



Special points of interest:

- 30 Books in 30 days!
- Grant Awarded
- Bookmobile Help Needed
- Jump Rope for Heart

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Westside's Pony Pages

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What does 8,000 books look like??? If every student in the school read 30 books for 30 days, would we be close to 8,000?? Stay tuned and find out soon!



Congratulations to Mrs. Noelte for receiving a grant on behalf of Westside Primary School to start a Running Club! Student names have been drawn that have optimal attendance and behavior! Those students will be contacted further in respect to meeting times.



PARENT HELP STILL NEEDED FOR WPS BOOKMOBILE DAYS & TIMES!!

2/9 12 p.m.—3 p.m.
3/1 9 a.m.—12 p.m. and 12:00 p.m.—3 p.m.

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INSTRUCTION AT A GLANCE

PRE KINDERGARTEN

During the month of January we will celebrate the season of winter. The "Family Fun" project for January is decorating a snowsuit for our bulletin board. More information will be sent home about this project. In reading, we will continue our theme "Seasons and Weather". We will read fiction and non-fiction books about different kinds of weather and how weather changes throughout the year. Please continue to work on identifying all the uppercase and lowercase letters in the alphabet.

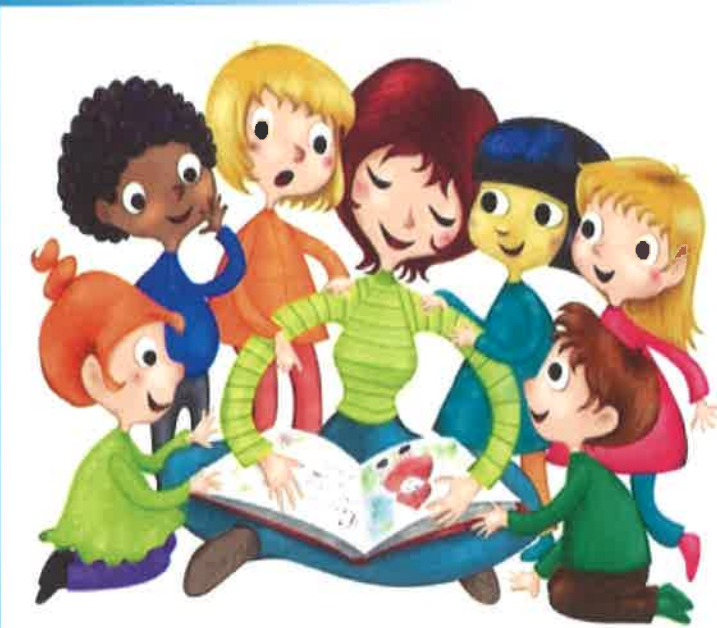
In math, the students will be focusing on recognizing numbers of objects in a set without counting (subitizing) 0-10, represent a number of objects (0-10) by making a set of objects with concrete materials and identifying sets that are greater than/less than/or equal to. Please make sure that you are reading with your child each night and filling out the January reading log.

KINDERGARTEN

In January we will continue our "Weather" theme. New sight words will include look, said, will and have. In math we will be composing and decomposing numbers 1 to 10. Composing is combining two groups to make a larger group and decomposing is breaking a group into two or more smaller groups. Special events this month are Jump Rope for Heart Assembly and the start of a school wide reading incentive. Colder weather is coming so please remember to have children in appropriate outer wear (coats, mittens) as we go outside as long as the feels like temperature is above 32 degrees F. At home please have students practice counting to 100 and the sight words.

FIRST GRADE

First grade will be completing our second quarter



reading unit, Animal Adventures.

Reading and Language

We will work on:

- Comparing fictional and nonfictional texts
- Informative writing
- Opinion writing
- Reading long vowel words (silent e words, ai/ay, ee/ea)
- Identifying main topic and retelling key details writing complete sentences with spaces between letters, capitalization and punctuation

Math

We will work on:

- Place value
- Comparing numbers as tens and ones
- Organize, represent and interpret data with up to 3 categories
- Structure problems
- Mentally finding 10 more and 10 less
- Understand meaning of the equal sign
- Fact fluency (timed addition and subtraction facts 30 facts/3 minutes)

Science

We will work on:

- Animal habitats
- Observing weather
- Researching whales and polar bears

Social Studies

We will work on:

- New Year's Resolutions
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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P.E.

We are preparing for Jump Rope for Heart as we anticipate our kick-off assembly on January 15th. A "Save the Date" came



home with directions for how you could start fundraising on line now. Any student who raises \$150.00 or more by the 15th will earn a special "Top Dog" prize. Please visit <http://jumphoops2016maa.kintera.org/westsideprimary> to start raising funds.

Our Jump Rope for Heart event will be in February! More information will come home after the break.

Please remember to visit and register your child at www.fueluptoplay60.com to support our initiative to include 60 minutes of physical activity in each students day!



MUSIC

Kindergarten students will be exploring a wide variety of tone colors. Children will be invited to explore and identify sounds and sound makers. As they focus on timbre, students build an essential foundation for understanding and appreciating the many distinctive tone colors in the world.

