Academy Magic Newsletter



Happy New year to each and every one of you!

We all are looking forward to a new year of moments for reflection, opportunities for growth, and most of all... excitement and joy for being halfway through the school year!

We have a host of activities coming up during the next five months of Academy: A new semester, parent conferences, a Read-a-Thon, a virtual Science Fair, and an end of year/ graduation celebration!

These next few months are going to fly by, but they will also provide us with many opportunities to thrive! Here's

to a successful start of 2021!



Emily Jayne
Director of Lindamood-Bell Academy



Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- **6** Wacky Wednesday | Bookworm Day
- **13** Wacky Wednesday | Zoo Animal Day
- **15** NO SCHOOL

 Professional Development Day
- **18** NO SCHOOL (US locations only)

 Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- 20 Wacky Wednesday | Crazy Hat Day
- 25 First Day of Second Semester
- 27 Wacky Wednesday | Mismatch Day
- **28** Wacky Wednesday | Pajama Book Day

Center Stage

Emma in Westlake Village

"The words "thank you" don't seem enough to cover the way our family feels about you all and what you do to help our girl. Emma has grown immensely since starting Lindamood-Bell. After a few schools and some failed programs, it was you all who taught Emmy how to read. Reading is a game-changer that will forever enhance her life. You have partnered with Nick and me to teach Emma more about this beautiful world through science and history. Emma's math skills are growing; she's even doing multiplication now! We are loving the life skills part of her program, and how that piece was proactively thought of and added to her curriculum. Thank you for helping Nick and I think of and teach the necessary skills Emma needs now and will need as she grows up.

"Above all, Emma's abilities and her educational success at Lindamood-Bell has given her self confidence. When Emma's face lights up because she's understanding something, or she makes that cute little face that shows us she's proud of herself means the world to our family. The feelings of relief from less worry and the happiness Nick and I feel inside are really indescribable.

··· A Parent's Perspective

Karri, Brayden's mom, expressed her joy in finding a school placement that allows her son to not only keep up but thrive:

"We are so happy with our decision to work with Lindamood-Bell this year. We were just saying yesterday that there is no way he would be getting this kind of education and in fact, he would be falling further behind.



"We are so grateful to all of you for your care and compassion and desire to help our son be the best he can be."

Brayden added, "I like my teachers because they are funny and know how to help me learn. I like that I can do my whole day in four hours!"

We're so privileged to have your family as part of our Academy family!

Good to Know

Starting January 25th, the Academy will be implementing an additional system for safe computer usage:

- •Whitelisted Access: Kindergarten through 5thgrade computers will only have access to online resources that the Academy has pre-approved. This will narrow the scope of accessible content to what is solely needed for the elementary/ intermediate curriculum.
- Blacklisted Restriction: 6th- through 12th-grade computers will continue to be vetted with our ongoing blacklist-monitoring practices. In this exercise, attempts to access flagged categories of content are instantly restricted and reported to our technology support teams.
- •Select students may be transitioned to either list in accordance with their individual needs or activity for safety and compliance. The Academy will be in communication with all families in advance of these transitions.

New School Year!

Parents, we know that it is relaxing to have time off for the holidays and that sometimes that time off makes it difficult for students to transition seamlessly back into the previous routine. Here are a few tips to help your family transition back to Academy in the new year:

Clean out binders of old, completed work to make way for new assignments.

Restock any school supplies that may be low or extra worn. There's nothing like a new set of pencils or pens to use for upcoming projects!

Set new goals for the second semester. These can be about homework, specific skills, attendance, etc.

Reset routines. Get back into the swing with bedtimes, as well as plan for and balance time for homework, snacks, and play.

Expect some fatigue! Kids will have come off of being fairly relaxed for several weeks.

Getting back on a schedule and on track after an extended break can be tricky, but with a few simple and intentional changes, the transition can go more smoothly for all!

