



The Lake Fern Montessorian

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Thoughts from Tyka

News for all LFMA families!

I always get so excited this time of year. I guess it has to do with the contagious excitement of the students. Children are so amazing because they see wonder everywhere and at this, my favorite time of the year, I feel like a kid again with the endless possibilities and joy of the season.

To begin with, let me say how nice it was to see so many of our families at our annual Thanksgiving feast! I had such a good time talking with many of you and just enjoying spending time with our LFMA family! I sure hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did! Thank you so much to everyone who brought food for our feast. It was simply delicious! Let me also give a huge thank you to Kevin and Caren Breithaupt from the Cookin' for Christ Ministry for preparing and grilling their amazing turkey again this year! I didn't believe it could get any better than last year, but they really outdid themselves this time around!

In the spirit of the Christmas season, we have decided to team up with First Christian Church of Titusville again this year to help out with Project Light the Way on Christmas day. For more than twenty years, First Christian Church has been feeding the homebound and homeless in Titusville and we plan to help! Most shelters and other feeding organizations do not serve food on Christmas day and that's where First Christian Church comes in. They will deliver hot meals on Christmas to families in need of food in our area. They will also be collecting gifts for children in need as well. If you know of a family that could use a hot meal on Christmas day or are in need of help providing their children with Christmas

Mrs. Price's Class News

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and I for one am thrilled about it! I love to see all of the lights everywhere and hear the old familiar carols play. Now if only the weather would cooperate! It felt a little strange hanging up snowflakes in my room last week when the weather was still in the 80's, but it looks nice, none the less and puts us in the Christmas spirit.

This month is going to go by at supersonic speeds I'm sure, but we are still going to try and get as much learning packed into a few weeks as we can. The kindergarteners are really starting to come along well with their sight words and kindergarten phonics words and I would encourage all of you to continue to practice them regularly with your child. The first and second graders are reading much more fluently and are working a great deal on reading comprehension. Having your child read nightly to you and asking questions about what they are reading can make all of the difference. Reading, after all, is required in all subject areas, including math, and a strong reader typically does better in school overall.

This month, we will begin exploring the human body in Science. We have begun talking about our five senses and some of the children are fascinated with the diagram model of the ear. The children will have the opportunity this month to work a bit more in sign language and explore braille as well. We will spend some time learning about Antarctica, street signs, and various community places in Social Studies. Our artist of the month will be Rembrandt and our composer of the month will be Igor Stravinsky. Because the children love the Clifford books so much, our artist this month will be Norman Bidwell.

presents, please let me know and I will try and put them in contact with someone at FCC to see what we can do. Last year, we not only helped to deliver food and presents to the homebound and needy in the area, but we also served a hot meal to the homeless in our community in Blanton Park. Because it was such an amazing experience for some of our LFMA families and because it brought so much joy to others, we are planning on doing it again this year. In addition to serving Christmas dinner, we are going to collect food and toiletries for about 50 homeless individuals in Titusville and give them out at Blanton Park as we serve them a hot meal on Christmas. A sign-up sheet for specific donations for food and toiletry items will be posted in the foyer soon if you would like to sign up to help. If you are interested in actually serving a hot meal and passing out our gift bags on Christmas day, please see Mrs. Price for more information. Although this is such a small thing in the grand scheme of things, it will make such a difference in the lives of others less fortunate than ourselves. Thanks in advance for being generous with your gifts! Your kindness will mean more than you can know!

LFMA will be open for daycare only days on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22nd and 23rd. No formal classes will be held and attendance will not be taken as these will not count as official school days. The classes may be mixed depending on the number and ages of the students. We will be closed for winter vacation from Thursday, December 24th through Friday, January 1st. School will resume on Monday, January 4th for our winter session. I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday. Have a wonderful, peace filled Christmas and a very happy New Year! See you in 2016!!!



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

As a special note, the VPK students will join my students for a special Polar Express Pajama Day on Friday, December 18th. The students are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a special stuffed animal to cuddle while we watch a movie together and have some yummy Christmas treats!

