



West's Weekly Newsletter

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A Note from Principal Vroman

We've had an incredible first week of school! Thank you for your smiles, well wishes and for being a part of a really strong start to the year! I am writing to provide some programmatic updates for our school this year.

Class Dojo vs. Bloomz- Last year we used Bloomz to communicate with families and heard lots of feedback from families and staff that the system had a lot of glitches. Because of this feedback, we are transitioning back to Class Dojo for this year. You'll learn more about this at Back to School Night!

Conscious Discipline- Many of the staff and I attended a training this summer on Conscious Discipline and we are so excited to adopt this approach to align with our Peace of Mind curriculum, being taught in grades K-5. Conscious Discipline is a social-emotional development program to help both adults and kids better understand how the brain works and controls emotions and to develop essential skills such as empathy, self-regulation, assertiveness and more. Learn more at consciousdiscipline.com

Have you Joined our Listserv?

The West e-mail Listserv is one of the best ways to stay informed about school activities.

To join, send an email to west-parents-subscribe@yahogroups.com

Updates from Ms. Brabham



Howard Friends!

Kindergarteners are back in school and off to a great start to the school year! So far, we have been learning the routines and expectations for our classroom and at West by singing songs and chants. We have also been completing two-step directions, making crafts, and going to special classes, art and physical education. Finally, we had choice time at the end of each day to explore new activities and make new friends. When we asked the scholars about their favorite part of kindergarten so far, this is what they stated,

"I like meeting new friends."- Maya

"I like drawing pictures."- Heidy

"I like playing with everyone."-Elyse

We are so excited to learn and grow even more in 2018



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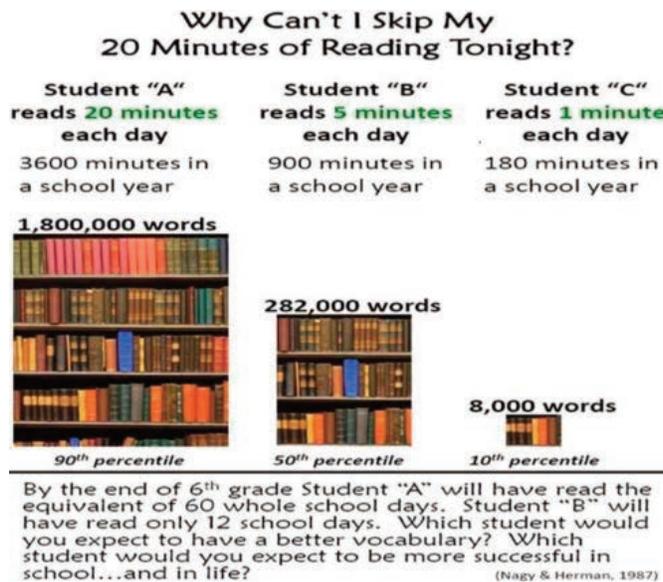


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Updates from Ms. Salgado

Creating a Welcoming Reading Environment at Home

The new school year is a good start to think about ways to reinforce a love for reading at school and at home. The end goal for our children is to become independent life-long readers. What is most important is that your child reads for at least 20 minutes every single day. The chart below shows the impact of daily independent reading.



How do we create a great reading environment at home and offer as many resources to a child to give him/her the best start?

The following are easy steps you can follow:

Create a dedicated reading corner:

Place colorful pillows and a stack of books in a quiet area in the house. Make sure this location is away from the TV and loud sounds. Invite your child to join you for reading time at least three times per week.

Create a reading routine with your child.

Agree on when is the best time to focus on the reading. Some children might prefer to read right after dinner, others like to read at bedtime.

Provide access to a diverse library

Make sure your child has access to a variety of books. You can go to the library once a week and teach them how to choose a book based on their likes and/or their comfort level. Share articles, poems, music lyrics that you might enjoy with your child.

Create family time

Make sure to make time for the entire family to enjoy reading time. Use the dedicated reading space, visit the public library together or find a peaceful space at your local park to read as a family.

Birthday Treat Reminders

As a reminder, all birthday treats are to be consumed at scholar's scheduled lunch breaks. Please see the lunch times below. We encourage bringing a healthy snack to share; fruit or popcorn snacks are good options!

PK3-PK4: 11:15 (in class)

2nd and 3rd 11:05

4th and 5th 11:30

7th and 8th 11:55

Kinder and 1st 12:15

Grandparent's Lunch

We are so very excited to invite our grandparents to West on September 10th! Our grandparents are invited to join us for their scholar's lunch and make a quick visit to the classroom after lunch. The hours for the lunch this year are 11am-1pm. We can't wait to see our tiger grandparents!

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Important Dates to Remember

9/3 Labor Day- NO SCHOOL

9/6 @5:30 Pot luck

@6:00 Back to School Night

9/8 Gardening Day at West- 9am

9/10 @11-1 Grandparent's Lunch

9/17 @9am Coffee Chat with Principal Vroman

9/18 PSCO Meeting 6pm

9/26 Picture Day (Uniform Required)

