

The Little Mud Puddles Learning Center

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT LMP:

Don't forget to dress your child in green on **March 15th** in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Actually Sunday, March 17th is St Patrick's day but since we are not in school on this day we chose to celebrate it on March 15th.

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Green is a color now synonymous with St. Patrick's Day, as people of Irish descent all over the world wear a piece of green clothing on March 17th. But the wearing of green only became a tradition in the 19th century. Up until then the color most commonly associated with St. Patrick's Day was actually blue.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Daylight Savings on 3/10/19**
- ◆ **Have your child wear green on March 15th.**

Dear Parents

When is a good time to start taking your child to the movies? There really is no clear cut answer as all children are different. If your child can sit for long periods of time and is a good listener, go for it. Here are some tips that may help:

1. Can your child handle the loud noise that sometimes accompany movies? Also keep in mind that everything is *SO* big on the screen. Can they tolerate the dark for a period of time? If the answer is yes, try it.

2. Choose the right movie for your toddler/child. You will need to explain *beforehand* the storyline to the child before going. Start with short movies, something that keeps their interest. Bring lots of snacks which usually keeps them occupied too.
3. Morning time is the best time to take children to the movies. They are fresh and excited. And also there will be other children there so if your child talks it won't be a big deal for the most part.
4. Sit near the aisle so that if you have to leave it won't be too disruptive to other parents. Trust me you won't be the first parent to have to leave early. Good Luck!

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR 2019

January 1st – 4th – Closed for the New Year's Holiday

January 21st – Closed for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

February 18th – Closed for President's Day

March 1st – Closed to renew our Pediatric/CPR 1st Aid certificates

April 19th – Closed for Good Friday/Easter

May 24th – Closed for DRDP Parent/Teacher Conference

May 27th – Closed for Memorial Day

July 4th & 5th – Closed for Fourth Of July Holiday

August 23rd – Closed for Staff Development Day & Clean up

September 2nd – Closed in Observance of Labor Day

September 27th – Ages & Stages Parent & Teacher Conference

November 11th – Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day

November 22nd – Closed for the DRDP Parent/Teacher Conference

November 27th, 28th, 29th – Closed in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

December 23rd – 27th – Closed for the Christmas Holiday

This list is subject to change and you will be notified in advance.

LATE DROP OFF/PICK-UP FEES:

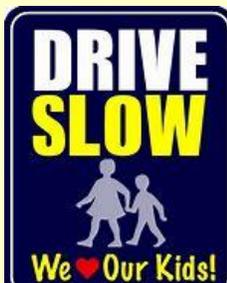
Late fees for dropping off children at 9:11 a.m. or 6:31 p.m. is \$20 for every 15 minutes you are late. If you do not tell us a day in advance of a doctor/dental appointment you will be charged. If you need to take your child to the doctor/dentist, provide us with a doctor's note. Keep in mind that we do not accept children after 12 noon.

Please sign in upon arrival, drop off your child and leave. The longer you linger the harder it is for your child and also other parents are waiting for parking spaces.



Don't forget jackets! We go outside twice a day for fresh air weather permitting.

**DRIVE SLOW
IN THE
PARKING LOT
PLEASE.**



DAYLIGHTS SAVINGS TIME:

Don't forget to turn your clocks one hour forward on Sunday, March 10th due to daylight savings time. Keep in mind you will be losing one hour. DST is used to save energy and make better use of daylight. It was first used in 1908 in Thunder Bay, Canada. About 40% of countries worldwide use it to make use of daylight and to conserve energy. The beginning and end dates vary from one country to another.

That extra hour of daylight in the evening gives us that extra energy we need to run errands or work out. Once it gets dark again, we feel ready to curl up and sleep early.

CALL IN REMINDER:

PARENTS *must* call or email us when their child is going to be out. We are having *too* many parents who have not been calling when their child is out. Do not leave a message on our recorder. As per policy you must call or email us by 9:00 a.m. if your child is not coming in.

If your child needs to go to the doctor/dentist please let us know a day in advance or you will be

charged late fees. If your child needs to be seen on the same morning, you need to bring a doctor's note so that you do not incur late fees. We do not take children *after* 12:00 noon.



PARKING:

- To prevent having to deal with our parking issues, arrive early **before** 8:45 a.m.
- Parents may no longer park in the morning against the curb in front of Rooms 1 and 2. This area is for those waiting for a parking spot.
- Do not park in the handicap space unless you have a handicap placard or license plate.
- For safety, please do not pass cars who are waiting for a parking spot.
- If you see any parent not following our parking policy, please email us with the description of the car and parent. We will charge \$25 for those who families who are not

following our parking rules.

- **Please** stay off your phones until you have left our parking lot. Other parents are waiting to park. Please – no visiting with other parents or teachers in the morning. Parents are waiting for your spot. You may always email or call us if you need to convey info to teachers.
- You may not leave your child in the car while you go inside and sign them in. Your child must be with you or you are considered late.

Also, you may not leave your child in the building while going to put another child in the car. Children may not be unattended either way for obvious safety reasons.



UPDATED PHYSICALS/SHOTS:



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If your child's physical is over a year old, please bring us an updated form. Also if your child has had updated shots, please provide us a copy with that as well. We will be going through all our records soon and will let you know if your child's Physician Report needs to be updated. Please have your child's doctor fill out the hearing and vision screening portion as well. Any questions, please see or email Miss Elizabeth.

PRE-K AT LMP:

If your child will be attending our Pre-K program for the 2019-2020 Fall Session, please read the letter that will be placed in your child's folder soon. This form will be due by April 15, 2019. The reason we are pre-registering children now is because parents from our wait list are trying to get their children into LMP and if you do not plan on having your child attend our Pre-K program we need to plan accordingly. No spots will be saved – so please be sure because once you give up your spot it will be taken by a family who has been waiting. **Reminder:** We also need a 3 week notice from families who are leaving. See the front desk if you have any questions.

MARCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

ALEXANDER XU

TIANYE FANG

ANIKA KODURI

TONY DING

DARSH DESHPANDE

YIKAI LI

EVOLET PIGA

MISS GLORIA

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MISS DARLENE

PATRICK LIU

