



# The Lake Fern Montessorian

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## Thoughts from Tyka

*News for all LFMA families!*

I can't believe that we are winding down to the end of the year and these last two months of school are sure to fly by quickly as well. Please be sure to read your newsletters and signs on the front door and in the foyer and watch for information on class dojo and in your students' files and folders.

Summer is quickly approaching and registration forms will be in the foyer. Please be as specific as possible when indicating times and dates of care needed. There will not be a registration fee for summer and there will be reduced rates for students that are coming part time or only certain days of the week, but anyone wanting summer care must sign up.

As some of you have already noticed, we are installing Security Cameras throughout the campus. There will be one in each classroom and two on the playground area. We have decided to install them in order to provide heightened security as well as promoting a higher degree of oversight and integrity. The only people who will have access to these cameras are Mr. Price and myself. Everything including access to the DVR itself is password protected. They will be situationally used to deter and investigate vandalizing and in providing the ability to "rewind" certain incidents, such as someone getting hurt on the playground. Images from these cameras WILL NOT be used in any form and fashion for any type of social media and/or advertising for the school. We hope that these cameras will provide you with an increased sense of ease and safety knowing that we have

## Mrs. Price's Class News

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a relaxing spring break. I know that I had a wonderful time as Mr. Price and I got to sneak away to North Carolina to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Although I had a lovely vacation, I'm ready to get back. It is unbelievable how quickly this year has flown by and we are now down to the last two months of school.

During the remainder of the school year, we will explore the animal kingdom. It is amazing to watch as young minds soak up so much information! Before break, I was watching one of our students sort animals into categories. Although it's always impressive that students this age can discriminate between reptiles, mammals, amphibians, etc. it is doubly so to watch them differentiate between arachnids, mollusks, arthropods, and echinoderms. Echinoderms? I'm not sure I knew what an echinoderm was until high school!

For April, we will finish up working through Asia and spend some time studying Europe. We will also take some time to study Matisse and Handel in humanities. Our author of the month will be Leo Lionni.

I am highly impressed with the information and material our students have learned this year. It is my favorite thing to watch as children blossom into such amazing individuals and develop such a strong love of learning. Have I mentioned how much I love teaching?!?!

Reminder: Group pictures will be on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please have students wear a navy blue shirt and make sure students are on time to class as we will start pictures at 8:30.

placed security and oversight as important tenants in your child's education.

School pictures for all classes will be on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Students should wear a navy blue uniform shirt and khaki, navy, or black shorts, pants, or skirts. Please be sure to have students here by 8:30 as pictures will start promptly. If your child is late, they may not have the opportunity to have their picture taken with their class.

## **Mrs. Manley's Class News**

Welcome back after what I hope was a relaxing and fun spring break. We are entering the final two months of school and I know that spring vacation always gives me the break I need to come back and finish the school year strong.

We will be picking back up where we left off. We will be finishing up The Chocolate Touch this month and start our last book of the school year. In March, we were learning about the three branches of government and we will be continuing more about the U.S. Government. In Science this month, we will be studying sound. We are working diligently through the math curriculum and I am really excited to see how far we are making it through the math book and how amazing the kids are doing at some very challenging math topics. The last couple weeks of April, we will begin working on review of some of our subject areas because our standardized testing is quickly approaching.

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking our class pictures in the morning. Please be sure that your child arrives to school on time so they don't miss the photo. Just to take a quick look ahead, our class will be taking their standardized tests the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>. Attendance is very important that week, so if you have to schedule appointments and such during that time for your child, it would be best if the appointments were made in the afternoon when testing for most of my children will be over.

I hope you have an amazing April and as always if you have any questions, feel free to contact me on class dojo, email, call, or just stop by! ☺

## **Mrs. Jennifer's Class News**

Happy April! I hope that everyone had a fantastic Spring Break! While we were out, our classroom got a great scrub down, along with new works and new posters to help bring in Spring! Now that our classroom is ready and our teachers got some rest and relaxation, we are ready to push through our last two months of school!

We are looking forward to beginning Class Dojo! If you have yet to get connected with the app, please do so as we started using it on March 30<sup>th</sup>! We will no longer be sending home behavioral folders. If you have lost your information, please let me know and we will get you a replacement!

This month, we will begin studying plants and insects in Science and begin water work in practical life. We will be focusing on the letters "P", "W", "E", "V", "Q", and "U".

Please make sure to get your Sea World Field Trip forms in ASAP! Even if you are not buying tickets, we need to know if you are not attending, using passes, or sending your Preschool child to school that day so we can plan accordingly. \*As this is a VPK field trip, VPK students cannot attend school this day as to ratio issues. LFMA will only be open the hours needed and that we are told, so PLEASE make sure to get those forms in!

On Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> we will have Group Pictures. PLEASE make sure your child is here NO LATER than 8:30 AM. The photographer will be getting started shortly after and it goes by quick! If your child is not here when it's our time, they will miss group pictures! Please have your child in a Navy Blue shirt and khaki, navy, or black shorts, pants, skirt, or jumper.

The week of April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup> will be VPK conferences. Please make sure to sign up for a date and time that works with you so we can go over all of the progress your child has made this year! If there is not a time or date posted that work for you, please contact me through email or at the school to discuss an alternative!

We hope you have a fantastic April!

**The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.**

Helen Keller



## Mr. Price's Class News

Here we are, down to about our last seven weeks! There is a lot going on and they will fly by very quickly. This month we will round out our study of the United States government with the Judicial Branch. In science, we will complete our study on plants and begin covering a myriad of science subjects related to what students might see on the Standardized Test. In literature, we are finishing up *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by will begin *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. *Hatchet* is a classic "man versus environment" story about a boy who is trapped in the woods after a plane crash.

Important dates and events to remember:

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>-Group Pictures. PLEASE make sure your child is on-time for school. We will start with pictures promptly at 8:30. Make sure that ALL students are in NAVY BLUE uniforms.

The week of April 27<sup>TH</sup> to May 1<sup>ST</sup>- Standardized Test Prep. Just letting you know for informational purposes that we will be conducting preparation for Standardized Testing that will be held during the first week of May. Please be aware because May's newsletter will be released on the first day of testing. Make sure students are at school no later than 8:30 and tardiness may result in them not taking the test for that day!



## Spring Fling 2015



## LFMA School Calendar for April 2015

| Sun. | Mon.  | Tues. | Wed.                    | Thurs.        | Fri.                    | Sat.  |
|------|---|-------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------|
|      |   |       | 1                       | 2<br>Kelsey's | 3<br>Off-Good<br>Friday | 4     |
| 5    | 6<br>Sonic<br>Summer<br>Registration<br>Opens | 7     | 8                       | 9             | 10<br>Kelsey's          | 11    |
| 12   | 13<br>Sonic                                   | 14    | 15<br>Class<br>Pictures | 16            | 17<br>Kelsey's          | 18    |
| 19   | 20<br>Sonic                                   | 21    | 22                      | 23            | 24<br>Kelsey's          | 25    |
| 26   | 27<br>Sonic                                   | 28    | 29                      | 30            | May 1<br>Kelsey's       | May 2 |