



August 2025

Western Hills Academy

A Word From Our Director

Western Hills Academy Families,

We are excited to welcome all new and returning families to the Academy! As students adjust to their new learning environments, establishing classroom expectations remains a top priority. Teachers will be conducting student observations and assessments as routines are put into place. In our Early Learning Center, we know that goodbyes can be a little hard—but they will soon become a bit easier.

Please take time to review the **Academy Handbook** for important school policies and procedures for the 2025–2026 school year. Please have the Acknowledgment page signed and turned in no later than Wednesday August 13, 2025.

Thank you for adhering to the carline map—we appreciate your cooperation in ensuring the safety of all students. Please also note that our academic day begins **promptly at 8:30 a.m.** Punctuality is essential to ensure every child receives a high-quality education and starts the day on the right foot.

Parents, your continued involvement makes all the difference! We encourage you to join our **PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)**—whether by helping with events, making donations, or purchasing items from your child’s teacher’s wish list. Your support shows our students just how much their educational journey is valued.

Mark your calendars for our **first fundraiser:**

Charcoal Night – August 21, 2025, from 4–8 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow families and enjoy dinner without having to cook!

Also, **Grandparents—save the date!**

Join us on **September 9th from 7:30–8:30 a.m.** for a special breakfast event, featuring a performance by our Kindergarten–K5 students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out. I look forward to working with you throughout the year!

Blessings,

Mrs. Christel Mendoza

Academy Director

Important Dates

08/18 - 08/22

Beginning of year Diagnostics

08/15

PTO 8:30 AM Meeting
Stewart Family Life Building

08/20

Meet the PTO at Drop Off

08/21

Charcoaler Fundraiser

4:00 - 8:00

09/01

Labor Day, No School

Nursery Mrs. Amparo

Welcome Back!

We are excited to start a new year! I'm so happy to new and old little blessings. This new school year will be filled with much learning and many successful milestones!

Thank you,
Mrs. Amparo

PK1



Mrs. Marisela

Welcome Parents!

Today marks the exciting first day of school for our toddlers. I'm thrilled to welcome each of our little ones to their new learning adventure. It's the beginning of a year full of growth, curiosity, and discovery and can't wait to see the amazing things your child will accomplish.

We will be using the Abeka curriculum which is grounded in Christian values and designed to help children grow academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally. I will be reading Bible stories and verses. We will also be doing numbers and counting, music, art and most of all their favorite playing.

The first few days is all about building relationships. Gently guiding the children in getting to know one another through simple games, songs and activities that encourage sharing.

The children will be able to explore and familiarize to their new classroom where they'll be spending their time.

We will also begin establishing a gentle routine to help the children feel secure and confident in their new environment.

From circle time to snack time they'll start to get used to the flow of the day. This structure will help them feel safe and excited about what's coming next.

Thank you for entrusting me with the care and education of your little one. Here's to a joyful, enriching school year ahead.

Warm regards,

Mrs Marisela

Pk1 18-23 months

A decorative border of various school supplies and science-related items surrounds the text. Items include a soccer ball, a glue bottle, a microscope, a pencil, a paper airplane, a lightbulb, a magnifying glass, a ruler, a compass, a pair of scissors, a test tube, a beaker, a flask, a pipette, a pair of glasses, a book, a stack of books, a pencil sharpener, a stapler, a paperclip, a star, a heart, a triangle, a circle, a square, a rectangle, a diamond, a hexagon, a heptagon, an octagon, a nonagon, a decagon, a hendecagon, a dodecagon, a trapezoid, a parallelogram, a rhombus, a rectangle, a square, a circle, a triangle, a star, a heart, a flower, a leaf, a branch, a tree, a house, a car, a truck, a bus, a train, a plane, a boat, a ship, a submarine, a helicopter, a rocket, a satellite, a moon, a sun, a planet, a galaxy, a nebula, a comet, a meteor, a asteroid, a meteorite, a crater, a volcano, a mountain, a hill, a valley, a river, a lake, a pond, a stream, a waterfall, a fountain, a garden, a park, a forest, a field, a meadow, a beach, a ocean, a sea, a bay, a harbor, a port, a dock, a pier, a bridge, a tunnel, a road, a highway, a street, a sidewalk, a path, a trail, a road, a highway, a street, a sidewalk, a path, a trail, a road, a highway, a street, a sidewalk, a path, a trail.

