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night on February 28th and our Positive behavioral intervention systems (PBIS) Nacho sale. Our family Math night will be March 28th from 5:00 -6:00 p.m.

Report cards will go home on March 23rd. Please make sure to review and sign the report card jacket to be returned to the homeroom teacher.

Please remember that spring break will be March 30th - April 6th.

I thank you for partnering with our faculty and staff in your child's education.

Respectfully yours,

LaTonga Toney

◆ Mission

Woodland West community exist to provide all students with explicit and systematic standards-based instruction so that all students can reach their maximum, academic potential.

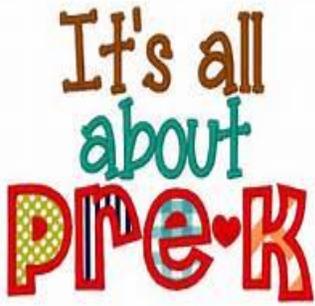
◆ Vision

Woodland West Elementary envisions a positive and supportive partnership with all stakeholders (parents, students, teachers, and all community members) that will provide a safe and nurturing learning environment to establish a solid academic, emotional, and social foundation where all students will demonstrate mastery or above on all essential standards in every subject as they continue to achieve excellence.

Hello! This month the prekindergarten students will be studying about Transportation, Construction and Community Helpers. The children are learning the letters and sounds of the alphabet. Please review letters and letter sounds daily with your child. We are also learning how to use picture clues to help identify story elements.

In Math we are continuing to identify and write numerals and sort items by color, shape and size.

Please check your child's folder daily for important information.



It's all
about
PRE-K

Hello! Spring is just around the corner! We are so proud of the progress we are seeing in Kindergarten! Please remember to read with your child every night and let them show you the strategies they've learned when they are stuck on a word. After you read a story with your child, ask them simple questions like, "Who were the characters in the story?", "Where did the story take place?", and "What happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story?" This will help your child comprehend what he/she is reading. In Math, we learned the term "number bond" and how to fill it in with 2 parts and a whole. Addition sentences are being introduced, as well. In Social Studies we are studying our presidents and national symbols.



Kindergarten

Multicultural night was great! Our kids sang wonderfully! Thank you for letting your child participate. We learned a lot of new vocabulary words while participating in and watching students march in the school-wide vocabulary parade. Woodland West students are learning! Thank you for your cooperation always.

Kindergarten teachers,

Mrs. Matter, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Nichols, and Mrs. Begin



FANTASTIC
FIRST GRADE

Dear Spectacular First Grade Parents,

Hello! First graders are springing forward! Our readers are reading more fluently and building their comprehension skills. Please continue to read with them nightly. We are diving deeper into informational texts by finding the main idea of passages.

In Math they will continue to work with numbers up to 120. We are beginning to find groups of ten in a number as it helps us prepare to learn about place value. We will focus on building numbers using tens and ones. Please make sure homework is completed nightly.

Hello 2nd Grade Families,

We hope you had a relaxing Mardi Gras break! This month, we are continuing our work with adding and subtracting two and three-digit numbers in Math. In ELA, we are studying literary text including fables and folktales. Your student is learning how to recount stories in their own words and identify the moral.

Please make sure your child is reading at least 20 minutes every night, and continue to check their blue parent communication folder for important updates. As always, please reach out to us with any questions!

Best,

Ms. Carmody, Ms. Bartholomew,

Ms. Dumontier, Ms. Nellon, and Ms. Fabre



Hello!



We hope you had a safe and fun Mardi Gras break. We have been back for a few weeks now and are striving for academic success.

In Math, we are still working with fractions, delving into finding equivalent fractions and comparing fractions.

In Reading, we are learning how to connect illustrations and the text to deepen our understanding of what we have read.

As always, we encourage students to read study their math facts nightly in order to build fluency.

Progress reports were sent home before Mardi Gras break, please make sure these have been signed and returned.

Respectfully,
3rd grade team

Hello Fourth Grade Parents!!!



