

NOVEMBER 2023



WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY

Upcoming Events

Fall Break:
November 20-24

Nutcracker Fieldtrip:
November 30 (early
release @ 11 AM)

Christmas Program:
December 20 @
8:45 AM

Early Release:
December 22 (11:30
AM)

Winter Break:
December 25-
January 5

Spring Semester
Begins: January 8



A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Western Hills Families,

As we are in the season of giving thanks, I wanted to take the time to express how thankful I am to have been selected as the interim director by Ms. Sanchez. I am especially grateful for the kind words and acts of support you all have shown. In this time of transition, I ask that we keep Ms. Sanchez in our thoughts and prayers. As we prepare to move forward in selecting the director position, let's continue to collaborate in building a safe and loving community for our students.

Our Trunk-or-Treat was a great success! We want to thank our PTO for organizing the event this year and our parents for their time and generous donations. The Veteran's Day Program was a humbling experience, and the students gave a wonderful performance. Thank you to the Franklin High School's ROTC for doing the presentation of colors for our program. A big thank you to Retired Army Quartermaster Leo Barazza & and the VFW and Retired U.S. Navy Commander Dr. Theresa A. Ware Asbury for volunteering their time, sharing their story with the students, and presenting our school with a flag. The flag will be displayed in the front office.

It was great to see so many of you at our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Seeing the students, their families, and teachers share a meal together is a beautiful blessing. Our Nutcracker Ballet parent/child field trip is on November 30th! We were able to purchase tickets for those who have RSVP'd with the money fundraised from the pumpkin auction. On this day, dismissal will be at 11 am to allow enough time for parents and students to have lunch and report to the Magoffin Auditorium by noon. The program will begin promptly at 12:30 pm.

We are excited to collaborate with Pastor Kim and Ms. Julie for the Christmas Program on December 20th at 9 am. Please note that classroom parties will also be held on this date, teachers will reach out with more information.

As always, I look forward to getting to know and work with you all as we continue the school year. Please feel free to reach out with any concerns, comments, and questions. I am here to serve you and make your child's experience a safe and positive one. May your holidays be filled with many blessings!

Blessings,
Mrs. Mendoza
Interim Director



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

12-17 MONTH OLDS | MS. LORENA

November is here; it's the month to be grateful for our blessings. This month is a short month due to the fall break. We will continue to work with drawing farm animals, singing owl songs, fall colors, books, thanksgiving songs, turkey hand painting, and turkey feather activities. We wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving!

All the best,
Mrs. Lorena



18-23 MONTH OLDS

MRS. MARISELA & MISS VALERIA

On our last week of October, we celebrated Halloween, and the whole ELC gathered at the gym with games, face painting, and music. On that same day, we had a pizza party in our classroom, and the children had lots of fun. That continued week, we finished up with the letters (g,h) and reviewed the numbers. The zoo-phonics alphabet has been in work. We reviewed our shape (triangle), and Mrs. Ortiz gave a presentation on how to make slime. We want to appreciate and thank our Veterans and our active military; thank you for your service. November: We finished some Thanksgiving placemats for our upcoming Thanksgiving lunch. Birthday wishes to Armin (November 1st). We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, many blessings, and lots of Turkey 🦃.

Best Regards,
Mrs. Marisela and Miss Valeria



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

24-35 MONTH OLD | MRS. CUEVAS

Hello, I am very excited about a new month full of learning and fun activities. Happy Thanksgiving! This month we learned about Being Thankful, Using our Manners, and Thanksgiving. We learned the numbers 6,7, and 8, and learned the letters G, H, and I with our zoo-phonics. We learned our shape of the month; the square, by creating our Thanksgiving placemats. We listened to our composer of the month; Bach. For Art, we learned about Andy Warhol and recreated our own pop art and we also created our own thankful turkeys to give to our parents. I am very thankful to have each of these wonderful children in my classroom and for the amazing support from each of the parents. I am thankful to be a part of the Wildcat family and I enjoy being your children's teacher! Thank you!

