



THE LITTLE MUD PUDDLES LEARNING CENTER

JANUARY 2025

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MISS DARLENE

Happy New Year Families! As we head into 2025, I thought I would share my thoughts of kindness. Kindness comes in so many different ways. We can show kindness at home, work, school, grocery store – just about everywhere. Every act of kindness makes a person feel special for that one moment because we do not know what they may be feeling or going through. But how can we show kindness? The following ways may give you ideas:

1. A simple good morning to your co-workers, child's teacher, neighbor, postman/woman, etc. Does wonders for all.
2. Listen without judging.
3. Call a friend or family member who you haven't seen or talked to for a while. That would brighten their day. And yours.
4. Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness.
5. Instead of buying that handbag you've been eyeing, donate the money to a shelter, charitable organization, or a homeless family. You'll be surprised how good it feels.
7. Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you.
8. Don't forget to treat yourself with kindness as well.

Find your own way of showing kindness that is meaningful to you and others. Have a wonderful 2025!

Sincerely, Miss Darlene

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to the parents who gave Holiday treats and gifts. You really made our Holiday that much more special.

We hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and that you were able to get some well- deserved rest and relaxation. While we do realize not everyone had a holiday break, we hope you were able to spend some fun time with your children. They truly grow so fast.

CAREFUL IN THE PARKING LOT

Please be careful when backing out of your parking spot. A parent and her child were almost hit when a parent didn't look before backing out. Use your in-car camera before backing out and visually look behind you as well. Please leave space in front of your car when parking so that families can walk through safely.

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TUITION

Jr. Preschool is \$1775 per month or \$420 per week.

Pre-school & Pre-K is \$1675 per month or \$390 per week.

If your child is in Rooms 3, 4 or 5 and is having 2 or more potty accidents per week, you will be charged an additional \$100 per month until the accidents end.

The yearly Material Fee is \$250 and is due on January 1, 2025.

SCHOOL CLOSURES for JAN/FEB

Dec 23-Jan 3 – Winter Holiday Break

Jan 20 – Closed in Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

FEB 17 – Closed in Observance of President's Day

VACATION SIGN-UP

Please sign the clipboard in our front office if you plan on taking vacation. It helps us plan with staffing.

WINTER CLOTHING

Please have your child wear warm clothing during the next few months. We are seeing children wearing shorts and light weight jackets. Morning time is very cold. In the afternoon we do come in from outside playtime around 5:00 p.m. It's definitely getting colder around this time. Don't forget to put names on all jackets.

READ ALL INFO GIVEN TO YOU

Please take the time to read all information given to you either from the front desk or your child's teacher. You would not be given this info if it wasn't important. This includes emails from Miss Darlene, newsletters, menus, hardcopy memos from Miss Darlene or your child's teacher, Lillio, the front door, etc. Reading all this info will keep you on top of what's going on at LMP.

WASH HANDS WHEN ENTERING THE SCHOOL

ALWAYS HAVE YOUR CHILD WASH HANDS WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO THE PLAYGROUND OR INTO THEIR CLASSROOMS. WE ARE SEEING PARENTS NOT TAKING THEM TO THE SINK TO WASH HANDS OR STOPPING TO TAKE TEMPERATURES FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND/OR THEIR OWN.

SIGN IN FIRST

Please sign in before taking your child to their classroom. If you sign in afterwards, you run the risk of signing in late even though you were here. If you come in at 9:16 a.m. and after or 6:01 p.m. and after, expect a late fee charge of \$20. Only doctor or dental appts, and some extenuating circumstances are excused. Sleeping late to rest is not excused. **Children are not accepted after 12 noon as per policy due to naptime.**



POSITIVE LANGUAGE ALTERNATIVES

Calm down.	→	How can I help you?
Stop crying.	→	I can see this is hard for you.
You're ok.	→	Are you ok?
Be quiet.	→	Can you use a softer voice?
Don't hit.	→	Please be gentle.
Stop yelling.	→	Take a deep breath, then tell me what happened
Don't get upset.	→	It's ok to feel sad
That's enough.	→	Do you need a hug?
I'm over this.	→	I'm here for you.

These are examples of how we can be more positive when your child is upset. Try the above phrases and see if it helps calm your child. Sometimes they just need to be listened to. If everything fails, NO is always available.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Alexander Tang
Kai Tang
Nylah Bloxom
Zoya Khan



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BEWARE: COVID HAS RETURNED

If you are planning on travelling by plane, please make sure your child takes a COVID test *before* returning to school. *All results must be sent to littlemudpuddles@aol.com - NOT LILLIO, prior to coming to school. Also, if your child has any cold-like symptoms, we may require you to COVID test your child.* RSV is also contagious, and your child should be tested if he/she has any symptoms. If your child has been out ill for more than a couple of days, do test them for COVID and/or RSV before returning to school. All are very serious illnesses. Send results to littlemudpuddles@aol.com *not* Lillio. It is extremely important that we keep all children, families, and staff safe.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. **You must sign in and out every day. It is a LMP policy and a State Licensing regulation.**
2. **Always hold on to your child's hand in the parking lot. Do not allow your child to run in the parking lot.**
3. **Put names on everything. Some kids have the same exact clothing that your child has.**
4. **No sick children! Slight colds and coughs are ok. Children will be sent home if they cannot function or too sleepy due to medication, diarrhea/loose stools, vomiting, barky coughs or coughs that are so bad they cannot catch their breath, green mucus constantly running from their noses or simply do not feel well. Children are sent home with a 100.5 temperature or more. This is our policy- not your doctor's. It is our goal to keep all kids and staff safe from illnesses.**
5. **You must call or email us if you or your child have COVID or other contagious illness as soon as possible. Do not use LILLIO.**