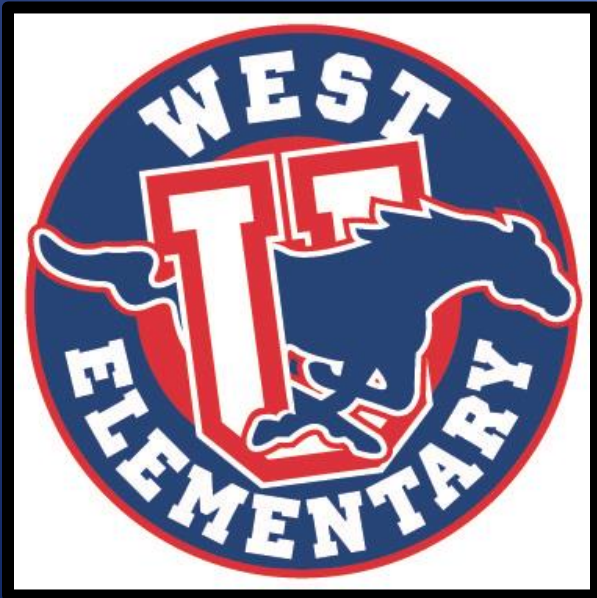
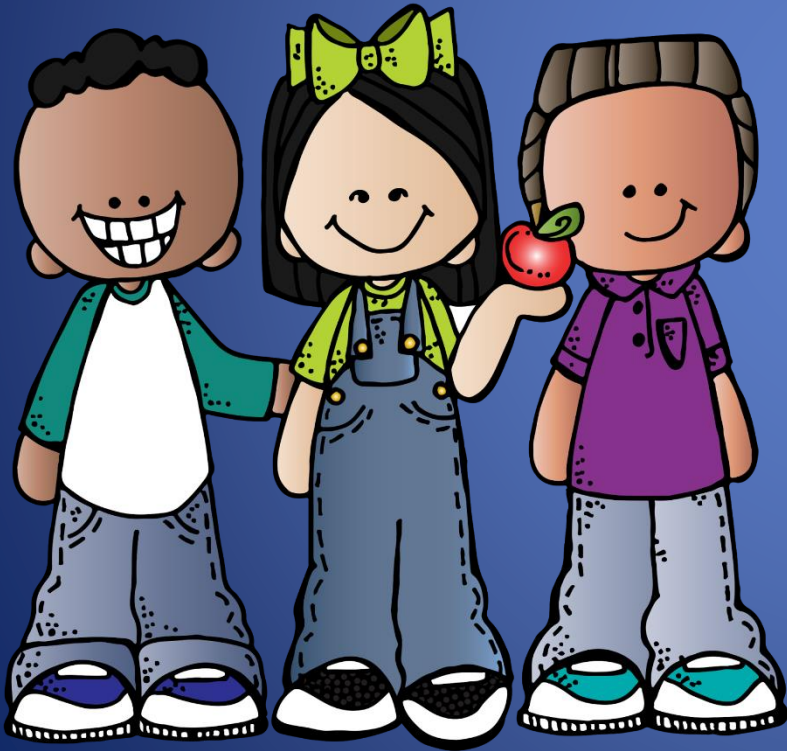


Kindergarten Round Up 2023



Your child's teacher will go over this information in depth at a parent meeting that takes place at the beginning of the school year.

Welcome to West University Elementary!



- Population of Students: ~1,200
- Pre-Kindergarten – 5th grade
- 9 Kindergarten classes
- Approximately 190 students in Kinder

Daily Schedule Example

Time	Activity
7:30 - 8:30	Morning Message / Journal Time
8:30 - 10:00	Language Arts (Reading, Phonics, HMH, Handwriting, Literacy Stations)
10:00 - 10:40	Science / Social Studies
10:40 - 11:15	Lunch
11:00 - 11:55	Math
12:00 - 12:50	Ancillary
12:50 - 1:30	Calendar/Unfinished Work
1:30 - 2:15	Snack & Recess
2:15 - 2:30	Wrap Up Teaching/ Stack and Pack
2:40	Dismissal

Language Arts Curriculum

- Journal Writing
- Wordly Wise
- HMH Curriculum
- Handwriting Book
- Phonics Books
- Reading Groups
- Workstations



Math Curriculum

- Calendar
- Patterns
- Graphing
- Skip Counting
- Addition & Subtraction
- Word Problems
- Time
- Money
- Fractions
- Place Value
- Even & Odd
- Shapes
- Measurement
- Weight
- Greater & Less Than

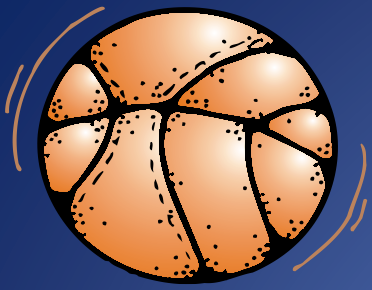


Science & Social Studies Curriculum

Science and Social Studies are taught through lessons that revolve on a weekly theme or unit.

