August 18, 2017

Dear Parents,

It has been great getting to know you and your children this week. Our theme is “All About Me” and many of our activities and centers pertained to this theme. Throughout the week, they learned a great deal about classroom procedures, routines, and rules. We have been working on our sharing, compromising and taking turns skills in and out of the classroom.

We opened up the blocks center, the math center, the library center and the play-doh center, by learning the rules of how to use the items and how to put them away.

During literacy time, we made an All About Me project which you will be able to see soon on the bulletin board outside our classroom. We also sang many songs. We read many books about school and about us. We are beginning to learn the parts of a book.

During math time, we explored the manipulatives that we will be using throughout the year by sorting, measuring, and building such as pattern blocks, cubes, and bears.

In science, we learned about germs and how important it is to wash our hands. We also learned about the parts of our body.

In our social/emotional lesson, we learned about the importance of using kind and courteous words. We practiced using the words: please and thank you.

Many parents have already brought items in from the class wish list. Thank you for your generous donations! I have updated the list.

**Important Announcements:**

1. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns via email: [benyaminy@westhollywoodelementary.net](mailto:benyaminy@westhollywoodelementary.net).
2. If you have not yet turned in your packet of forms that I gave out the first day of school, please do so.
3. If you have not yet turned in a change of clothes: (underwear, socks, shorts, pants, shirt), please do so as soon as possible in a ziplock bag labeled with your child’s name. Accidents can happen and it is easier to take care of if we have a change of clothes. Thank you.
4. Please hand in headphones for your child. Although we will not be using the IPads for some time, your child should still have headphones at school as soon as possible. Thank you.
5. Make sure that all of your child’s clothes (especially sweaters) have his or her name on it. Make sure that snacks, containers, lunches and water bottles also have your child’s name on it.
6. Please separate your child’s snacks and lunches. Everything your child needs for snack should be put together in a small paper or plastic bag with your child’s name on it. Remember, snack is something small and healthy. Everything needed for your child’s lunch should also be put into a lunch bag. Please remember to pack your child a water bottle. It is very hot outside!

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Benyaminy