn in math is problem solving because it enables them to develop analytical thinking. In science, it was all about matter. The students worked on elements of matter, organization of atoms, measuring mass, volume, density, physical and chemical changes, and even learned about the Periodic Table of Elements. During lab, they created lava lamps, a density tower, they weighed gas, and observed bulging water. Again, the fundamentals of math are being used during science as well. In social studies, the students are reading and discussing Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness as we learn about the first American colonies, Paul Revere, the Revolution, and the Declaration of Independence. These readings are encouraging the students to understand the importance of independence. The students even went on a virtual field trip to Washington D.C. with the current first lady and educator herself Dr. Jill Biden. Finally, in fine arts the students have been diligently working on a play and songs. They are ready to perform these wonderful pieces of art to their parents. The students have worked really hard, memorizing their parts, creating props and banners. They even made tie dye shirts to wear for the big occasion. We also must not forget this month we will be celebrating Theodor Geisel a.k.a. Dr. Seuss. Since we celebrated the 100th day of school, I find it fitting to end with one of his quotes. "You have the brains in your head. You have your feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose." What a great month and even better month lies ahead. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's school year.

Respectfully,
Ms. Stegmiller

