



NEWSLETTER

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western hills academy

GREETINGS WILDCAT FAMILIES,

The 2019-20 school year has brought us to December in an eye blink and while every month has been very busy, December is always a little more special. Our children are excited about the upcoming holiday and our traditional Christmas program is in the works. But I assure you the focus of learning is still in place. Our teachers just have to be much more creative.

Every December our children and their families are asked to participate in our Christmas service project. This year Mrs. Stegmiller, Mrs. Urias and our 3rd -5th graders are coordinating the project. Our students will be collecting toiletries and personal hygiene products to donate to the Battered Women's Shelter. Please look for the information coming your way and donate generously.

Our Christmas program will take place on Thursday, **December 19** at 9:00am in the church sanctuary. The Learning Center and elementary grades will all take part in the program. Information will be sent home very soon. Information on classroom celebrations will be provided by the classroom teachers.

Our Winter Break will run from **December 20 - January 7, 2020**. Students will return January 8. Please remember that December 19 is an early release day (11:30am) and there will be no after school care available on that day. On behalf of the Western Hills Academy staff I would like to wish all of our families a very blessed Christmas season and may we all bring the New Year in good health. And most importantly let's all remember the reason for the season!

Blessings to all,

Patricia Aguirre
Director





TERRIFIC 2'S

I am very excited about our Christmas Program, our classroom is performing The Happiest Christmas Tree and the children have been practicing in the classroom. The Christmas Program is on Dec 19th at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary. Everybody is invited! I wish you all Happy Holidays with friends and family.

Mrs. Ortiz

FANTASTIC 2'S

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving holiday and lots of rest. December will be a short month. The little ones are doing great. They like playing and moving and exploring around in the classroom. The older children are practicing their Christmas singing and dancing. We are getting ready for the Christmas program. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Better be good little ones because Santa Claus is watching.

Mrs. Marisela De La Garza

AWESOME 2&3 YR OLDS

December brings the Holiday spirit, so we will be getting ready for our school Christmas program on Thursday December 19th 2019. We will be making decorations for our classroom and our home. This month is short so we will be busy as little elves working on our shapes, colors, numbers, and letters. Our class is already practicing our song for the Christmas program more information will be sent home within a few days. Happy Birthday to Fernando on December 4th. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. School resumes on January 8th.

Mrs. Carmen Lerma



3'S

December is finally here and we couldn't be more excited. Mrs. Davie and her helpers have been focusing on the letters J & K, numbers and shapes. Lately we have been staying busy with Christmas crafts as well as learning Christmas songs that we will be performing at the Christmas Program. Don't forget our classroom Christmas party will take place the 13th! Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Davie



KINDER

Hello everyone! Thank you so much for joining us at our Veterans Day Program and Thanksgiving Luncheon. December is finally here, and we are very excited! During this month We will continue working with letters and reading short books. Students will also learn about our community. In Math, we will continue working with numbers and operations, the value of money and the clock. Also, we will talk about this beautiful Holiday Season and will get ready for our Christmas program. Please, continue reading at home with your child and thank you again for supporting our activities. Have a blessed month.

Mrs. Ostos



PRE-K FAMILIES,

It was nice to see so many of you at our Thanksgiving Luncheon and Veterans Day Program, hope you had a blessed Holiday. We will complete Theme 4 before winter break; we will be exploring the concepts of time, weather, and seasons. We will focus on the following letters K and L. Sight words covered have been: the, is, see, and I. Please review these with your child. Be sure to look over your child's work with them, they have been working really hard. As always thank you for all your support. Many Blessing during this Holiday season.

Pre-K Teachers
Mrs. Mendoza & Mrs.
Mercado

1ST & 2ND

Dear Parents, I would like to thank Mrs. Stegmiller and all the students for making Veteran's Day a huge success! They did an amazing job! Thanks to all who joined us for the Thanksgiving luncheon. The students are learning about the meaning of Thanksgiving and the meaning of being kind, grateful, and helping others that are not as fortunate as we are. December is going to be a short but very busy month. The students will be performing the 19th of December in the Christmas program and the 18th we will be having our Christmas party. I will be sending more information after our Thanksgiving break. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving, surrounded by your loved ones!

Kindly,
Mrs. Ramirez



3RD & 4TH

The students have done it again, they have completed another book. I am so proud of them because we don't just read the book but we analyze, critique, discuss, draw comparisons, extend their writing, and with this latest book there was added math connections. "The Lemonade War" was about sibling rivalry at its best but at the end nothing can come between the love that is between a brother and sister. Since the "The Lemonade War" was about running a small business, I decided to add finances into our daily math and economics into social studies. This encouraged connections not only to story but to real life practices that someday, the students will encounter in their own lives. Another great activity was the "Shark Tank" experience. The students had to create an invention and then a business plan, logo, advertisement, cost, profit, and so much more. The last task was to present their invention to the "Sharks". What a great job all of them did! Finally, in science the students became roller coaster engineers. They created their own designs and then through trial and error accomplished a working mini roller coaster. It was amazing to watch them figure out the speed, velocity, inertia, friction, and especially teamwork to enable them to finish their task. In December, 3rd-5th grade will work on a service project starting with a bake sale during lunch and provide the classrooms with donation boxes. They will be collecting essential products such as; hand soap, body wash, tooth brushes, toothpaste etc. This is a good way to encourage giving to others who are less fortunate than us. The students will create flyers, posters, and decorative boxes. More information will be available after Thanksgiving Break. What a great month of November we had and I am looking forward to December. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child's school year.

Mrs. Stegmiller



5TH

Welcome back from our Thanksgiving break! I hope you enjoyed it with your families. This year I had the opportunity to be thankful for teaching your children and being part of this wonderful community at Western Hills Academy. I look forward to the Christmas Program, which I'm sure you will love! Let's get ready to welcome Baby Jesus by preparing our hearts by being extra nice to each other. Our Christmas project will teach our students the process of selling and earning a profit. Then, with this profit, we'll buy toiletries and deliver them to those who need it the most. I'll give you more details as we get to work on it. As always, thank you for your support.

Mrs. Urias

