

# Tailfeathers



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## Spotlight on Learning

### Summer Learning

All students at Westlawn have been able to explore various websites using the school computers. Kindergarteners, first and second graders enjoy reading and listening to online stories and playing interactive math games. Third graders have enjoyed blogging about favorite books. Grades four through six have had opportunities to create stories using Photo Story 3.

Here are some websites you may want your child to explore over the summer:

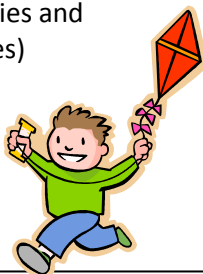
<http://aaamath.com/> (all grades)

<http://www.aplusmath.com/> (all grades)

<http://www.starfall.com/> (primary)

<http://www.storylineonline.net/> (primary)

<http://www.thinkfinity.org/ParentHome.aspx> (all grades - maps, book reports, writing activities and interactive math games)



## **For Your Information**

### Another Year is Wrapping up!

We are so lucky to have amazing students, a dedicated staff, and a wonderful parent community here at Westlawn. Thank you, parents, for your support throughout the school year. As you know, Westlawn is a unique place where we focus on the development of the whole child. As the school year comes to an end, we want to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and staff.

We are in the process of completing SOL testing for grades three through six, as well as DRA and MRA testing in the primary grades. The organization, commitment, and collaboration of the staff has made all this testing a smooth process. The students have done an amazing job sitting through long testing sessions and putting forth their best effort.

Seeing the students grow as readers, writers, mathematicians, and, more than anything, as thinkers is rewarding, and supporting this growth throughout the summer is important. The best way to help children maintain their reading level is to encourage them to read on a regular basis. For age appropriate reading suggestions, please refer to the FCPS summer reading list for sixth graders (<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/readlist/>) and to the reading recommendations by the Fairfax County Public Libraries (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/goodreading.htm>). If possible, please encourage your child to visit the local public library.

Before the year ends, students will experience fun-filled field days with their grade level. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, they will also participate in a day of economics for children through Junior Achievement Day. On this day volunteers from Beers and Cutler come to our school and teach age appropriate and engaging economic lessons to students in kindergarten through six grade. The day ends with a refreshing ice-cream party provided by Beers and Cutler.

We wish you and your family a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you again on September 8th.



*Cecilia Vanderhye*  
*Assistant Principal*



**Summer Office Hours**

The Westlawn office will be open from 8:00 to 3:00 this summer. Please make sure to bring in kindergarten registration and the Tdap vaccination documentation that is required for all students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Summer Programs**

Westlawn's EIP (Early Intervention Program) will run from Aug. 3-Aug. 21 from 9:30 to 12:30. Bus schedules will be mailed out in July. Please remember that summer school bus stops are different than the regular school year.

**LIFT (Literacy is for Tomorrow)**

Westlawn will be participating in Project LIFT again this summer. Through Project LIFT 60 current 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive six books over the summer linked to literacy strategies. All students are encouraged to READ!

**Changes for 2009 - 2010 School Year - New Bell Schedule 8:35 - 3:10  
New Bus Routes - See Attached Letter.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>1</b> -4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL am Testing</p>	<p><b>2</b> -3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SOL am Testing -8:00am Parent Partners -2:45 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework Club</p>	<p><b>3</b> -7pm Family Reading Night</p>	<p><b>4</b> -All Library Books Due -1:15 Spring Concert -2:45 WEST TV Club -6pm Ice Cream Social and Art Show -7pm Spring Concert -PTA Meeting in Library</p>	<p><b>5</b> -SCA Book Character Day</p> 
<p><b>8</b> -Field Day K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</p>	<p><b>9</b> -Field Day 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade</p>	<p><b>10</b> J.A. in a Day</p>	<p><b>11</b> -6<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day -2:45 WEST TV Club</p>	<p><b>12</b> -Patrol Picnic -Kindergarten Picnic and Water Play</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Rain Date June 11</div>				
<p><b>15</b> -1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picnics</p> 	<p><b>16</b> -2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picnics</p>	<p><b>17</b> - 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picnics  -6:30pm Sixth Grade Celebration</p>	<p><b>18</b> -Last Day of School Dismissal <b>10:30</b> -Progress Reports Sent Home</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> 
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>