

Willowbrook WEE

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From the Director

What a great start to the school year it has been!! Thank you parents for all of your support and patience. Our school days are going great! ALL of the teachers and students are so excited to be in school with their friends. Even during these ever changing times, the one thing I know will never change at WEE is our love for children. Each child is a blessing to all of us and I hope they all feel welcome and loved each day they come to school.

My goal at the beginning of each year is always to learn each child's name so I can greet them each day with a personal good morning to start their day. And as I stand there watching these sweet faces come through our doors I reflect on how quickly time passes. I see sweet children come through our WEE doors that have changed so much in just the few months they have been away from school. Some of these sweet friends have been here for years and some are new but the time we get to spend with each one is precious. My own son is now at UA living away from home for the first time and I think about all of the time we have spent together and memories we have made but it just never seems like enough. I can not encourage you enough to make the most of the time you are given with your children. It will be times you both will never forget.

I would like to share with you a song that a special friend who is loving known around WEE as Mr. Sunshine shared with us during Chapel a few years ago. As you read these words, think about them, and let them sink in. We are the biggest influence on our children's lives. Don't we all want to use this power of influence to make a mighty impact for the Lord?

He climbs in my lap for a goodnight hug
He calls me Dad and I call him Bub
With his faded old pillow and a bear named Pooh
He snuggles up close and says, I want to be like you
I tuck him in bed and I kiss him goodnight

Trippin' over the toys as I turn out the light
And I whisper a prayer that someday he'll see
He's got a father in God 'cause he's seen Jesus in me
Lord, I want to be just like You
'Cause he wants to be just like me
I want to be a holy example
For his innocent eyes to see
Help me be a living Bible, Lord
That my little boy can read
I want to be just like You
'Cause he wants to be like me

Monthly Reminders

Dates to Remember

10/4-10/8: Fall Break, School Closed
11/11: Veteran's Day, School Closed
11/22-11/26: Thanksgiving Break

Tuition Reminder

Tuition is due the 1st of the month. It is late after the 8th and a \$20 late fee will be charged. Monthly class rates are posted on the link above.

Tuition can be paid online. Please go to mypro-care.com. Register using the email address you have on file with us at WEE. There is a 2.75% fee for debit and credit card transactions.

Procare Sign In/Out

Thank you for downloading and using the app. Please be sure to wait for the sign in/out confirmation screen before closing the app.

If your screen times out or your sign in is unsuccessful please know it is alright. Every day after carline, we double check the electronic sign in against the classroom attendance taken by teachers.

If you have not yet signed up, please email us at wee@willowbrook.org and we will resend the link.

Verse of the Month

Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone. Mark 16:15

Stay Up to Date

Please make sure notifications are turned on in your Procare app.

Don't miss important updates. Sign up for text alerts. Text **@ead9cke** to **81010**. Or, for push notifications, open your browser and go to **rmd.at/ead9cke**. Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind.

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From the Director, continued

Got to admit I've got so far to go
Make so many mistakes and I'm sure that You know
Sometimes it seems no matter how hard I try
With all the pressures in life I just can't get it all right
But I'm trying so hard to learn from the best
Being patient and kind, filled with Your tenderness
'Cause I know that he'll learn from the things that he sees
And the Jesus he finds will be the Jesus in me
Right now from where he stands I may seem mighty tall
But it's only 'cause I'm learning from the best Father of them all

WOW!! What powerful words! Time spent together makes an impression on your children and this will impact how they parent and how they love years down the road. Please take time this month and every chance you get to spend quality time with you children, enjoy the company of each other. Your children grow and change daily and when the time passes there is nothing that can bring it back. So enjoy your gift from God and show them your love for them in every way possible.

Thank you for allowing WEE to be a part of your children's and your family's lives. Our prayer is to always love your child with the love of Christ. I hope each family has a wonderful Fall Break full of quality time and special memories!

Happy Fall,
Ashley Scott

Scholastic Books

Scholastic offers a wide range of books for all ages. You can order using the flyers or for a larger selection, check out the website: www.scholastic.com. The classroom code is RRHQZ.



Kindergarten

Mrs. Cates

Things are truly at full speed in the Turtle Room!

Through the month of September we worked on sight words—finding them in texts, writing them, spelling them—reading patterned sentences with decodable words, and strengthening our letter sound knowledge. If there is one thing I have discovered about this class it is that they REALLY like having books read aloud, so we do quite a bit of that. The children are also learning about reading with inflection, so we have fun with our decodable sentences, reading them in all sorts of ways: surprised, silly, proud, grumpy, sad, nervous, happy. There are many giggles, but the point is making learning fun!

In math we worked on sorting, graphing, identifying shapes, and identifying and writing numbers. We spent some time learning about setting up the numbers 1-10 in ten frames so that we can count more quickly. We also played a game where each child was given a secret number and had to find that many objects to bring back to the group. The rest of the group then tried to “guess” the secret number by counting the number of items. All this counting practice is setting them up for bigger things in math!

