



The Lake Fern Montessorian

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Thoughts from Tyka

News for all LFMA families!

As we begin to move toward Thanksgiving, let me take a moment to thank each and every one of our LFMA family. I can honestly say that it is such an honor to work beside an incredible staff, awesome parents and grandparents, and fantastic students every day. Even on the craziest of days (and in teaching there are quite a few) there is nowhere else I would rather be. Thanks to all of you for your continued support and enthusiasm. It means the world to me!

The month of November is going to be an extremely busy one and I fear it will be gone before we know it. There are a lot of events going on this month, so please make sure to read this newsletter, class dojo messages, and postings on the front door and in the foyer. Pre-K, VPK, K-2, and 3-5 classes have conferences and report cards this month. Please sign up in the foyer for a time that is convenient for you. The teachers are excited to share with you the progress of your students and discuss information that will help them to be successful in class.

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 20th. Please bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join us for a lunch picnic style on the playground. LFMA will provide the turkeys, drinks, and paper products. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer if you would like to bring side dishes or desserts. THANKS!

In honor of Veteran's Day, LFMA will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th. We will also be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 26th and 27th.

Mrs. Price's Class News

I can't believe that it is November already! It doesn't feel like November. What's with the weather? I thought it was supposed to be fall!

As we enter my very favorite time of the year starting with Thanksgiving and moving into Christmas and New Year's, I would like to say how truly blessed I am to have such fantastic students and families. Thanks for everything you do. You all are amazing!

Even though we have three days off this month in honor of Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving, it will still be jammed pack with activities. To start with, I will be holding conferences during the week of November 16th-19th. At this time, I like to meet with each of my families to discuss your child's progress and go over his or her report card. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer. If none of the times work for you, please e-mail me at lmatyka@cfl.rr.com or dojo message me to set up an alternative time.

Our class has been very actively working on learning the music for our upcoming winter program on Friday, December 4th. This year's program is "Christmas Around the World" and I am so excited to see the costumes the children will dress up in for our program. I think you'll be impressed with how much the children are learning for the program. Spoiler Alert: They're singing in Japanese!

I hope you will all be able to attend our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 20th at 11:30. We always have a great time and lots of great food! Afterwards, if you wish, you may take your children home as no formal classes will be held. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!!

Mrs. Pittman's Class News

Tis the season to be thankful! I am thankful we all live in this beautiful state and are able to attend this awesome school! As we all look forward to Thanksgiving, our class will be working away. November is a full month until our few days off at the end.

We have several blooming writers emerging in our classroom. We will be doing a unit on story writing and explanatory/instructional writing in Language Arts this month. We have already seen improvements since the beginning of the year in many students' writing and I am looking forward to see what this month holds!

In Math, we are working with different types of word problems and strategies we can use to solve them. We are also doing a lot of work with money. The upper grades have been and will continue working on some geometry and even pre-algebra skills.

Our solar ovens projects will continue into this month for Science. The students have really enjoyed this one. Besides its tie in to renewable forms of energy, it has been a great tool for teaching the scientific process and how to use the scientific method. We have more great projects lined up for our units on force and motion and properties of matter.

In social studies we will be finishing up our units on Ancient civilizations as we explore Ancient China, India and Greece. Our field trip to see the Mummies of the World Exhibit was awesome. I think it will be one the students (and myself!) will remember for years to come!

As we finish up "The Egypt Game" in Literature, we will start a new book, "Miracles on Maple Hill" by Virginia Sorenson. The students seem to really enjoy our reading time. We have been learning strategies for pulling information out of our text.

We are already looking forward to Christmas as we start to work on music for the Christmas program. It is a 'Christmas around the world' theme where we are encouraging each student to pick a country they would like to represent and dress in that country's attire for the performance. We have many students excited about that! I have also shown them how they can access the music at home through the school's website so they can practice at home. Ask them to show you how!

Mrs. Jennifer's Class News

Happy November! I can't believe we have made it this far into the school year already! This month is going to be very busy so please make sure to stay on top of what's going on! This month we will be working on the letters "H", "F", and "R". At this point we have finished Letter Basket #1, which consists of letters A, B, C, M, and T. In Science, we will continue learning about the ocean, sea animals, and environment. In Humanities, we will talk about the artist Paul Cezanne and the composer Franz Joseph Haydn.

I want to thank all of our families that attended the beach cleanup. It was a great experience for the children to see how little pieces of trash could build up and make such a mess! This project also allowed us to talk about how the trash gets into our oceans and harms sea life; along with washing ashore.

On Wednesday, November 11, LFMA will be closed in observation of Veteran's Day. On this day make sure to thank a service man or woman for their sacrifice and protection!

The week of November 9th- 13th will be Preschool and VPK conferences. A signup sheet will be available in the foyer. If none of the available times work for you, please email me at LFMAJennifer@cfl.rr.com to work out an alternative arrangement. I look forward to sharing with you all of the amazing things that have been happening within the classroom!

On Friday, November 20th, Lake Fern will host our Annual Thanksgiving Feast. Please come join us at 11:30 AM for a potluck, picnic style! LFMA will provide turkey, drinks, and paper products. A signup sheet for sides, casseroles, desserts, etc. will be posted the week prior. Don't forget a blanket or chairs as we will be eating picnic style on the playground. After the feast, children are free to go home, as we will not be having formal classes afterwards.

LFMA will be closed on November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday. We hope that everyone has a fantastic November!

Please keep these dates in mind as we get closer to the holiday season!

Lastly, a few reminders: our parent/teacher conferences will be the week of November 16-20. We will have a sign-up sheet in the foyer. I am looking forward to talking about your students' progress so far this year. The school wide Thanksgiving Feast will be Friday, November 20 and we will have the 26th and 27th off for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday, December 4, 2015 7:00 p.m. Winter Program (First Christian Church Titusville)

Tuesday/Wednesday, December 22-23, 2015 Daycare Only Days; No formal classes will be held

Thurs. December 24 - Fri. January 1, 2016 Christmas Holiday, School Closed

Monday, January 4, 2016 Winter Term Begins

Mr. Price's Class News

Blessings be upon you and your family during this time of Thanksgiving. I, personally, feel blessed every day to be surrounded by such awesome children and families!

In literature, we are starting *Two Towers* by J.R.R. Tolkien. It is a much more comprehensive book in terms of scope and scale and students will need to make sure that they set aside ample time to read. I will offer resources to assist anyone having difficulties. 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 and enter the password given to students in class.

In science, we will begin our study of the human body with a tour of the senses. During these two weeks students will learn the parts of the various sensory systems as well as how we use them to interact with the world around us. In history we are studying the Civil Rights and the Vietnam War.

November starts the beginning of a busy holiday season. We will be off in recognition of **Veterans' Day** on **Wednesday, November 11TH**. Our annual **Thanksgiving Picnic** is **Friday, November 20TH**. We will be off in recognition of **Thanksgiving** on **Thursday and Friday, November 26TH and 27TH**.



A fun day at the Pumpkin Patch



Memories

*The Fall Festival was a
BLAST!*



A Special thanks goes out to all those who participated in our 40 Days of Generosity beach clean-up.





Lake Fern Montessori Academy

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Sonic				Kelsey's	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Sonic		Veteran's Day LFMA Closed		Kelsey's	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Sonic			Kelsey's	Thanksgiving Feast 11:30	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Sonic			Thanksgiving LFMA Closed	LFMA Closed	
29	30	December 1	2	3	4	5
	Sonic				Winter Program 7:00 p.m.	