

BASA: WEST

Columbia Elementary

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Dear Parents,

I am very excited for this school year. We are starting this year's activities with the Prehistoric Time. Some of the activities that we will be doing are; Tape Resist Dinosaurs Bone Paintings, Fossilized Fashion, Dinosaur Bean Bag toss, Volcano Collage, Please, Mr. Dinosaur, Telephone Game with Body Language, Paper Plate Dinosaur, Dinosaur Relay, Fossil Craft, Move like a Dinosaur, Hunt the Room, T-Rex Pop Up, Watercolor Silhouettes, Colorful Tissue Dinosaurs, Who Am I?, Dinosaur Bingo and many more cool and exciting activities.

Attendance in BASA: (your grant)

The BAS Academy Program is an academic based program which requires the students to be attending each day checking out no earlier than 5:47 PM. We want every student to get the maximum benefits from the program. If your child is continuously absent, picked up early, or picked up late, they may be asked to leave the program.

If your child is absent or not attending on a specific day, please let us know. This is for the safety of your child.



Upcoming Events

September 7 – NO School – Labor Day

Three reasons every father should read to their child and not just moms:

1. **Dads provide a different set of skills to their children.** When mom and dad read to their children, it positively impacts their learning. When fathers read to their children, the child's verbal skills can increase by up to fifteen percent, which does not typically happen when just moms read to them.
2. **Children are better behaved.** Studies show that when fathers read to their children and share other caregiving responsibilities with mom, their children have better attachment, they have high self-esteem, and show better social competence. The time fathers spend with their children builds their literacy skills, the child has better impulse control, shows a greater ability to take initiative, and are more empathetic.
3. **Children do better academically.** When dads model the importance of literacy to their children, they perform better in academic endeavors, and have higher scores on standardized achievement tests.

Michael Hall: Strong Fathers-Strong Families: <http://strongfathers.com/>