



Academy Magic *Newsletter*



As we head into this wintry holiday season,

I'm reminiscing about old and new family traditions, the joy of gathering to celebrate our holidays, and the reflection of the last calendar year. As I reflect on our Academy year so far, I'm reminded of the anticipation of a new school year, the joy of meeting new friends and learning new things, and the opportunities waiting for us as we head into 2023.

Not only have we rolled out our Lightning Leader program that emphasizes Care and Community in our school, but our students also participated in numerous Wacky Wednesdays and our school-wide Career Day!

We have our all-school Holiday Hoopla Rally Dec 16, 2022 to wrap up the calendar year and kick off our Winter Break! I can't wait to see you all there as we usher in the season's joys together, then send our students off to relax and refresh over the break.

*Wishing you all the
joys of this holiday season,*

Emily and the Academy team

Emily Hoffman

Director of Lindamood-Bell Academy



Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- 5-9** Parent-Team Conferences
- 7** Wacky Wednesday
Music Day
- 9** Pajama Book Day
- 14** Wacky Wednesday
Rainbow Day
- 16** Holiday Hoopla Rally
- 19-30** Winter Break
(No School)





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The Charlotte Center had an exciting 'Poetry Slam' with their Academy students on Friday, November 18! Two students shared their original poems, and one read a joke!

"The Moon" By H

The moon is big and round,
And far above the ground
The moon comes out at night
The sun gives it light.
When the moon is new,
It has no view.
You can see the moon later
With all its many craters.

"Life" By D

Life is way too short to waste
But don't forget to brush with paste.
Or else the cavities will remember to chase.

Experience as many new things as you can
Don't forget to cook with a pan
But always remember to recycle with a can

Don't forget to shine bright
You are the brightest light
Live your life with all your might.

Joke: By Brayden

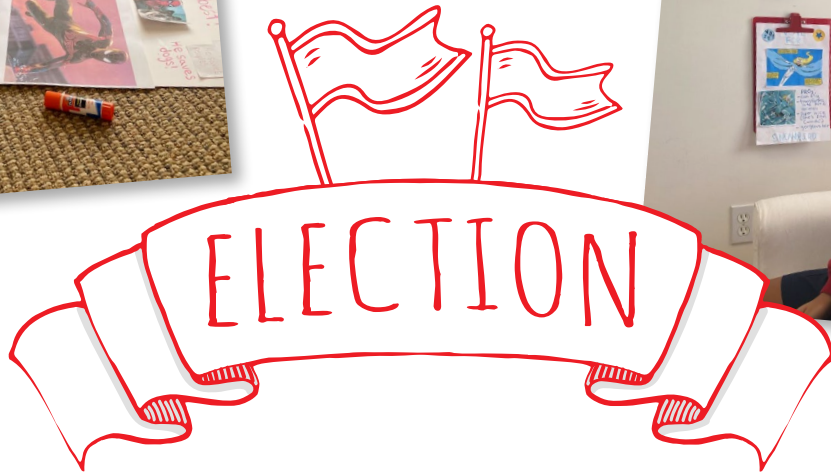
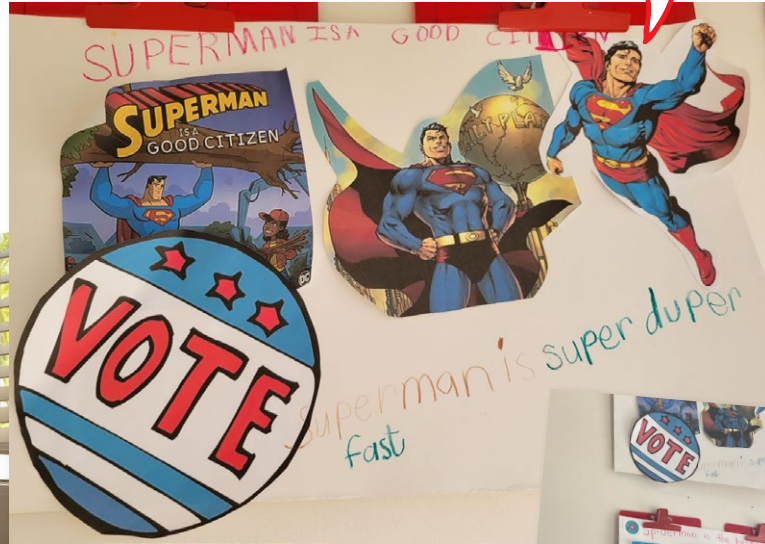
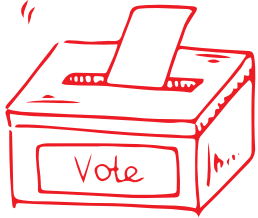
What do pirates pay for corn?
A buck an ear



Weston Student, Aaron, has been with Lindamood-Bell since May 2022. He started working online with us from Colombia. Then the family relocated to Florida. He completed summer instruction with us and became an LBA student this fall.

Initially, Aaron worked a lot on vocabulary development and verbalization. He had come a long way since those first few weeks when verbalizing colors and shapes was difficult. Now Aaron is a talkative, energetic first-grader working on his reading and comprehension. His ability to engage with the English language has greatly improved over this time, and he went from barely knowing his alphabet to reading CVC words. The family once thought this was impossible for him but has seen the magic of learning happen with Aaron, and they couldn't be happier! Keep shining, Aaron! We couldn't be more proud of you!





The Weston LBA Satellite Models the Election and Voting Process for their Students!

To make election day easy to picture for their students, the Weston Learning Center devised a fun and creative way to get students thinking about this important responsibility by voting for their favorite superhero! This was done during the lunch hour over about a week. First, the students watched BrainPOP videos to understand voting and elections better. Then, they worked with their Lunch Leader and decided to vote on the best superhero. The Weston team found free printable ballots, and students made and decorated the ballot

box. The next few days were spent picking their candidates and working hard to design campaign posters, including WHY their candidate was the best. Candidates included Spider-Man, Superman, and Captain America. The students then campaigned around the center throughout the week, speaking to "the voters" to campaign for their candidate. On Election Day, the students collected the ballots and counted them to determine a winner—Spider-Man!! The election was enjoyable for all, and the students learned so much!



Lightning Leaders

Our October 28th, 2022 rally launch of Lightning Leaders was so successful, with students and staff alike diving in to discover how each of us can show Care and Community at school. Already, students are earning their Lightning Loot for “being caught,” exemplifying these values. Soon they will have made enough to cash in for prizes. Prizes include a free homework pass, collectible lanyard buttons, popper fidget toys, earning the “VIP chair” (Center Director’s office chair) for the day, and more!

As we approach this holiday season, we can all lean into showing we care within our school and our homes and communities. What does that mean for your family? Does it mean homemade gifts to honor your family celebrations and traditions? How about participating in a community effort, like a food drive, homeless outreach, or perhaps adopting an underprivileged child or family and providing gifts to help them through the holidays?

It is such a beautiful season to wrap each other in Care. Let’s lead our children both in and out of school to show how being a Lightning Leader not only makes them feel good and how sharing Care creates an extra spirit of warmth in all our hearts!



Good to Know

First Semester Parent-Team Conferences are occurring this month between December 5th - December 9th. Your local Learning Center Office Manager will be reaching out to schedule these conferences as opportunities to discuss your student’s curriculum, strengths, areas for improvement, and the like. We will provide work samples and a progress report as well. Official Report Cards will be shared by February 17th, 2023, a few weeks after our first semester ends on January 27th, 2023. Check our School Calendar on our Academy Parent Resources website for more dates and events!