

SEPTEMBER 2020

# WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

Welcome to a new school year! The 20–21 school year is off and running, masks and all. I would like to welcome all of our families and thank you for being here. I also appreciate your patience and cooperation in helping us get started with our in-person classes. Our three weeks of virtual classes were fun and helped us prepare for being on campus.

I don't want to dwell too much on the situation we find ourselves in, but it has changed the landscape of our school program. However, the children seem to be adjusting nicely and the teachers are working very hard to maintain the high standards we are known for. Parents, you play a very important part in your child's academic success, so please know that we are here to help and be assistance at any time you feel the need to reach out. Please make sure that you have the **Remind app** on your phone to facilitate communication with your child's teacher.

Although many of the activities that we are used to having will not be taking place this year, we will be looking at other options. Our **SAVERS fund drive** which started last year will run through **September and end on October 2**. Please look for the flyer with details of the items we need to collect.

**Individual school pictures** are scheduled for **October 6 and 7**. Details will be sent home as the dates get closer.

**Progress reports** will be sent home on **Friday, September 18**. This will be a snapshot of your child's progress during the first 9 weeks.

Please consult your **Parent Handbook** for specific instructions on our school uniform policy and carpool rules. Tuition is being collected through **Curacubby** again this year as this is the easiest and most convenient way for parents to pay.

As we start this year our teachers are excited and looking forward to a great year. While there have been many changes to our school days, the focus remains the same, that is to give your children the best education possible and help them grow into loving, responsible boys and girls who respect themselves and others every day. As always, our efforts are easier to accomplish with the help and support of our parents. Please ask your children about their day at school and what they learned. Contact your child's teacher as soon as you have a concern. Together we make this a great year for our children. God bless us all in the coming year.

Respectfully yours,  
Patricia Aguirre  
Director



## EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Welcome back! The past two weeks, I have been working on getting to know the kids by playing with them and getting to know their personality more. For the month of September, we will be implementing activities that use hand-eye coordination and motor skills for the kids. I'm excited to be working with your kids this year! Please feel free to come to me if you have any questions or anything I can help you with.

**Mrs. Vazquez**  
Nursery

A big welcome to Terrific 2's classroom. The 1st and 2nd weeks we were all getting adjusted and getting to know each other. The children did great, there was very little crying in our first week. For other children it takes a little longer, but when they start knowing the routine and that there's playtime and singing and dancing and coloring all those fun things then they will be o.k. We have started working on our letter A, the number 1, color green, the heart shape. We also do the days of the week and what the weather is outside. Learning to say their names and their friends name. Working on motor skills and some sensory. It will be a fun year. Happy to have you in my class. Like to welcome 2 new students to our class Eli Richardson, William Jones. Birthday wishes in August to Catherine Robeck Aug. 22 and William Jones Aug. 8. Ivanna and Cassandra Carmona Sept. 20.

**Mrs Marisela**  
Terrific 2's



Awesome 2&3 yr olds

Hello everyone welcome to western Hills Academy. This school year has been a little different for all of us. Our class is learning some new things, that are new to all of us. We are learning to social distance from everyone, wash our hands often and for most of us to wear a mask. We will continue to practice these important things until the pandemic is over, hopefully soon. Our class will be learning to play, share, and to make new friends at a distance. This month we have been working on numbers 1,2,3,4 and 5. The letters for the month of September are A,B,C,and D. Our shapes are circle, octagon, star, and triangle. The children are learning about the colors red, blue, yellow and pink. We will talk about the Fall Season that is coming up. Thank you all for your generous donations of school supplies.

Sincerely,  
Mrs Carmen Lerma



Hello and welcome to my classroom, it is a pleasure to have your child in our class. I am looking forward to a very exciting year. Preschool is a time for children to expand their love of learning, their general knowledge, the ability to get along with others and their interest in reaching out to the world. The three years old curriculum is set to meet all that and provide a nurturing environment.

regards  
Mrs. Ortiz  
Wonderful 3's



# DAY SCHOOL

Welcome Pre-K! As we prepare for a year of learning and growing together, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the following parents for volunteering to be our room parents for this school year PK1-Mrs. Stingfield & Mrs. Barraza, PK2-Mrs. Weber. Now we are moving on to Theme 2; some students might find this a little more challenging. Please review folders daily for important information. In the up in coming weeks we will be focusing on the letters ABCD, safety, health, and hygiene. Please keep an eye out for our monthly snack calendar. By working together we can begin to enhance your child's development. Please read to your child daily. We are thankful for the opportunity to work with you and your children. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns. It is going to be a great year!!

