

APRIL 2022

WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear Western Hills Families,

Happy spring! We are in the stretch of the 21-22 school year but there is still much learning that has to take place. Parents, you just received the third report card of the year and I hope you had a productive conference with your child's teacher. Please encourage your children to continue working hard, stay focused and keep up with assignments and homework. As always, we are here to serve you and your children, so please let us know if you have questions or concerns.

I want to thank all of our families that took part in the **Read-a-thon** fundraiser. **Zacoury McFarland**, 4th grade, was our top fundraiser with **Jasper Bohannon (K)** coming in a very close second. **Geob Alvarado**, **Leila Edwards** and **Kai McDermott** rounded out the top 5 students raising the most funds. Our top reader was **Corban Billstone**, with 1190 minutes to his credit. Our top classes were Mrs. Stegmiller, Mrs. Cardona, Mrs. Ramirez, Mrs. Marisela and Mrs. Mercado. Students that read will all receive prizes ranging from bookmarks to ice cream and pizza. Thank you all for your support. The funds raised will go toward buying new curriculum and equipment for the playgrounds.

Up and coming the week of **April 18-22** will be our annual **Scholastic Book Fair**. This year we will be bringing back an in person fair. The fair will be showcased in the library and we will have scheduled times when you will be able to visit with your child/children. Parents, if you would like to help out and **volunteer** at the fair, please let Ms. Aguirre know. More information will be sent out as the fair gets closer.

Parents, if you have not already come by the office to **register** your children for the **22-23 school year**, please do so soon. Registration is necessary to secure a spot for your child. Remember that we cannot plan accordingly or purchase materials until we know how many students will be in each grade level. We also ask that you help spread the word to your friends, acquaintances and neighbors about our excellent educational program, ELC and grade school, and invite them to come by and check us out.

I would also like to remind you that the date for the **end of school** has changed due to the fact that we had an extra seven days off in December. The **official last day of school** for all students (Early Learning Center and Grade School) will be **Friday, June 3**. Teachers will work until June 7.

Please remember that there will be **no school on Friday, April 15** in observance of **Good Friday**. On behalf of the staff and myself we would like to wish all of our families a blessed Easter!

Sincerely,
Patricia Aguirre
Director

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 22
PROGRESS REPORTS GO
OUT/EARTH DAY

MAY 7-11
TEACHER APPRECIATION
WEEK

MAY 9-13
STAAR TEST
ADMINISTRATION FOR 3RD,
4TH, & 5TH GRADE
STUDENTS

MAY 26
PK & K GRADUATIONS

EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Awesome 3 yr. Olds

April showers bring May flowers. Our class will be busy planting flowers to welcome the Spring season. We will continue to watch and care for our flowers to celebrate Arbor and Earth day. This month we will celebrate Easter with lots of fun activities, Spring, Earth and Arbor week. During the month of April our classroom will continue to review all the colors, shapes, numbers and work on letters W, X, Y and Z. Our classroom will have a small Easter party on Thursday April 14th at 9:00-11:00am. Please have your child bring 12 plastic eggs filled with small items and a basket or container for the egg hunt. There will be no classes on Friday April 15th (Good Friday).

Have a blessed Easter Sunday

My best,

Mrs. Carmen Lerma

Happy Spring!

Spring is in the air and flowers are blooming everywhere. Hope you had a restful Spring break. Glad to see everyone. This month is all about Spring we will be learning about butterflies, insects, and flowers. We will also be coloring Easter eggs and bunnies. We will celebrate Earth Day with a little exploring outdoors. We will still be reviewing our letter, colors, shapes and numbers. Everyone is doing so great and working hard. We will have an Easter egg hunt on April 13 & 14, 2022

Happy Easter to Everyone!

Mrs. Marisela Terrific 2's

Hooray, April is finally here!

This month we will be celebrating the beautiful weather and talking about nature and what grows in our environment. We will be working on the colors green, yellow, and pink, as well as counting to 100. We will continue to practice writing our full names and exercise our cutting skills, as well as learning the letters W, X, Y, and Z. In celebration of Easter, we will be having an Easter egg hunt April the 14th.

Thank you

Mrs. Davie and Mrs. Ortiz:)

PRE-K



Dear Pre-K Families,

We had a great adventure visiting the coliseum at the Kids, Kows and More 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 will be completing Theme 7 and focusing on letters W, and X. Sight words completed will be, "we", "to", "and", & "go". In Theme 8 "A Habitat is a Place to Live", we will focus on different types of animals and their habitats. As well as our letters and sounds, we will feature letters X, Y and Z. Sight words will be, "in", "my", "up" and "jump". Please review sight words with your child. Please take the time to complete your child's ASQ:3 Questionnaire and return it no later than Friday April 8th. The student's presentation of certificates is in the planning process and has been scheduled for Thursday May 26th. More information is coming soon. As always, we just want to thank you for all your support and taking the time to meet with us during Parent/Teacher conferences.

Blessings,

Mrs. Mendoza, Ms. Aguilar & Mrs. Mercado

KINDER

Dear Parents,

During the month of April we will continue to work on sight words, long vowels, reading and writing. For Math we will continue counting and adding. Also the students have been learning all about plants. April 14th will be a regular class day, but Easter treats will be welcome. April 15th no class due to Good Friday.