Mrs. Cuevas



24-35 MONTH OLD | MISS. VERONICA

Hello parents! I would like to welcome Mrs. Amapro to our classroom! She will be joining us from the nursery classroom, and we are happy to have her. This month, the students have been enjoying working on holiday crafts, and related events. the numbers we have been working on have been 6, 7, and 8, as well as our letters G, H, and I. After the break, we will continue to build on our numbers and alphabet, and continue to review. We are beginning to prepare for our Christmas program, we are excited to see you at the performance. Happy holiday season!

Best regards,
Miss Veronica



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

36-47 MONTH OLDS | MRS. DAVIE

We finished up our month of October with a great close. We had an ELC Halloween party in the gym. We had lots of fun, and the kids got to play, dance, get face painting, and play games. We continued our Halloween party in our classroom. I want to thank my room mother, Leslie Q., for decorating the room and setting everything up for the party; everything was beautiful! I also want to thank all parents for participating and making this a successful gathering. Later that week, we continued reviewing our Zoo-Phonics. We finished up our letters (g,h), our shape (triangle), and the color black. We celebrated Veterans Day in the gym, and I want to give thanks for all those years our Veterans have served. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Best Regards,
Mrs. Davie



36-47 MONTH OLDS | MRS. ORTIZ

Dear parents,

I hope that your children have been enjoying school as much as I have. I enjoy watching your children grow. This month children are going to learn the letters G, H, I, and the numbers 7,8,9. Also, we will talk about Fall, the pilgrims, Thanksgiving, and what we are thankful for. We wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving with friends and family.

Mrs.Ortiz.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

PRE-K 1 | MRS. MENDOZA

Pre-K Families,

I want to thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. I also want to thank Mrs. Carmen Lerma for stepping up in being our substitute for these last two weeks. Going forward, Ms. Margie Pearson will be the permanent pre-k sub as she was secured by Ms. Sanchez before her resignation. Having met her, I feel like she will be an amazing fit and addition to our Western Hills family. Please help me welcome her into our pre-k classroom.

We are moving on to our next theme of "Time, Weather, and Seasons" where we will focus on what the seasons are and how to dress for them. Our letters are Hh, Ss, Cc, and Dd sounds and blends. Sight words covered are you, at, can, and look. Please continue to review letter sounds, blends, and sight words with your child. We are beginning to prepare for our Christmas Program and we are all excited. Please continue to review your child's folder for important information on the upcoming events for the rest of this year. As always, thank you for your continued support and please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Many Blessings during this holiday season!

Mrs. Mendoza



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

PRE-K 2 | MS. BARNES

Hello Pre-K!

The last half of October was filled with so much fun. Red Ribbon Week was a great success, and I absolutely loved seeing everyone dress up throughout the week. The Fall Festival was so much fun, and I appreciate everyone's support for the kids to have a great time. Our Halloween party was great; we decorated cookies and handed out treats to each other. It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through November! In class, we have added more letters, and I enjoy seeing all of the letter journals with my little friends' artwork for the letter of the week! Please remember to remove the papers sent home in the red folders and return them as well. The Veteran's Day program was very nice, and our littles did an AMAZING job watching and then singing a song for our Veterans. I hope that everyone has a very blessed and safe Thanksgiving Holiday! When we return from Thanksgiving Break, we will continue to work on adding more sight words into our vocabulary and working our way through the alphabet and phonetic knowledge.

Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving,
Mrs. Barnes



KINDERGARTEN

KINDER 1 | MRS. CARDONA

November is here!! These past few weeks kinder has been very busy; we learned about Día De Los Muertos and made our “calaveritas”. We paid tribute to our veterans, and we are also learning about Thanksgiving traditions, and the importance of friendship. We are reading and writing CVC words, counting and identifying numbers from 1-50; as well as counting cents. We have also started to learn to tell time.

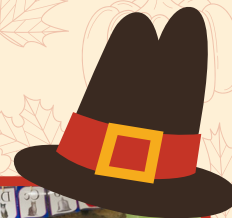
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!

Kindly,
Mrs. Cardona



KINDERGARTEN

KINDER 2 | MRS. MERCADO



Dear Kindergarten Parents,

The month of October was a great month in kindergarten!

We had so much fun with the Spirit Week and Halloween!!