PK2



Mrs. Susie

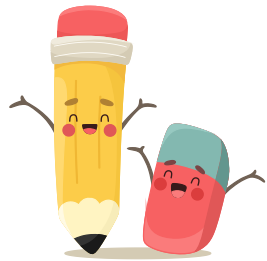
Hello Parents

We are very excited to begin this new chapter filled with learning, play, and discovery. Our goal is to provide your children with a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where they can grow and thrive in all areas.

Thank you for trusting us to be part of this beautiful journey. We look forward to a year full of smiles and adventures!

Blessings,
Ms. Susie

PK3



Mrs. Davie

Dear Parents:

Welcome to wonderful school year in Pre-K 3!!

I am so excited to partner wit you as your child begins their early learning journey . This year is will be filled with fun, discovery and growth as we explore world's God's world together.

Our classroom is a loving and nurturing environment where children will feel safe, valued and encouraged to learn through play and structured activities.

Thank you for entrusting your precious child to My care. I look forward to a blessed and joyful year together!!!!

Warm regards!!!!

Mrs. Davie



K4



Mrs. Pearson

Dear Families,

Welcome to our Pre-K class! I am so excited to begin this school year with you and your child. It is truly a joy and privilege to be part of your child's early learning journey, and I'm looking forward to all the fun, growth, and adventures we'll share together.

This year will be filled with exploring, discovering, creating, and learning through play. We will build friendships, learn new routines, and grow in confidence and independence every single day. I'm committed to creating a classroom that is safe, nurturing, and full of meaningful learning experiences.

Open communication is very important to me. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to check in, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can call me at the school or send a message through our family communication app. I'm always happy to connect with you.

Thank you for entrusting me with your little one. I can't wait for the wonderful year ahead!

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Pearson



K5

Mrs. Cardona

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to an exciting new school year! I'm so happy to have your child in my class. Over the next few weeks, we'll focus on getting to know each other, learning our classroom expectations, and building routines that help us feel safe and ready to learn.

In the beginning weeks, we'll also be reviewing the alphabet, numbers, and basic shapes. Each student is encouraged to learn, explore, and grow in a positive and safe environment.

A little about me: I have a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Texas at El Paso and 15 years of experience working with young learners. Teaching kindergarten is my passion, and I'm committed to helping your child succeed and feel confident every day.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact me through the family app or email me at wha.kinder@gmail.com.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Warmly,
Mrs. Cardona

1st Grade Mrs. Ramirez

Hello, First grade Parents:

I would like to welcome you this new school year. I am looking forward to meet you and your children.

It is going to be a great year full of fun new experiences for all. The students will be learning Language Arts, spelling, writing, reading, mathematics, science and history among other things.

The room mother will be Mrs. Maynard. She will be contacting you soon.

The class consists of 5 girls and 3 boys.

Kindly,
Mrs. Laura Ramirez

2nd Grade



Mrs. Ortiz

Welcome to Second Grade,

★ Welcome to a brand new school year. I hope you had a relaxing summer.

I'm excited to partner with you in supporting your child's education, learning and growth.

I believe that strong partnership between home and school is key to student success.

Let's make this school year great together.

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Ortiz

3rd Grade



Ms. Monica

Dear Parents,

During the first week of school is a great time for building classroom community and establishing routines. We will be doing icebreaker activities, goal-setting, and working collaboratively to help students get to know each other and the learning environment.

We will be focusing on classroom routines and procedures. It is essential during the first days of school because they establish a predictable and safe learning environment, maximize instructional time, and promote positive behavior.

