

# WESTERN HILLS ACADEMY OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2020

Fall Greetings Western Hills Families,

As the time and weather change, our students continue to be excited about school. It is such a positive feeling to see how our students come to school every day with enthusiasm and joy, ready to learn from the well planned lessons our teachers prepare. Needless to say we're all working hard to help our students succeed in this difficult time of COVID. Thank you parents too, for all you do to support us.

The staff would like to thank our parents for attending our fall Parent-Teacher day. We hope you enjoyed the one-on-one conversation time with your child's teacher and found the information beneficial. There will be another conference day in March 2021.

**Important date change!** Please remember that we will change our observance of Veteran's Day to **Friday, November 13**. There will be **no school on this day** but please take some time to talk to your children about the significance of this holiday.

Our **Fall break** begins on **November 23 and runs through November 27**. We return to school on Monday, November 30.

Because opportunities for fundraising will not be possible this year, I want to let parents know that WHA has signed up for the **AmazonSmile program**. Through this program, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to charities selected by customers. So you can help Western Hills Academy raise funds every time you shop on Amazon. The following link will let you skip the charity selection process and go straight to the Western Hills selection: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2408641> If your family shops Amazon, please consider using AmazonSmile to help our school. Let your extended family know about this program as well.

This time of year is definitely my favorite with the thought of cooler weather, the impending smell of turkey and spending time with family. The Western Hills staff would like to wish all of our students and their families a blessed Thanksgiving. Our students and their families are certainly our biggest blessing because our school would not be here without you. Thank you.

Best wishes and blessings to all,  
Patricia Aguirre, Director

# EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Awesome 2&3 yr. olds,  
November is here and it's the month to be grateful and thankful for all our blessings.

This month is a short month due to our Fall break. We will continue to work hard on our letters, numbers, colors and shapes. The letters are J,K and L this month, followed by our colors which we are starting over again, they are black, green and pink. We are reviewing our numbers 1,2, and 3. The shapes are square, triangle and circle. Other fun activities during November we will be learning about are dinosaurs, pilgrims, Indians, and Thanksgiving. WHA will have Fall break November 23rd -27th this year.

Have a safe Thanksgiving week. Students return on Monday November 30th 2020.

Always,  
Mrs. Carmen Lerma

Dear Parents,  
We have been in school for more than two months now. During these last months the children have been learning shapes, numbers in English and Spanish, and tracing. Tracing is an important activity because it strengthens the hand muscles and prepares hands for writing as they need to follow the lines.

We have been keeping ourselves safe in the classroom by following safety guidelines.

I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Stay safe,  
Mrs.Ortiz



November will be a busy and short month. We will be talking about Fall, Pilgrims, Indians and turkeys. We will also be working with letters I, J, K, and L. In addition, we will be learning the number 3, the square shape, and the color green. We will have farm animal week, fruit and vegetable week, and Thanksgiving week.

From my family to your have a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday. Fall Break Nov. 23-27, 2020

Mrs. Marisela Terrific 2's

## PRE-K THROUGH 5TH

Dear Parents,

We will begin Theme 4 and we will be exploring the concepts of time, weather, and seasons. We will focus on the following letters I, J, K, and L. Sight words we will cover are "the", "is", and "see". Please review these with your child. Be sure to look over your child's work with them, they have been working really hard.

Blessings,

Mrs. Mendoza & Mrs. Aguilar

P.S. I am happy to finally be back in action with Pre-K 2. I am looking forward to continue working with the students.

-Mrs. Aguilar



Hello parents,

November is upon us and it will be a quick month. Please note that we will not have school on 11/13 and the week of 11/23-11/27. The children and I are going to be working on writing and sight words quite a bit this month. My goal is to have them writing in their journals at least twice a week by the fall break.

I'd like to wish you all a very blessed and

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Mora





News from 3rd-5th grade,

Wow! October has flown by. I am so blessed to have such an amazing group of students and families. During this month in language arts, the students are finishing up their chapter books. "One and Only Ivan" with the 3rd grade class and "Bridge to Terabithia" with the 4th and 5th grade, students have done a lot of reflecting on chapters, reading aloud to improve comprehension, highlighting to identify important concepts, and writing brief summaries that help the students retain information. The best part is still to come as we will watch the "One and Only Ivan" movie. In math, the concepts are becoming more challenging. I feel teaching mathematics is a great way to encourage the students the power of reasoning, creativity, critical thinking and problem solving. In science, the students were still working with physical science. They worked on force, motion, simple machines and magnetism. They created a simple "roller coaster" out of recyclable material to show acceleration, speed, and velocity. They created simple machines using a ruler, cube and a triangular prism (fulcrum) to create a lever. The students had lots of fun working with bar and horseshoe magnets to create designs using iron filings. In Social Studies, we are learning more about the executive branch and its duties. We have begun the process of picking a classroom leader. We are going to have primaries, debates and at the end a vote. The students are doing a great job of coming up with campaign slogans, ideas and what they will have to offer their fellow peers. During this process the students are displaying the ability to work well with others, inspire others and become good role models. Finally, in art the students created pumpkin characters from their favorite book and created a Happy Halloween mural. What another exciting month, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's school year.

Mrs. Barbara Stegmiller

