



# The Lake Fern Montessorian

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## Thoughts from Tyka

*News for all LFMA families!*

Happy February! First let me say thank you to everyone who participated in our spirit week last month. It was so much fun to see what the students and teachers would be wearing each day and everyone had a great time!

This month, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. All classes will be having parties and sign-up sheets for snacks and treats will be posted in the foyer. Please read your child's individual class letter for more details on bringing in Valentines or other related information.

Teddy Bear Portraits will be here on February 18<sup>th</sup>. These are studio-quality pictures and the pictures are always beautiful. Students will be photographed individually and with their siblings if applicable. They may wear whatever you wish for the photographs. Permission forms for pictures to be taken will be given out the week before. No money will be taken ahead of time. The photographer will come back about two or three weeks after the pictures are taken with printed pictures. Parents will be able to preview them at that time and decide whether or not they would like to purchase any of them.

Don't forget, LFMA will be closed in honor of President's Day on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Mrs. Jennifer's Class News

Welcome February! I can't believe how fast January flew by! I was so happy to see our students jump back in to our routine and get busy in the classroom! Although this month is shorter than the rest, it will be a busy one! Please make

## Mrs. Price's Class News

During the month of February we will wrap up our continent study of Africa and begin studying the continent of Asia. In science we will finish our unit studies on plants and the human body. In humanities we will study Picasso and Chopin. Our author of the month will be Eric Carle which is one of my favorites.

This month will end our second semester. Report cards will be coming out during the week of February 16<sup>th</sup> and will be in your parent files by Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. I am very pleased with the progress the students are making in class and am thrilled with their learning overall.

On Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Valentine's party. Students are invited to bring in Valentines for their friends. We have 31 students in our class, and I would ask that students only put who the Valentine is from, not who it is to, as this will speed up the process for passing them out. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer if you would like to send in a special treat for our party. Thanks!

On February 18<sup>th</sup> students will have the opportunity to have their pictures taken by Teddy Bear studios. Children may dress up for pictures and do not have to wear uniforms that day. They may bring something to change into afterward if they like. We have been inviting Teddy Bear Portraits to do our spring pictures for many years and they always do an amazing job!

## Mrs. Manley's Class News

January flew by and February is here. We had so much fun this past month and learned a lot.

sure to check your calendar (provided on the back of the newsletter) to stay in the loop! Thank you to all of our families that participated in our School of Choice Spirit Week. It was a lot of fun to see how our children would come in and to allow them to share their crazy hair, fun hats, wacky clothing, sports teams, and favorite book characters. The purpose of this week is to thank our community for choosing Lake Fern to educate your students. I am truly thankful to have your students in my life. While I am teaching them, they are teaching me so much more!

This month we will be studying the letters “S”, “L”, and “U”. We will continue working on animal families with a focus on reptiles and birds. Our students have really loved learning all about mammals and the characteristics that make them a mammal.

On Friday, February 13th, we will have our Valentine’s Day party. We will begin around 9:15 AM. Students are invited to bring a valentine to share with each student. There are 31 students in our combined VPK/ Preschool class. Please have your child only fill out the “from” portion of the card to make passing out the valentines easier. If your child only comes for our afternoon VPK session, please bring them in the morning to participate in our party! Sign-up sheets for volunteers and treats will be posted in the foyer closer to this date.

On Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Lake Fern will be closed for Presidents Day.

On Wednesday, February 18th Teddy Bear Portraits will be at Lake Fern taking studio quality pictures of your child. Your child does not need to wear a uniform this day, but please send a change of clothes so your child can still play later in the day without fear of dirtying their outfit! Please make sure to have a permission form filled out for your child, only 1 sheet needed per family, as they WILL NOT photograph your child without one! The photographer will get started at 7:30 AM and continue taking pictures until the last student has had theirs completed. How long the photographer is on premise depends on how many children are getting their photographs taken, along with how

We started a new literature book, we are officially in the last half of the math book, we finished up our lessons on the western region of the United States, and we ended this busy month with school spirit week to celebrate school choice! I want to compliment the creativity we saw in our students who dressed up. My favorite day was probably favorite book character day. For the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, my class made mosaics out of paper with 100 squares. It was really interesting to see what creative scenes and pictures they made with the 100 little squares. Mrs. Wyckoff also did a really cool art project with them. They made penguins out of recycled bottles!

February is going to be filled with the same fun and learning. In Science we are going to be learning about heat and electricity. We will be finishing up Frindle, our literature book, this month and beginning a new one. In math, the kids are in full swing of multiplication and division and we are now building on those stepping stones.

Be sure to look at the calendar in the back of the newsletter. There are some important dates that you won’t want to forget. Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> we will be closed for Presidents Day. My second period report cards will be in your child’s folder on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Teddy Bear portraits will be on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again for another wonderful beginning to another year and have a fantastic February!

## **Mr. Price’s Class News**

Well, here we are at a little over the half way point in the year. It’s amazing how time flies.

As we complete our journey through The Fellowship of the Ring, we will begin reading The Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C.S. Lewis. It is a book set in a genre similar to that of Fellowship. This similarity will offer students a chance to experience how far they have progressed after reading a more difficult book.

In Social Studies, we are continuing our study of World War I after which we will move into studies



cooperative each child is. Please know that if you are late, there is a chance that the photographer will have finished at Lake Fern. Please have your child to school on time to ensure they get their pictures taken!

VPK and Preschool progress reports will be sent out this month in your family files. Parent conferences will not be given at this time unless requested by the parent. To request a conference please contact Mrs. Jennifer at LFMAJennifer@cfl.rr.com to set up a time.

Looking ahead- Please plan ahead!!! March 23<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> is Spring Break. Lake Fern will be CLOSED for renovations, deep cleaning, and some much needed relaxation!

on The Roaring Twenties and The Great Depression.

In science, we are concluding this year's study of the human body with the Lymphatic System/ Immune System. From there we will move into a study of geology starting with a study of the Earth and its structures.

The only day off in February is on Monday, February 16<sup>TH</sup> in recognition of President's Day. We will hold our annual Valentine's Day party on Friday, February 13<sup>TH</sup> at 1:00 PM. A sign-up sheet will be put in the foyer for treats. If any students want to bring in anything in the way of Valentines for classmates, please make sure that it is something that is the same for all. There are eighteen students in the class.



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## LFMA School Calendar for February 2015

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