

Mrs. Martin's Room  
Room N5  
Westlake Charter  
School



October 19, 2012



What a great field trip we had! We picked out pumpkins, went on a hay ride, learned about sheep and combed it's wool, learned about bees and saw 5,000 up close in a hive, made small bales of hay, learned about and pet kids (baby goats) and kittens (baby rabbits), and even saw and learned about horses and alpacas. Did you know a baby alpaca is called a cria (spoken as cree-uh)?

Next week will be all about how life was long ago. We will be comparing and contrasting the past (during the 1800's and 1900's to how things are today). When students walk in the door on Monday their tables will be turned into covered wagons and they will be learning all about travel/transportation, food, dress, entertainment, technology, and communication. This really gets students excited for our field trip on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to The Old School House and the Railroad Museum.

Make sure to ask your child many questions next week about what things were like back then compared to now. We won't be going much into the recent years, but even sharing how things were when you were going up comed to now is a great way for them to start understanding about time and that things change.

Thank you again to the parent chaperones that helped make things run as smooth as butter! Our next field trip is on November 2, 2012

### Important Dates

- 10/23 Jacob's Birthday
- 10/23 NWEA Testing
- 10/31 Class Party 12:05-1:05
- 11/6 Olympic Triathlon
- 11/8 WCS Board Meeting  
6:30pm on the EC Campus
- 11/9 End of Trimester
- 11/9 WAVE Meeting 6:30pm
- 11/9 Conferences Begin!
- 11/12 No School-Veteran's Day
- 11/14-11/16- Early Release  
Days

### Coming up!

- Phonics Focus:
- Spelling: Week 8 Words
- Math: Subtraction
- Reading: Comparing and Contrasting within and between texts
- Writing: Narrative and Transitions, (also adjectives)
- Theme: Life Long Ago
- Star of the Week: Ava

Class Website:

<http://MrsMartinsRoom.weebly.com>