Kindergarten Round Up 2022

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!

- Kindergarten-5th grade
- Currently 9 Kindergarten classes
Daily Schedule Example

- **7:30 – 8:00:** Morning Message/Daily Oral Language and Math activity
- **8:00 – 8:30:** Journal Writing
- **8:30 – 9:45:** Language Arts (Reading, Phonics, Letter Book, Handwriting, Literacy Workstations)
- **9:45 – 10:30:** Science & Social Studies
- **10:30 – 11:00:** Lunch
- **11:00 – 12:00:** Math
- **12:05 – 12:50:** Ancillary
- **12:50 – 1:30:** Calendar & Enrichment
- **1:30 – 2:15:** Snack & Recess
- **2:15 – 2:45:** Wrap Up Teaching & Unfinished Work
- **2:45:** Dismissal
Language Arts Curriculum

- Journal Writing
- Wordly Wise
- Handwriting Book
- Phonics Books
- Reading Groups
- Workstations
Science and Social Studies topics change weekly. Some of our units include:

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

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

• New homework assignment each week

• A “just right reading” level book is sent home each week to reinforce reading skills taught in the classroom.
Lunch, Snack, & Recess

- Kindergarten lunch starts around 10:30.
- Snack and recess takes place in the afternoon for about 30/45 minutes.
Dismissal

- We dismiss at 2:45/2:50.
- Parents may pick up at dismissal spot or in the carpool lane.

After School Care Options:
- Ikids
- South Hampton
- YMCA
- St. Luke’s
- Han Lin “Dragon” Academy
- Old School
- Holloway Preschool & Day Care
- Primrose School Upper Kirby
- West U Methodist
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
Gifted and Talented

- Testing is **optional**.
- Parents **must complete the application and submit required documentation for GT testing by March 10th**.
- We will start processing applications on March 11th. Once process, you will receive an email to schedule a testing time for your students.
- Testing will take place at West University Elementary School beginning in April.
- Curriculum is more **complex**.
- Involves **in-depth**, rigorous activities and **projects**.
Volunteer Opportunities

- PTO
- Friday Reader
- Field Day
- Holiday Parties
- Field Trips
- Kindergarten Program
- Fun Run
Rules

1. Listen
2. Use your inside voice
3. Clean up
4. Follow directions
5. Raise your hand
6. Show respect
7. Line up quietly
8. Make smart choices
9. Share
10. Try your best

Class Rules

1. Keep hands, feet, and body to yourself.
2. Listen when someone is speaking.
3. Be caring and respectful to yourself.
4. Follow directions quickly.
5. Raise your hand to speak and stay quiet.
6. Always do your best and have fun!

We agree to follow the rules! Signed:

[Signatures]

Ticket Rewards!

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Prepping 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.*