Gradually they discover that there are many different sounds around us that can be identified and classified. Students will use body sounds, classroom instruments, and "made" sounds to express musical ideas. Our

Kindergarten students will continue to develop their vocal quality through singing and their expressive skills through dance.

Rhythm will be a primary focus for first grade students during the month of January. Building on skills and concepts already introduced, students will explore and discover the rhythm in language and movement. As skills develop, students will explore the rhythm patterns found in language and lyrics of songs. Students will learn that these rhythms can be written down using notation (quarter notes and eight notes). As they write these rhythms, students will be reading and playing rhythm patterns from songs as well as ones created by themselves.

ART

All students this month will be working on paper sculpture and painting.



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From You Media Center
January Newsletter

Pre-K will talk about how we dress for winter and why. We will read a variety of books about snow and snowmen.

Ezra Jack Keats will be our author study for January. When we read the Snowy Day the children will get a chance to illustrate a paragraph from the from the book.

1st Grade will be having two different author studies this month.

Mary Calhoun
and
Jan Brett



Kindergarten will be talking about why bears hibernate. We will also go inside a cave and watch a bear and her cub sleeping during the winter.

Kindergarten:
The author study will be about Lois Ehlert and how her books are from the experiences she had with her parents as a child.

1st Grade
They will also have a biography about Wilson Bentley also know as "Snowflake Bentley"

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GUIDANCE

During the month of January first graders will practice using I-Care statements in place of mean words or angry actions. They will also work to develop their understanding of both their own feelings and the feelings of others. Please help them practice these communication skills at home.

Kindergarten will continue their use of the third I –Care rule: “We Use I- Care Language.” They will experience making decisions as a team using I-care language after reading the story, **Me First and the Gimme Gimmes.**

Pre-K will learn about following the rules and working with others in a group.



****Please check your child's cafeteria account to make sure they have money for their meals! If you have any questions please call (410) 677-5864**



YOU HEARD IT, WESTSIDE PRIMARY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK— DON'T FORGET TO LIKE US!!!



STAR PERFORMERS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STAR PERFORMERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER
WHO HAVE SHOWN RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP!

AMARRI MITCHELL

GABRIELLA COVERDALE

MAGGIE MOORE

AUBREY PALLET

JACOB WILLIAMS

PRESTON LANKFORD

AVA COLLINS

JADE LOWE

ROSALIA CELI—LEBRON

BAILEY NIBLETT

JEREMY FRANKLIN

ROSALYN KIPP-LOPEZ

CALEB BELL

JOSEPH JIMENEZ-BARE

SARAH WAGNER

CAMERYN GREER

KEALYN HUGHES

SCARLETT FLANDERS

COHEN BLANKENSOP

KEYI 'RI HALL

TERRRANCE ARRINGTON

COOPER STAPLES

KRYSTAL ARNETT

Y'ASON BANKS

EVAN KLOS

EVAN LOOKABILL

LYDIA KING

OUR CHARACTER VALUE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY IS *TOLERANCE*. TOLERANCE IS RESPECTING OTHERS EVEN WHEN THEY DIFFER FROM US IN SOME WAY. SOME EXAMPLES OF SHOWING TOLERANCE ARE WAITING IN LONG LINES, PLAYING GAMES OR READING WITH YOUNGER BROTHERS OR SISTERS WHO TAKE LONGER THAN WE MAY LIKE, AND SHARING DIFFERENT OPINIONS OR BELIEFS IN CLASS ARE WAYS TO SHOW TOLERANCE.

SOME BOOKS THAT WE CAN SHARE WITH CHILDREN ABOUT TOLERANCE INCLUDE:
THE SNEETCHES AND OTHER STORIES BY DR. SEUSS DIFFERENT JUST LIKE ME BY LORI MITCHELL
LITTLE BLUE AND LITTLE YELLOW BY LEO LIONNI THE COW THAT WENT OINK BY BERNARD MOST
WHOEVER YOU ARE BY MEM FOX



PTA NEWS



We are thankful for those of you that continue to support our Westside Schools PTA by donating either money or time. Please be mindful of our upcoming events, and volunteer your time as possible. In addition, please don't forget that Westside Discount cards are still available. If you would like to purchase one, please stop by the office.

The cost is just \$10, but worth much more over the year from discounts at local businesses.

We had a wonderful time at the Polar Express Night this past December! We look forward to hosting more events for our Westside Families in the future!

Our next PTA meeting will be February 8, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Westside Intermediate School cafeteria!

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Mr. Lovellette in his "debut" with the Chinese Acrobats!

JANUARY

- 4 School Reopens
- 18 Schools are closed for Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 19 4-H for Grade 1
Bookmobile
- 22 End of Term
- 25-26 Schools are closed for Professional Day
- 29 Report Cards go home



February

- 3-4 Grade 1 ELA Assessment 3
- 8 ILT Meeting
PTA at Westside Intermediate School
6PM
- 9 Bookmobile
- 12 Jump Rope for Heart day
- 15 Schools are closed for President's Day