**Mrs. Mendoza & Mrs. Aguilar**  
Pre-K



Hello Kindergarten Parents, Welcome back to all returning families as well as new ones. After all these months of uncertainty, we are finally back in the classroom. Despite new protocols and safety measures, we have had a great first week and I am sure this will be an amazing school year! I want to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting me with your children and for your kind support since the beginning of the school year, during our virtual sessions. It has been a pleasure working with you and I wish you nothing but the best! Have a wonderful school year. Thank you so much for your support!

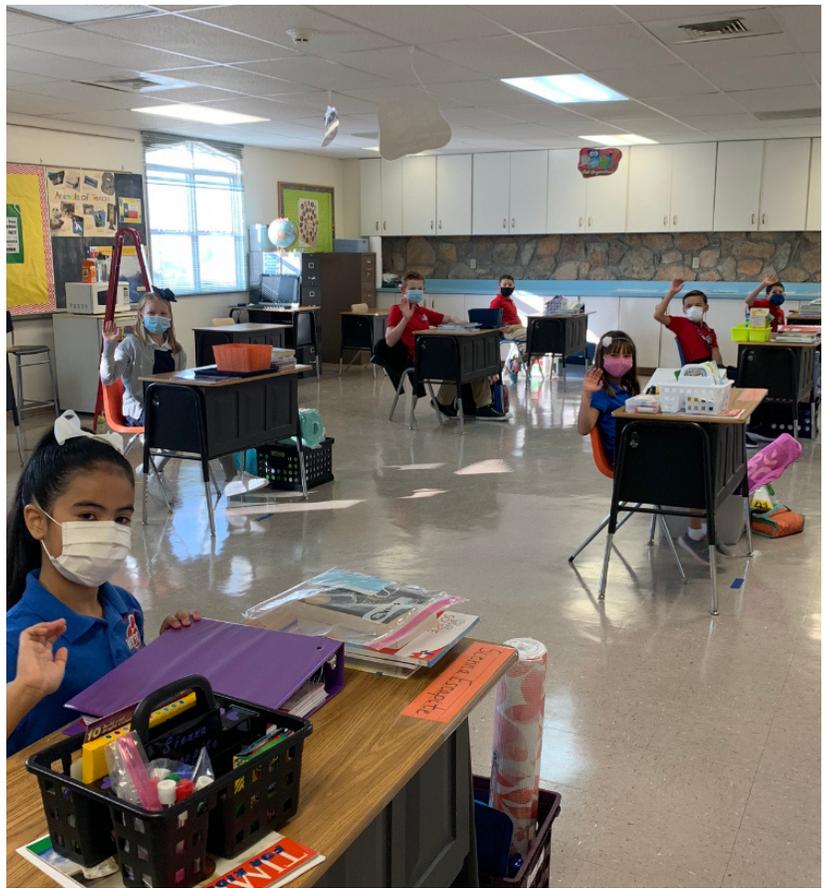
**Ms. Ostos**  
Kindergarten



Parents,

I would like to welcome our new students as well as our returning students. We had three amazing weeks in Zoom and a wonderful first week in person! We have been learning to stay safe wearing our masks and keep social distances during school; as well as washing our hands, classroom rules, and our daily routine. We are discussing why it is important to be a responsible citizen following the rules in school, in our homes and everywhere we go. I am looking forward to helping your child move forward to the next level and to having an exciting school year!

**Mrs. Laura Ramírez**  
**1st and 2nd Grade**



Welcome to 3rd-5th grade,

For the past month, we have been working on getting to know each other, learning how to keep each other safe and healthy, and most importantly creating a classroom community. Some activities included games to promote teamwork, journal writing to promote self-awareness, and yoga to promote a sense of self.

I look forward to a great year. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's school year.

Have a blessed day,

**Ms. Barbara Stegmiller**