We have also explored all of the possibilities of primary colors in art, blending them to make new colors and warming them up and cooling them down. The children enjoyed seeing all the variations of oranges and teals they were able to make.

When we return from Fall Break we will have the themes of Farm, Bugs, and Pumpkins! I'm looking forward to all of it! The children will keep building on their foundation of skills, learning about word families, blending sounds, understanding number sequence, and so much more.

As always, I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to invest in the lives of your children.

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4's Classes

Mrs. Gibbons

Fall is my favorite season of the year, so I am thrilled to finally be able to officially welcome it! Cool crisp weather, spicy apple cider, cuddly sweaters, campfires, pumpkin spice lattes, amazing fall foliage, and of course, college football, are things I look forward to all year long! October will usher in even more fall fun with studies of autumn leaves, life on the farm, and of course, pumpkins! We will also learn about our five senses! Can you see the leaves? Feel the breeze? Hear the crunch of them under your feet? Can you smell the pumpkin and taste the spice? These are the reasons that fall is so nice!

In addition to name recognition, our class literacy studies have focused on the letters C, O, and G. We spend one week on each letter we study. October's focus will be on letters: A, D, and S. In math, we are working on shapes and have thus far concentrated on circles and squares. In October, we will progress to triangles and rectangles.

Please refer to our class newsletter, which goes out each Thursday, for upcoming events, reminders, and our monthly Bible verse! This school year may be a little different, but it's off to a great start!

Mrs. Keel

October is here and Fall is in the air! College football, camping, and trips to the pumpkin patch all signal this wonderful time of the year. A new month brings with it a new unit, a new Bible verse, and so many new things to learn and discover. This month our units will be Fall, Farms, and 5 Senses. We will discuss all of the changes Fall will bring. Pumpkins, leaves, and our favorite farm animals will all be a part of our learning fun in October. Our letters for the month will be A, D, and S.



3's Classes

Mrs. Brinkley

Welcome to the farm! This month we will learn about goats, cows, chickens, horses, and pigs. We will also talk about the people who take care of them.

Fall is here and it is bringing with it with changing leaves, planting and harvesting. We look forward to learning all about fall.

Mrs. McCraw

Happy October! This month we will be learning about life on a farm. We will talk about goats, horses, pigs, chickens, and my personal favorites, cows! We will find out who takes care of these animals and how they do it. We will also learn about fall crops, who harvests them, and what they taste like!

Mrs. Utley

Chickens, kittens, piglets too,
Goats and horses, cows that moo,
Fish that swim down in the pond,
Ducklings quacking all day long,
All these fun things we can see,
If you come to the farm with me!

This month we will learn all about the animals on the farm, and all the important jobs the farmer has each day. We will also explore the changes that happen in the fall, and look for ways to show kindness to our friends. It's going to be a great month! Have a wonderful and safe fall break!



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2's Classes

Mrs. Lindsay and Mrs. Angie

We have had such a great start to our school year! I think they remember our schedule better than me! October brings fall fun and we will be enjoying it all. We will collect leaves, taste different apples, and cut open a pumpkin to see what is inside! Fall also brings cooler temperatures, so watch the weather and start sending in a light jacket for playground time.

Mrs. Sarah and Mrs. Kim

This year is going great! The kids get along very well and they are so much fun to be around! It is such a treat to watch them learn and practice classroom procedures so quickly.

As we enter the month of October, we will be collecting various types of leaves, tasting green and red apples, and cutting open a pumpkin to see what is on the inside! We are looking forward to a fun-filled fall!

As temperatures get cooler, please remember to pack a light jacket for your child! Thank you for sharing your precious little ones with us this school year!

Mrs. Michelle and Mrs. Channing

Welcome to October! What a fun time we are having with our 2's. Everyone is doing such a super job learning our daily routine and getting to know everyone's name. We are so excited about this great season of fall! We will be learning about the color orange along with all the other beautiful colors of autumn.

Keep your eyes open and watch for all the exciting art work that will be coming home this month. Please remember that when weather permits, we will be playing outside. As temperatures get cooler, be sure to send a light jacket with your child.

Your children are such a joy! We really enjoy teaching them and watching them learn, grow, and make new friends. Thank you for sharing them with us!!

Ducks and Lambs Classes

Ducks

- Mrs. Alison & Miss Phoebe
- Mrs. Rebekah & Mrs. Vickie

We have had a great start to our school year! Our ducks are adjusting very well to their new class. We love going on our bye bye buggy rides and look forward to seeing all the beautiful colors as the leaves begin to change. As temperatures get cooler, please send a light jacket with your child. Thank you for sharing your sweet little ones with us this school year!

Lambs:

Mrs. Tina and Mrs. Martina

We have had a great start to this school year! Our little Lambs are adjusting to their new surroundings very well and enjoy playing with new toys and new friends. This month, we will enjoy strolling outside in the bye-bye buggy and noticing the changing colors and cooler weather of Fall. Thanks for sharing your sweet children with us!