Kindly,

Mrs. Cardona

1ST & 2ND GRADE

Dear parents:

During April we will be having the scholastic book fair. We will also be watching and studying how chicks hatch. Mrs. Middleton will be bringing an incubator to our classroom with the eggs on Monday, April 4th. For social studies, we will be talking about jobs and earning money. Second graders will be finishing "Ralph Away Mouse." And we will start reading "Charlotte's Web" including our first graders. Also, we will have our Spring egg hunt. I will be sending more information about the book fair and the egg hunt later.

Thank you for your patience and support.

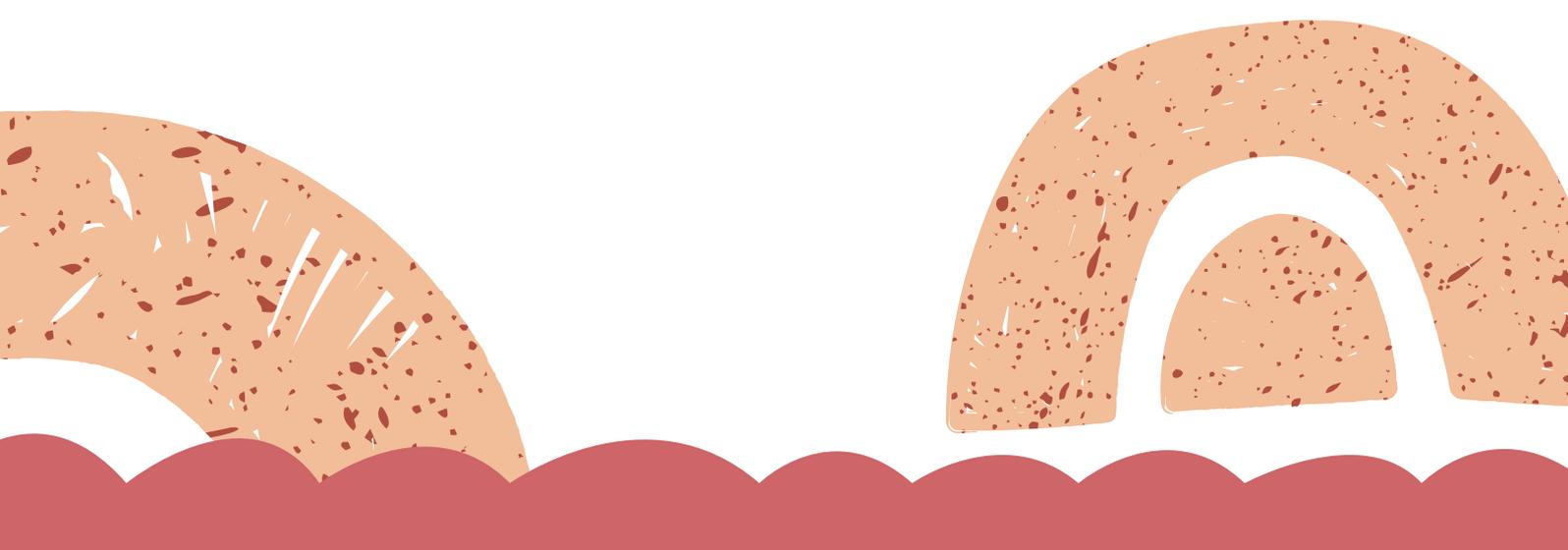
Kindly,

Mrs. Laura Ramirez

3RD GRADE

Happy spring everyone! We are finally in the home stretch of the school year. It's been a great year so far and we are looking forward to a strong finish. This month we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. The event will run from April 18-22. We will also be celebrating the Easter Holiday with some fun activities in the classroom. Also just a reminder that there will be no school on Friday, April 15th. We hope you all have a lovely and blessed Easter!

Mrs. Mora and Mrs. Billstone



4TH & 5TH GRADE



“March comes in like a lion, out like a lamb”, in other words March started off with cold winters and ends with warmer, spring weather. Hopefully, our wonderful spring weather will last. With that said, we are already heading into the month of April. It’s hard to believe the months have just flown by and there is still much more to do. The following are some highlights from March and what the class will be working on in April. In reading, we are totally engaged with the book “Wonder” by R. J. Palacio. The theme kindness resonates with the entire class and allows them to imagine that a simple act of kindness can make a big difference. Along with reading the book, the students have been creating journal reflections, poetry, and character traits and maps. In ELA, the students have been working on correcting rambling, double negatives, and run on sentences. These activities encourage the students to make better sense of their writing and to provide the students with a good foundation for independent writing. In math, the students have been working on multiplying bigger numbers, identifying rational numbers and integers on a number line as well as comparing them, and understanding factors and remainders. I have seen a huge growth in the students and their ability to problem solve, reason, and become more creative thinkers. In science, the students have finished up learning about biology and living things. They created a wormery, a biome, and a hidden habitat to encourage the importance of our surrounding ecosystems. This month we will be studying Earth and Space. In social studies, the students are continuing to learn about our early forefathers and the early colonists. We are up to 17 states all of them on the east coast as well as the first five presidents. In the upcoming weeks, the students will be learning why the colonists moved west, and more about the importance of the industrial revolution. Finally, in fine arts the students had the pleasure of performing their play “Rainbow People” and sing a song for their parents right before spring break. We are switching gears and returning to working on art activities. The students will be working with different mediums, textures, and tools. They will also be studying different artists as well. All of these skills will encourage the students to celebrate multiple perspectives, and that there are many ways to see and interpret the world. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child’s school year, I look forward to an amazing April.

Yours truly,

Ms. Stegmiller