We are getting close to testing time. As a reminder, students should be studying daily and completing assignments both in class and at home. In Math, we will be focusing on testing strategies for the upcoming LEAP computer based assessment. We will continue to work with fractions. We will be adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers and multiplying mixed numbers and whole numbers. Students will be applying these math skills in word problems as well, where they should be analyzing and annotating the problems. In Science, we will be investigating the effects of water, ice, wind, and plants on the rate of weathering and erosion. In ELA, we will be working on testing strategies with a focus on analyzing text and writing. In Social Studies, students will be learning about Lewis and Clark and the Westward Expansion. Students need to continue working hard and putting forth their best effort in order to reach their academic goals.

Thank you,
Fourth Grade Teachers



Hello 5th grade Parents!!

Math News:

We will be learning how to find the volume of rectangular prism, measurement, and data focusing about conversions. Please continue working on IReady at home for at least 30 minutes every day to practice their Math skills and concept, this will improve their knowledge on the aligned skills that 5th graders need in preparation to their next level of learning.

Science News:

In Science, we are learning about weathering, erosion, and deposition.

ELA/Social Studies News:

In Reading we are learning how to compare text from the same genre. We are also continuing to use great strategies to help improve our writing!

In Social Studies we are learning about the development of English colonies in North America and the beginnings of our government.

We will continue to Strive for 85!

Please remind your student that it is extremely important that they do

well in all classes. All subjects are equally important, so please help us stress the importance of doing homework and studying for tests in all subject areas.

If you need to meet with 5th grade teachers, you can schedule a meeting Monday, Tuesday, or Friday from 3:05-3:40 (Ms. Brown & Ms. Custodio) or 2:20-2:55 (Ms. Johnson & Ms. Lewis).

Thank you for all that you do,
Ms. Custodio, Ms. Brown,
Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Lewis

Behavior Calendars go home every day. Please initial and return to school the next day.

SPED News

Happy March!

The LEAP 2025 standardized test is just around the corner, and the students in Ms. Joslin's class are currently gearing up and preparing for this assessment.

At the end of February, our class did an Online Tools Training to gain familiarity with the features of the online testing platform. We will continue to practice using the testing software in small groups during the month of March. Students will begin to review for their LEAP tests starting this month as well.

Please be on the lookout for review packets, extra practice worksheets, and homework. For additional practice, allow your child to login to iREADY Math and Reading through Clever, and practice for about 30 minutes each night. This tool will help to reinforce foundational skills that are aligned to Common Core Standards as well as IEP goals.

If you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming standardized test, I am available to schedule a meeting on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays from 3:00-3:45.



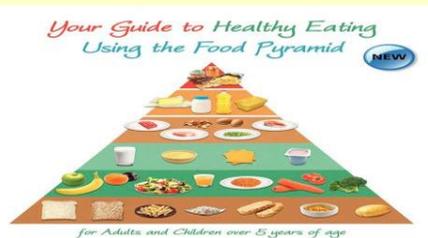
March is Nutrition Month

Healthy eating is an important part of developing young minds and bodies. Now is the time for establishing health habits for life. Eating a variety of foods from the 5 food groups will keep the body strong, active, and working it's best. Fruits, dairy, vegetables, grains and protein are the 5 food groups.

Here are some tips: Try Fruit Smoothies using fresh/canned fruit, blend with low fat milk or yoghurt. Add pureed fruit to plain yoghurts. During summer, add fruit and yoghurt to ice trays for a refreshing treat. Try different veggies/fruit on toast, ex. Banana/peanut butter, strawberries/cream cheese.

Being creative in how you serve fruits and vegetable will encourage children to try them. Children may need to try new foods up to 10 times before they accept them. Continue to offer them and stay patient.

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Woodland West Nurse



Web source <https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/kids...facts...nutrition/nutrition-for-good-health.asp>.



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Every Student,
Every Day!
Whatever or
Whoever it TAKES!

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