



Dates to Remember in November

- 4—Make-Up Pictures and Class Pictures Day
- 8—Fall Carnival (5:30-8:00 P.M.)
- 11—No School (Veterans' Day)
- 12—Veterans' Breakfast for the Brave (8:30 A.M.)
- 13—Early Release (12:35 P.M.) No Afterschool Program
- 14—PTA Meeting (6:00 P.M.)
- 21—SIC Meeting (4:00 P.M. in the Media Center)
- 22—2nd Quarter Interim Reports
- 25—November's Character Kids Celebration (8:30 A.M.)
- 25-26—No Afterschool Program
- 26—Early Release (11:30 A.M.)
- 27-29—No School (Thanksgiving Break)



Features:

- ❖ Storybooks
- ❖ Read Alongs
- ❖ Graphic Novels
- ❖ Non-Fiction Text
- ❖ Videos
- ❖ Sentence Building Games
- ❖ Spanish and French Books

Visit the WMES page -

https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/auto_login.aspx?u=wmsc&p=reads



Connecting personal experience to texts

What does this remind me of in my life?
 What is this similar to in my life?
 How is this different from my life?
 Has something like this ever happened to me?
 How does this relate to my life?
 What were my feelings when I read this?
 Have I changed my thinking as a result of reading this?
 What have I learned?

Are there similarities / differences in ...

My life
 My family
 My friends
 Holidays I have been on
 Things I have seen
 Feelings I have had
 Experiences
 A place I have been



Thanksgiving Baskets

Let your generosity shine!

Beginning Monday, November 4th, students, faculty, and staff members at WMES will be showing they care for others by collecting non-perishable food items. These items will be placed in baskets and distributed to families in need within our school community.

The grade-level food assignments are as follows:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten: Starches** (boxed mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, rice, etc.)
- 1st grade: Boxed Dessert Mixes** (cake, muffin, brownie, pudding mixes, etc.)
- 2nd grade: Canned Fruits**
- 3rd grade: Canned Vegetables**
- 4th grade: Meats** (tuna, Spam, chili, beef stew, canned chicken, boxed Hamburger Helper, etc.)
- 5th grade: Canned Soups**

All food donations must be turned into the school before **Tuesday, November 12th**.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.
 Happy Thanksgiving!!

Our Vision Statement

The vision of Williams Memorial Elementary School is to create a community of academic excellence for our students by establishing high expectations and academic rigor, providing effective and innovative educational practices in a safe and supportive environment, and helping our students develop world-class skills and to graduate with a 21st Century education and to be globally competitive in their chosen career path.





The Paw Print



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Dear WMES Family-

This is a busy time of the year, and I just want to take the time to wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving. Our families are a true blessing, and I want to personally tell you how thankful I am to be the Principal of such a wonderful school. I am truly blessed to have a great group of students and faculty and staff members to work with! Our doors are always open, and we look forward to seeing you. Happy Thanksgiving!

Ruth Mims

From the Literacy Coach . . .

What is **real reading**? What do readers do when they are really reading? Their brain **makes connections**. Making **personal connections** is when the reader thinks about what is happening in the story and relates it to their own lives.

How can you help your child make connections? Have them read a story and then ask some of these connection questions.

1. What does this story remind you of in your life?
2. Can you relate to the characters in the story? Have you ever done anything that a character has done?
3. Does anything in this story remind you of anything in your own life?
4. How is this similar to my life?
5. How is this different from my life?

Happy reading!



Please be aware that topical essential oils are not allowed in the classroom. Please understand that this is due to the possibility of other children in the classroom who may have an allergy to a certain oil or sensitivity to strong smells. Strong smells can exacerbate and induce asthma issues in some people. Thank you for understanding and complying with our rules.

USA TEST PREP
Your Classroom Partner

Grades 3-5

USA Test Prep helps students in grades 3-5 review grade level content. Log in information has been sent home with students.

Directions:

- Go to www.usatestprep.com
- Click the login button at the top of the screen
- Find the resource tabs
- Click on the grade level and subject
- Start with the video and then do the tabs for vocabulary, questions, and performance tasks. Puzzles are optional.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Students can go on the WMES website under Media Center and find the link to Accelerated Reader. Tests can be taken Monday thru Friday until 6 P.M., the time set by the District.

Our Mission Statement

The children, parents, and staff of Williams Memorial Elementary School are unified in their purpose of accelerating the learning of all students through shared decision-making and powerful learning experiences.