

NOVEMBER 2017 LMP'S NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER EVENTS:

November 10th – School closed in observance of Veteran's Day

November 17th – School closed for Parent/Teacher conference. You and your child's teacher will be discussing your child's Desired Results assessment

November 21st - Family Feast beginning at 12 noon

November 22nd, 23rd, 24th Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

December 15th - Holiday Program

December 22nd – Santa Visiting LMP

December 25th – 31st - Closed for the Holiday Season.

NOT JUST COLORING.....

When your child brings home a letter or number worksheet – it's more than just a worksheet. It doesn't matter if they don't color within the lines. That will come soon enough. When a child colors, collages, stamp art etc. on a letter or number they are learning by sight. It's not enough to sing the ABC song. Knowing their letters and numbers by sight is our goal. How do we learn about our numbers and alphabets? We do lots of repetition. Children learn from doing things over and over. Once they know their letters next come letter sounds and then reading. Board games such as Candy Land help kids learn to count and with also number identification, realizing 1 item is 1, 2 items is 2, etc.



THANKSGIVING FAMILY SHARING FEAST:

You are cordially invited to attend our Thanksgiving Family Sharing Feast on November 21st at 12 noon. This feast is for parents only as the children will be enjoying their own Thanksgiving feast in their classrooms. We also encourage you to bring a food item from your culture to share with others. You may park on Beard Road or at the Lucky's Shopping Center if our parking lot is full. Keep in mind that you may not park in the areas in our parking lot that are painted red. If you park across the street please use the crosswalk – please do not run across the busy street. Also please do not use the Handicap parking spot unless you have a handicap placard. This event is not mandatory – we realize it is in the middle of the day for most parents. It is nice to come and visit with other parents who attend.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Alena Zhu

Brayden Li

Claire Song

Mowen Sun

Shaurya Jain

Zachary Zhang

Miss Carla



LETTERS OF THE MONTH:

H,I,Z,D

We will be discussing Thanksgiving, Family & Fall

SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR LMP's 2017 HOLIDAYS/CONFERENCES:

Nov. 10th – Closed for Veteran's Day

Nov. 17th – Closed for Parent/Teacher DRDP

Nov. 22nd, 23rd, 24th – Closed for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Dec. 25th – 31st – Closed for the Holiday Season

January 1st & 2nd – Closed for the New Year's Holiday

This list does not include all parent/teacher conferences and teacher trainings. You will be notified in advance when these dates are chosen.

HOLIDAY VACATIONS:

If you are planning on taking vacation anytime during November, December and January for the holidays, please sign up at the front desk or email us as soon as you can. This is the time of year we trim our staff to accommodate the needs of the school.



IMPORTANCE OF ROUTINES:

Routines may seem boring to adults, but children thrive on them. Daily routines help children:

- *feel safe and comfortable
- *feel in control
- *build confidence
- *learn self-control and self-discipline.

Routines provide a framework for a child's day. Children like knowing what's happening next. They like sameness and repetition. Routines provide them with consistency and security. Routines also help them move from one activity to the next.

Routines develop out of your own family's daily habits. Encourage your children to become as independent as possible in carrying out certain basic routines. These routines include dressing, undressing, napping, using the toilet and cleaning up.

Slowly, they will be able to do these things without your assistance. Here are some ideas and guidelines you can use each day so that your child knows what to expect.

Morning Routine:

- *Get up at a set time, start off with a hug.
- *Personal grooming: brush teeth, wash face, comb hair, get dressed.
- *Breakfast time.

Other ideas:

Leave for work or school routine – a special goodbye, kiss or wave from the window.

Going to daycare or school routine – take the same route each day. Sing along or listen to the same songs.

Getting home routines – play together, homework for older children, set the table for dinner.

Mealtime routines – have all meals at consistent times, have meals together, at the table without the tv or iPads on, talk about your day, consider set food days, like pizza every Friday.

Clean-up routines – get your children in the habit of picking up after themselves, have them start by picking up one toy or putting away one piece of their clothing.

Naptime routines (for young children) – stop active play and have some quiet time, play music and dim the lights, read stories.

Bathroom routines – set predictable routines for personal care, like brushing teeth, washing hands, and bath time.

Homework routine – from kindergarten and up – do homework in the same place and the same time.

After dinner routine – playtime as a family, don't have a tv in the child's room, limit tv or video time, ipads.

Bedtime routine – start at the same time each night, do things in the same order: Bath time, pajamas, story time, lights out.

Routines can make your family life run more easily and save you lots of time.

**LITTLE MUD PUDDLE'S HOURS:
7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

If you are late picking up your child, 6:31 p.m. or later, you will be charged \$20 for every 15 minutes you are late. No exceptions!

Don't forget that your child *must* be in school by 9:00 a.m. This is for the consistency of your child's progress and out of courtesy for your child's teacher. If your child arrives at 9:11 a.m. or after, expect to pay a late fee of \$20 for every 15 minutes you are late.

Children are not allowed in school after 12:00 noon. Due to the fact that coming in late disrupts our program - there cannot be any exceptions.