I wish you a joyous holiday season and a very happy New Year!

Mrs. Jennifer's Class News

. Happy December! Even though the weather hasn't cooperated, it's my favorite time of the year! This month will go by quickly, so please make sure to check Dojo and the door frequently! I'd like to first thank all of our families that brought in a dish to share at our Thanksgiving Feast. It was very nice to share a meal with our LFMA families and it showed what a great community of families we have!

This month we will be learning about Antarctica, continuing our unit on Oceans, working on the letters "R" and "G", and reviewing the letters we have previously worked on. We will also be talking about the different winter holidays and seeing how people around the world celebrate this wonderful time of year.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22nd and 23rd will be Daycare Only Days. We will not have formal class on these days. VPK classes will not be held, nor attendance taken. Preschool students will still nap at normal time. There is a possibility of mixed age levels within the classroom and differing teachers as we begin to prepare our classrooms for the New Year.

Lake Fern will be closed for the Christmas Holiday starting Thursday, December 24. We will reopen on Monday, January 4th. This month will be a short, but exciting, fun filled time! I look forward to this time of year, every year, as a child's excitement for this season is contagious! As always, if you have any questions, please contact me in person, through Dojo, or through email at LFMAJennifer@cfl.rr.com.

From all of your preschool teachers, we wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season!

Mrs. Pittman's Class News

December is here and our holiday season is in full swing! I hope your season is off to a good start! We, of course, have many fun crafts and projects planned to celebrate the season.

In Language Arts and Literature we will be learning and practicing the basics of writing an organized book report. We will also be continuing our studies on parts of speech and grammar mechanics.

It is a busy month in Math; all grades will be covering different dimensions of fractions; from finding common denominators to adding and subtracting fractions to changing fractions to decimals before

we eventually move across the ocean to the Americas.

The students have shown a real interest in our Science lessons every day and we have extended our unit on Matter to include some more advanced material. Force and Motion is next and I have a project planned that I know they will love.

We are also busy trying to teach and reinforce good study habits for test taking. Please take a moment each day to check your students' agenda folder. We have them write several days in advance when they will have tests on certain subjects and we can see a difference in performance when students regularly study at home.

I really enjoyed getting to know all of you a little more during our teacher/parent conferences and sharing all the progress your students are making this year. It has been an awesome school year so

Mr. Price's Class News

Here we are at the end of another year! I hope everyone gets to spend lots of time with family during the break.

In literature, we are continuing the Two Towers and most everyone has started out strong. As a reminder to anyone having any struggles, the audio book is available via link through our website. There is a link to the audio book found in the classroom drop down menu under the sixth through eighth grade resource tab. Click on Lord of the Rings Two Towers. There is a button on that page labeled "Enter Protected Area." Click that button and enter the password given to students in class. In addition, all study guides have the page number where the answer to the question is found.

In science, we will be studying human cells and cellular respiration. During these two weeks, students will learn about the miraculous cellular processes that allow us to live. In history, we are studying the Middle East. We will look at the events and history of the United States' interaction with this region and gain an understanding as to many of the circumstances surrounding many of today's current events.

The end of the second grading period is rapidly approaching. The week ending December 18TH marks the end of the period for grades and the 21ST is the end of the period for attendance. Report cards will be given out on January 8TH (the week students return to school from break).

Dates to Remember in December: We will be off for **Christmas break** from **Thursday, December 24 till Monday, January 4th.**

*Happy Holidays from the Lake Fern
Montessori Academy family.*

*May this time of year fill your hearts with
hope and your lives with blessings!*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Kelsey's Winter Program 7:00 p.m.	5
6	7 Sonic	8	9	10 Scholastic Book Orders Due	11 Kelsey's	12
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20	21 Sonic	22 Day Care Only Day	23 Day Care Only Day	24 LFMA Closed	25 LFMA Closed	26
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