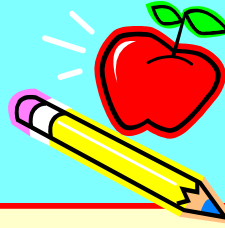




WLE NEWS!



Westlake Little
Explorers Preschool

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WLE Classroom Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We all hope that your family enjoyed the Winter Break together and had a Happy New Year.

We are looking forward to a great 2012, and are so excited with how well all of our students are doing! They are rising to challenges and it is exciting to watch them grow.

We have implemented a few changes in our program. First, we have a brand new suggestion box in room N-1 thanks to Ms. Sabrina. Suggestion boxes are for quick ideas or suggestions that each of you may have to make our program even better! Of course, concerns should always be brought to Ms. Ann or your child's teacher. This is for quick suggestions only! Keeping an open line of communication between parents and teachers is always the best idea.

Ms. Ann's class will begin having individualized homework packets for each child. The packet will have the child's name on it and the students will be responsible for turning the packet in to receive a reward for their hard work. Individualized packets will help to instill a sense of ownership and responsibility in each child, and will also be much easier to keep track of! We will also be having round two of conferences beginning January 30-31st. This is for the students who were very new and unable to be assessed in November.

Lastly, we will be offering a lower cost preschool program for the afternoons from 3pm-6pm. This program will carry the same theme as morning preschool, but will focus more on art and Spanish language for the activities. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, be sure to let Ms. Ann know.

Congratulations Explorers!

The Winter Program went incredibly well- congratulations to all of the preschoolers for such an amazing performance!

Emma's dad, Aaron Leong, graciously donated his time and equipment to make a video of the preschoolers' stellar performance. Copies will be available to those who would like one for \$3 each. Profits will go to the preschool for supplies.

Welcome Ms. Christina!

WLE is very happy to announce the addition of a new teacher to our program, Ms. Christina Lopez. Christina is highly qualified and has over 15 years of experience working in preschool settings: 8 in which she led her own in-home preschool program.

She is also the mother of two children and has a passion for working in early childhood education. We are very happy that she is working with us and has already added to the quality our program through her ideas and expertise.

Car Talk

Idea Submitted By: Ms. Christina

Written by: Ms. Ann

This month we are learning about Space. Topics that we will focus on are: the sun and stars, the moon, terrestrial planets and the gas giants. We will also be learning about opposites. The artist of the month is Vincent Van Gogh, and his painting that we will study is, you guessed it, "The Starry Night." This has already been a very fun topic to explore with the students. They are thoroughly enjoying it! To reinforce what your child is learning in class, ask your child's teacher what topic that they are studying, and ask your child facts about that topic. Ideas would include:

- What are craters? What causes them?
- What are stars made of? What is the sun made of?
- What are the names of the nearby planets?

The Giving Tree

We are in need of:

1. Clorox Wipes
2. Construction paper (all colors)
3. White construction paper

This Month's Highlights

January 3-6

Ms. Ann and Ms. Christina's class:

The Moon

Ms. Jacque and Ms. Cher's class: Sun and Stars

January 9-13

Ms. Ann and Ms. Christina's class: The Sun and Stars

Ms. Jacque and Ms. Cher's class: The Moon

January 17-20

Ms. Ann and Ms. Christina's class: Terrestrial Planets

Ms. Jacque and Ms. Cher's class: Gas Giants

January 23-27

Ms. Ann and Ms. Christina's class: Gas Giants

Ms. Jacque and Ms. Cher's class: Terrestrial Planets

Upcoming Events

Preschool Closed for MLK

Monday, January 16th, 2012

In-Class Chinese New Year Celebrations

January 23rd and 24th, 2012

Field Trip to Discovery Museum

February 28th at 9:45 am

We will be taking a fun field trip to the Discovery Museum here in Sacramento. If you would like to be fingerprinted to help drive other students, please see Ms. Ann.

Thank You Parents!

Thank you to all of the parents who have graciously donated their time and supplies to our program. We have enough copy paper to last for years to come! Your support adds to the quality of our program, and your enthusiasm for helping both in the class and through generosity is inspiring.