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School Motto:

Achievement, Respect and Integrity Through Education

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Literacy Message

The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Happy New Year from WES!

Stay Warm & Well

Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather.

Don't forget to wear a hat, mittens and a jacket/coat.







*Friday, January 15, 2016 - ½ Day for Students ONLY

*Monday, January 18, 2016 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/NO School

Accelerated Reader

A drawing was held for those students in each grade level who met their Accelerated Reader goal for the month of December. The following are the grade level winners:

Sarah Kopp/1st Grade—Mrs. Eddy Vincent Cegledy/2nd Grade—Ms. Brown Makayla Javoroski/3rd Grade—Mrs. Dozier

2015-16 YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks can currently be purchased online via the WES website for \$35.00 through February 19, 2016. They also can be purchased through the office for \$35.00 with the deadline also of February 19, 2016. No orders will be accepted after February 19, 2016.

If there are any extras at the time of shipment, they will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Student Name			
Teacher			

School Mission Statement: An inquiry based learning school to help children become respectful, knowledgeable, and caring citizens, through cultural understandings by providing developmentally appropriate curriculum in a safe and supportive environment.

The Child Development Class of Mrs. Oliver and Ms. Thomas

Our Class is ordering stories by picture events, numbers, and words. We are also studying weather and are going to create all types of it for activities and a wall display! We are charting different types of clouds in our science journals. This unit of study is FUN!!

Mrs. Maring & Mrs. Stecz Class News

In Child Development we are starting our unit on the world of color. We have begun mixing paints to create our own master-pieces! Come to visit our room to see what happens when you mix the color red and the color yellow. We are conducting several experiments on color using food coloring as well. We have discussed the reason for the use of color or even the lack of color in our books for this unit. We will create and illustrate a winter wonderland class book using some of these techniques. We are becoming illustrators as well as authors!



Message from Kindergarteners to Parents

As I Grow

By author unknown, on June 11th, 2009

Please understand I am growing up and changing very fast. It must be difficult to keep pace with me, but please try.

Please reward me for telling the truth. Then I am not frightened into lying.

Please tell me when you make mistakes and what you learned from them.

Then I can accept that I am okay, even when I blunder.

Please pay attention to me and spend time with me. Then I can believe that I am important and worthwhile.

Please help me explore my unique interests, talents and potential. In order for me to be happy, I need to be me.

Please do the things you want me to do. Then I have a good, positive model.

Please tell me by your words and actions that you love me. Then I will feel loveable and will be able to love myself and others.

First Grade News

We all enjoyed our field trip before the break to see "The Magic Toy Shop". It was amazing! We have begun our study of space and the moon. In math we have learned all about our fact families and now we are studying place value. Our spring musical will here before we know it, March 17th. Please remember to write your child's name in his/her coat, gloves, hats, etc.

Third Grade News

It's hard to believe we've only been back in school one week. All the children have fallen right back into their normal routine and we have certainly hit the floor running. We are busy gearing up for our upcoming field trip to the Winyah Generating Station through Santee Cooper. The students have been busy conducting hands-on investigations to help them learn about electricity. We are all excited to learn more about the transfer and transformation of electricity into other forms of energy at the end of this month.

B.E.A.C.H. Report..

We are ringing in the New Year with questions, questions and more questions! As we continue working on our research unit, students are analyzing graphs to determine what information can be found from the graphs. They will also be using a variety of means to represent the same data and compare the different representations for likenesses and differences. We have also begun working with Tangrams to develop our spatial reasoning skills with both hands-on and virtual manipulatives.

Art Lines





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Pic 1: Art room volunteers, Mrs. Tina and Mrs. Bonnie, celebrate the season with Mrs. Rogerson's 1st grade the last week before Christmas break. We are so very grateful for our wonderful volunteers here at WES.

Pic 2: Ms. Brown and Mrs. Baker's students display the many Christmas cards created by our 2nd graders during their art classes. These cards will be distributed to the patients in the Tideland Hospital system during the holidays. The 2nd graders did a wonderful job and wrote encouraging words to those who had to spend Christmas in the hospital.

Music Notes!

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new semester!

First, let me say how proud I was of all of our 3rd grade students in their performance of the Holiday Musical! There was not a HUMBUG in that performance. Also, thank you to all who volunteered. There is nothing kinder than those who give so easily of their time to help make a positive memorable experience for children!

