



Westmont Elementary School

Visual and Performing Arts Academy

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Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that Westmont students will be starting a reading incentive program entitled **Red Carpet Readers**. This is a schoolwide incentive that will promote literacy and improve reading comprehension. Our kick off will be on Thursday, November 2 when we will roll out the red carpet, and welcome students to school that morning with a Hollywood themed celebration.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

If a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year.

If they start in kindergarten, they will have read for 851 hours by 6th grade, and they will likely score better than 90% of their peers on standardized tests.

We want only the best for the students at Westmont, and this reading incentive program challenges students to become better readers. Students will have the opportunity to earn prizes, and broaden their reading and literacy skills. Every student has the opportunity to follow their own individual reading path, and involve their family as they learn.

Here are some of the great things we will be doing:

TK- 2nd Grades

Reading Bookmark Challenge

Students will be provided with a weekly challenge bookmark. The bookmark has a seasonal focus, and lists five various ways in which the student may read a book. For example: read a book about an animal that interests you, read while at the park, read in a small group with others, read on a cloudy or windy day, read an apple book. When the student completes each reading challenge, they color in its corresponding picture. Once students complete three bookmarks, they bring the bookmarks into the library to redeem for a prize.

K-3rd Grades

RAZ Kids Reading Comprehension Program

Students in grades K-3 will read books on the RAZ Kids website, and take comprehension quizzes. Teachers will digitally track how many books the students are successfully completing. Monthly awards will be given.

3rd- 5th grades

Genre Bingo Reading Challenge

Students will be provided with a monthly bingo card which challenges them to read books from various genres: mystery, folklore, poetry, biography, science fiction, etc. The goal will be to read five books to make a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal bingo. When a bingo goal is met, the student will bring their card to the librarian and pick a prize.

4rd-5th Grades

Accelerated Reader Comprehension Program

Students will read books and take comprehension quizzes using the Accelerated Reader website. Teachers and students will digitally track the points earned. At the end of the month, each teacher will tally the total class points earned. Prizes will be given for classes who have the highest reading points. Individual incentives will also be rewarded.

As families, you can help support this program by talking with your child and helping them at home. Ask your child what books they are reading, encourage them to reach their reading goals, and read along with them. We are looking forward to watching your child grow and learn as they meet their reading goals. Westmont Red Carpet Readers are in the spotlight!