- Weather & Seasons
- 5 Senses
- Plants
- Animal Classification
- Earth
- Community
- Traditions
- Maps
- Safety





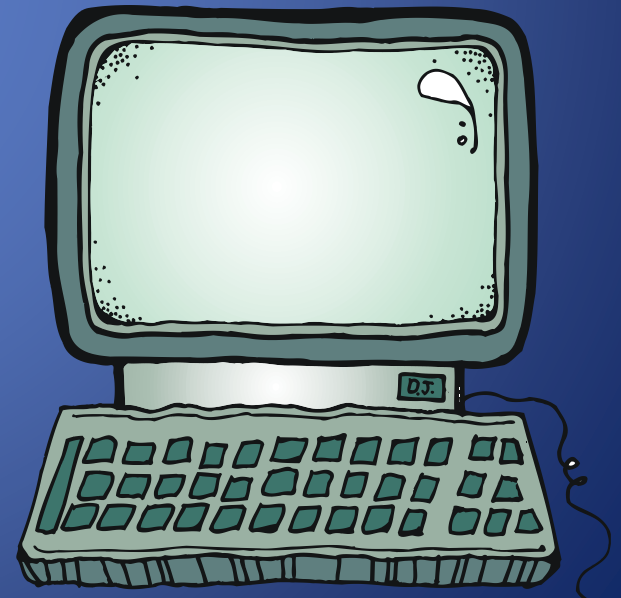
Ancillary



Students rotate between 9 ancillary classes.
They attend one 50 minute ancillary class daily.

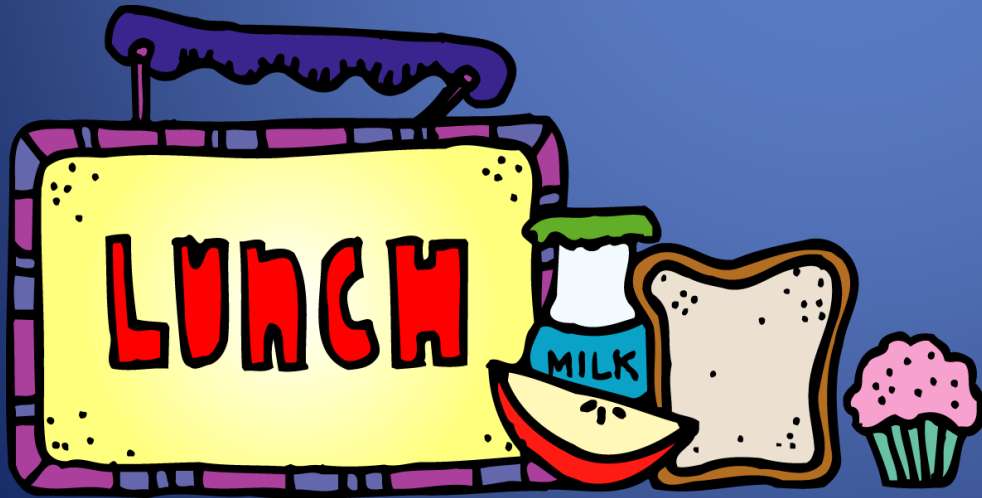
Ancillary Classes:

- Art
- Library
- Science
- Theatre
- Music
- PE 1 & 2
- Computer Lab 1 & 2



Lunch, Recess, and Snack

- Kindergarten lunch starts around 10:45
- Snack and recess takes place in the afternoon for about 40 minutes.



Dismissal



- We dismiss at 2:45.
- Parents may pick up at dismissal spot or in the carpool lane.

After School Care Options:

- Ikids (on campus)
- South Hampton
- YMCA
- Han Lin "Dragon" Academy
- Old School
- Holloway Preschool & Day Care
- Building Blocks

Homework & Leveled Books

- New homework assignment each week
- A “just right reading” leveled book is sent home each week to reinforce reading skills taught in the classroom.



School Communication

- Weekly Classroom Newsletter
- Mustang News: Mr. Disch's Weekly WUES Newsletter
- Monthly Mustang: Newsletter written by students
- Monday Folders
- Teacher E-mail
- Parent/Teacher Conferences



Volunteer Opportunities



- PTO
- Field Day
- Holiday Parties
- Field Trips
- Kindergarten Program

Gifted & Talented

- Testing is optional.
- If your child was/will be tested at another HISD campus, we must have a copy of their GT matrix in order to place them in our GT program.
- When parents submit their completed application, they can sign up for their testing date and time.
 - GT Testing Dates and Times are TBD. All information will be sent out when dates are set.
- Curriculum is more complex.
- Involves in-depth, rigorous activities and projects.



Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten



Phonemic Awareness

Letter recognition

Letter/sound correspondence

Rhyming

BOB Books are great! (sight words & word families)

Syllables (counting "word parts")

Blending sounds (d/o/g = dog)

Reading comprehension & story elements

Sight words

Writing

Pencil grip

Convention of print (left to right & top to bottom)

Write name with correct upper and lower case letters

Math

Number recognition 0-9

Count 1-30

Patterns

Sorting

Verbal word problems (add/sub to 5)

2D shapes

Independence

Self-help skills (bathroom, buttons, zippers)

Following oral directions

Managing classroom materials

Verbal expression

Hands to self

Hand-eye coordination & kinesthetic activities

These skills were adapted from the HISD Pre-K curriculum.

