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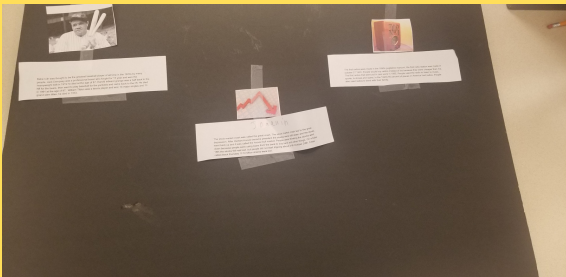
"Make it a great day or not, the choice is yours."

-Mr. Bogart

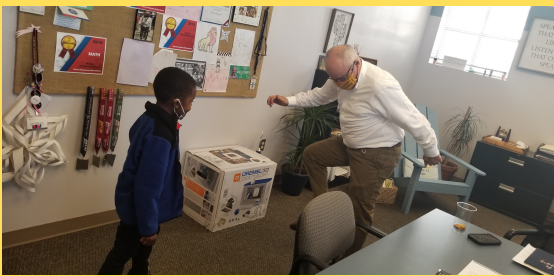
Fun From Around Westar



**6th Grade Distance Students
happily working on Math.**



**7th Social Studies project for Mr.
Spoto's Class.**



**Mr. Bogart taking a lunch break
with a student attending On-Site
Services.**

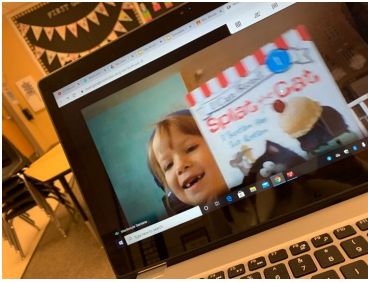
Westar returns to In-Person Learning February 16

Important Reminders and Procedures

- The gates will open at 7:25 AM. School starts at 7:40 AM and dismisses at 2:40 PM, with an early release time of 12:40 PM on Wednesdays.
- Kinder– 4th Grade students will enter through the gate to the EAST of the Library.
- 5th – 8th Grade students will enter through the gate to the WEST of the Front Office.
- All parents must wear masks during pick up and drop off. IF you forget a mask we will be happy to offer you one.
- Masks that cover your mouth and nose are required for both staff and students to wear every day.
- Students are encouraged to bring water bottles for refilling stations as water fountains are not available at this time.
- Free Breakfast and Lunch for all students will continue through the end of the school year.
- For our Distance Learners, Breakfast and Lunch pick up will be available. Stay tuned for times they will be available.
- Every classroom has been provided hand sanitizer dispensers, disinfectant spray, and other PPE materials.
- At this time we are unable to accommodate Visitors or Volunteers on campus. As soon as this changes we will make sure to inform you.
- If you have any further questions please call the front office at 623 327-2840.
- If your student is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms such as: new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, elevated temperature, sore throat, chills, new loss of taste or smell, headache, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, congestion/runny nose, red eyes/eye drainage, stomach or muscle pain, swelling or redness in hands or feet, or a skin rash we ask that you come to pick them up and they cannot return to school for 10 days unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test AND are symptom-free.
- We can't wait to see you!

Focus on First Grade

Mrs. Meade's class has been working on Reading Fluency. They each got a turn to be the storyteller and read one of their favorite books to the class.



Mrs. Archer's Class has started working on Opinion Writing and they are writing about their favorite Special at Westar. They started with the Introduction and will be working on providing Reasons and Examples this week. With our Introduction, we talked about hooking the reader with a question and stating our opinion. Check out some examples:

"Doo you like to sing Bekus i lik to sing. Musik is the Best sesl at Wesr emrsr scool." - A

"Fisickle Education (PE) is the best special ever!!" - C

"Do you like to play games? I think that P.e is the best at Weststar." - S

"Do you like to paint? I like to paint. Art is my favorite special at Westar!" - A

"Do yo like to color.I luve ort." -L

"Do u like to dasen? I do miusic is the best!" - A

Do you like to exsurises ? At wester PE is the best.- K

Do you like to pant? Art is the best!- R

Before-and-After-School Care Services

Do you need child care before and/or after school? Great news! The Before-and-After-School Programs will be starting on February 16th! Liberty Enrichment and Academic Program, often referred to as "LEAP", is an extended day program that provides quality, licensed child care that also enhances learning beyond the classroom. The program supports families starting at 6:30 A.M. and ending at 6:30 P.M. Check out the District Website for more information!

Kinder Round-Up Goes Virtual

Westar's annual Kinder Round-Up will be virtual this year! We have created a video featuring our Kinder teachers and highlighting our STEAM program here. It will be posted to our Website along with Social Media by February 9th.

Registration is online! From Liberty25.org - choose "For Parents", then "Enrollment". You can fill out the on-line registration OR fill out an Open Enrollment form if you are not in our attendance area.

If you have a student who will be 5 by September 1, 2020, OR if you know someone that does, pass this information along!

From the Desk of Mrs. Toole - Westar Counselor

Students have been working on Emotions and how to use your "upstairs brain and your downstairs brain." We've been talking about ways to stay calm by breathing and asking if the problem is big, or little, and can we control it.

In February, we will talk about diversity and kindness. During Lunch Bunch, the kid's favorite game is "Would you Rather, the Ungame, and Name that Song." Thank you for inviting me into your classes! I love spending time with our students.