Now, on with the future! The spring semester calendar is filled with many wonderful musical events for our students. I know these are in your calendar of events in your child's planner, but, just a simple reminder of what is coming and what we will need your help with as well.

January - Kindergarten - Welcome to the New Year and to winter! Third grade- Learning about the orchestra, and, beginning tone chime playing.

February - Second grade students will enjoy an artist in residence, teaching drumming skills, thanks to PTA. All grades will enjoy learning dances and songs from around the world.

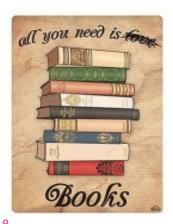
March - Our first grade students will present the spring musical, "Cinderella.... If the Shoe Fits," by Sally Albrecht. Mark your calendars for March 17, 6:30 p.m. (parents and community) and March 18 (WES Student Body and local preschool guests). This is also Music in Our schools Month! We will all be celebrating music. You can celebrate with us by listening or singing with your child or perhaps taking your child to a concert!

April - Second grade students will present piano recitals. Second grade parents, you will receive an invitation to attend!

May - MAY FEST! May 13, all day! Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers!! (That's probably all we need to say right now.)

| Happy Spring!

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New Years Library Book Resolution!

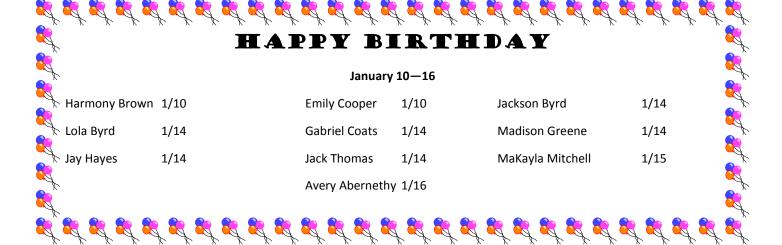
No overdue books in 2016. Please return any library books that might be late!

Thank you,

WES Library

BoxTops

Congratulations to Mrs. Eddy's 1st Grade Class! They are the December Box Top Classroom Winner!! Thank you to everyone who has contributed box tops. We have raised over \$1750 so far this year. Keep Clipping!



JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4-School Resumes	5-5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting -MAP Testing Be- gins	6	7	8-Dolphin Spirit Day	9
10	11	12	13	14-FULL day for students	15-½ Day for Students- Dismissal @ 11:30 a.m.	16
17	18-Dr. Martin Lu- ther King, Jr. Holi- day/ NO School	19	20-Report Cards Go Home	21-Good News Club -Groucho's Night 4- 8:30 p.m.	22-Dolphin Spirit Day -Terrific Kids Assembly *8:15 am-2nd & 3rd *9:15 am-CD, K & 1st	23-Academic Fair Grades 3-6 @ GMS
24	25	26	27	28 -Good News Club	29-Dolphin Spirit Day	30

Monday, January 11

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Choose Two: Yogurt, Cereal Bar or Cereal Bowl

Peach Slices

Choice of Juice and Milk

Tuesday, January 12

Pancake Link Sausage Mandarin Oranges Choice of Juice and Milk

Wednesday, January 13

Breakfast Pizza **Chilled Pear Slices** Choice of Juice and Milk

Thursday, January 14

Breakfast Bites Seasonal Fresh Fruit Choice of Juice and Milk

Friday, January 15

Chicken Biscuit Fruit Cup Choice of Juice and Milk

Monday, January 11

Chicken Fillet on WGR Bun

WGR Corndog

Broccoli Salad

Sweet Potato Fries

Frosty Strawberry

Cups

Seasonal Fresh Fruit

Choice of Milk



Tuesday, January 12

Taco Salad w/WGR Tortilla Chips Chicken Salad w/

Crackers

Turnip Greens

Sweet Yellow Corn

Applesauce

Seasonal Fresh Fruit

Choice of Milk



Wednesday, January 13

Chili Beans w/ Hushpuppies Pizza

Tossed Salad

Garden Peas

Frozen Fruit Sidekicks

Seasonal Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk

Thursday, January 14

BBQ Chicken Yeast Roll Grilled Chicken on a WGR Bun Green Beans **Savory Carrots** Pineapple Chunks Seasonal Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk



Friday, January 15

No Lunch Served ½ Day For Students