Attached you will find great pictures! We also did a lot of learning and exploring!

Here is a what we will be learning about in the month of November! In phonics, we will be learning about the letters: K, W, Y, P and V. We will continue to review our short vowel sounds. This month we will really focus on turning blend sounds into small words. I will be sending home homework on a more regular basis starting in November.

Please work with your child to complete this work as it enhances what we are learning in class. Please try each night to review your child's phonics work with them as well. The more encouragement children get from school and home, the more successful they feel! Thank you so much for your continued support and cooperation. I hope everyone has a safe and happy month and a happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mercado.

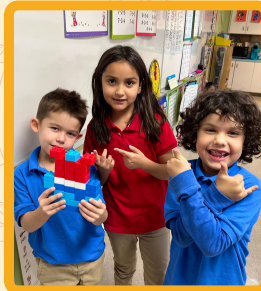


1ST GRADE

1ST GRADE | MRS. RAMIREZ

Hello Parents,
Thank you for all your support during Spirit Week, Trunk or Treat, and for making the Halloween party fun for the children. Also, I wanted to thank Mrs. Layla Bugado for the beautiful pumpkin representing our class.
Our theme of the month will be Being Thankful!
I appreciate your support. I hope everyone has a Blessed and safe Thanksgiving!

Kindly,
Mrs. Ramirez



2ND GRADE

2ND GRADE | MRS. SOTELO

Hello Parents,
November has come in with a bang. Our second-grade Allstars have turned up the heat with the arrival of Fall. We celebrated Halloween with a very ghoulish and fang-tastic costume parade in our classroom. Red Ribbon Week was a great success as our scholars took in some very important life lessons. As we celebrate Veterans Day and all the great people who have served and continue to serve our country we will prepare to give thanks for our family and friends this Thanksgiving season.

Thank you,
Mrs. Sotelo



3RD & 4TH GRADE

3RD & 4TH GRADE | MS. HUYNH

Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are almost done with the first part of the school year. I am so proud of the students for their Veterans Day performance. They brought tears to my eyes. November is a short month, but we will stay busy. Our master composer is Sebastian Bach, and our master artist is Andy Warhol. Our Bible story revolves around Joseph for this month. It has been extremely rewarding, watching the children's eyes light up when they begin to realize God and the plan he has for us. We do have a week off for Thanksgiving break, but we will return and finish the end of the month strong. Report cards also went out this month, and I am very happy to have been able to see the improvement with many of the students. Consistency and effort are key. I try to reiterate that with the class every day and their grades reflect that!!! As always, I am always available to meet or to speak with should you have any concerns or questions.

Ms. Monica Huynh



5TH & 6TH GRADE

5TH & 6TH GRADE | MR. ARELLANO

For the month of November, students have begun reading their new novel, some are reading Hatchet and some A Wrinkle in Time. They have also begun working on science projects to present at our class science fair on December 22. They will have to use the steps of the scientific method and be prepared to answer any questions from our guests. All parents are welcome to view our projects on December 22, they will be on display from 9-11:30.

Best Regards,
Mr. Arellano



EXTRACURRICULARS

SPANISH | MRS. TRAPANI

Pre-K and Kinder: In November Kids are learning animal names. The goal for them is to memorize at least the ones that have max 2-3 syllables in it.

1st Grade: Our first graders are learning Spanish phonics and how to read/write simple Spanish words from the HABLATHON lists.

2nd/3rd/4th/5th/6th Grade: We are working on Spanish grammar using the vocabulary from the 4 HABLATHON lists. This month they are learning:

- singular/plural
- definite/indefinite articles.



BASKETBALL | COACH CUEVAS

These past months have been busy with celebrating a few holidays but practice never stops. Our students have been actively learning the rules of basketball by playing scrimmages against each other and it's so much fun to see some friendly competition between the students. We are always learning something new at every practice and learning to play together as a team! We are always welcoming new students who want to be part of the team and encourage any 4th, 5th, or 6th-grade students to come join and learn a new skill. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving so there will be no practice from Nov 20-26! Enjoy your Thanksgiving Break! We will see you Mon the 27th!



Go Wildcats!
Coach Cuevas