Procedures create a calm, consistent classroom that maximizes instruction and minimizes disruptive behaviors. Implementing classroom procedure keeps the learning environment clean and safe. It is important to provide students the opportunity to build their independence and self-confidence and help them grow.

Speaking of growth, I wanted to let you know that we will have a scheduled snack time. Please send your child with a snack the week of August, 5-7. There will be a snack monthly calendar. You can sign up for your child to bring in individually wrapped snacks for the whole class. Please let me know if you will not be participating in providing a class snack. Providing a classroom snack helps all students build a sense of community, team building and service to others. Snack time offers a valuable opportunity to replenish energy levels. We would appreciate any donations of bottled water.

Starting August 11, we will begin to become familiar with our daily routines, classroom schedules, along with the Abeka curriculum and learning materials. The course incorporates review and repetition at the beginning of the school year. A gentler start helps ease students back into the routine of school, reducing stress and building confidence, which can be seen as a form of refreshing prior learning.

Week two, August 18 will likely include a variety of subjects such as reading, language arts, math, and potentially science and history. The curriculum suggests assigned homework, teachers have the flexibility to adjust the amount of work based on individual needs. We will be using a student planner to organize and track daily lessons, assignments, daily and weekly tasks, progress. Planners help students develop crucial time management skills allowing them to allocate time for studying and completing assignments effectively.

I am looking forward to working with this new group of Scholars for the upcoming school year. I believe 2025 will be a fun and an adventurous learning opportunity for your child.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I am available to meet with you after school. I look forward to working with you and your child to provide them with the best learning opportunities for this year.

Warmest regards,
Ms. Monica

4th and 6th



Mrs. Cuevas

Welcome to our class!

Hello parents! I am so excited and happy to have your students in my class and I am looking forward to teaching them. I am ready for a new school year and welcome you to our class! I want to introduce our parent room mom for this school year , Mrs Elia Meza, who will be helping me with anything we need for our class and I appreciate everyone that volunteered to help as well. This year we will have fun and exciting activities and students will be learning alot but also they will be working together to create memories! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to send me a message on the app or can set up a conference during my conference time (1:30-2:00) Thank you so much for everything!

-Mrs Cuevas



Spanish



Ms. Natalia

Dear Parents,

¡Hola y bienvenidos!

Welcome back to a new school year — and a very special welcome to our new students and families! My name is Ms. Natalia Cardona, and I am thrilled to be your child's Spanish teacher this year. Whether this is your child's first Spanish class or they've been learning for a while, we are going to have a wonderful year full of growth, curiosity, and fun.

During the first few weeks, we'll be getting familiar with our classroom routines and new expectations. One of our big goals is to help students feel confident using Spanish every day.

Students will be expected to begin using simple, useful phrases in Spanish, such as:

- ¿Puedo ir al baño? (May I go to the bathroom?)
- ¿Puedo tomar agua? (May I get a drink of water?)

They will also be encouraged to greet others and show kindness using words like:

- Hola (Hello)
- Adiós (Goodbye)
- Por favor (Please)
- Gracias (Thank you)

This year, we're excited to implement the new Abeka Spanish A and B curriculum across all grades. Each grade level will work with the material at the pace and level best suited for them, building a strong foundation in vocabulary, conversation, and culture.

I'm so grateful for your support at home and can't wait to help your child grow in their Spanish learning this year. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

¡Vamos a tener un gran año juntos!

Warmly,

Ms. Natalia

A collection of sports-related items including an orange basketball, a red soccer ball, a yellow stopwatch, and a blue air pump with a black hose. There are also several small colored circles (pink, blue, yellow) scattered around the main items.

Coach Karla

Hello everyone!

I'm so glad to welcome you to a brand-new school year — and even more excited to be your P.E. teacher this year!

I'm looking forward to a fun, productive, and positive environment where we all grow stronger, work as a team, and support one another.

Let's make this year full of energy, effort, and encouragement!

Let's have a great year together!

— Coach Karla

P.E. Teacher

Meet The Teacher





Happy First Day!

