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Roxanne's Reflections

News for all LFMA families!

◆Wow! We are down to the last 7 weeks of the school year. It sure has gone fast! Even though the regular session is fading away, we still have many events to talk about. First, from April 7th through the 11th we will be out for Spring Break. During this time we will be cleaning the classrooms and setting up new work as usual, as well as cleaning out items stored in the old portable in preparation for it's demolishing, the first step in preparing for the new building.

Second, on Saturday, April 19th we are inviting all granddads, dads and sons to join us for Game Day! Since Fathers Day falls in June we do not have an opportunity to celebrate the men in our child's lives while all the students are in school. This is a great way to get together and play some games together such as football, volleyball, and board games. Wear your favorite team jersey and bring the men in your family for a fun packed morning. Lunch will be provided, hot dogs, burgers, assorted sides and desserts. Times are from 10:30 – 12:30 on Saturday, April 19th. See you there!

One last date to reserve is Saturday, May 3rd, Spa Day. Last year it was a great success and we have had many moms asking if we were going to do it again. So we will, May 3rd from 11:00 to 1:00 in celebration of Mothers Day. We will have lots of things to pamper yourself from head to toe and have plenty of tasty goodies available.

If you would like more information about any of these events or would like to promote your business (or know someone who might be interested) by providing a service, let me know.

New Building Update

◆Honeycutt and Associates have completed surveying the stormwater swale on the south side of the property and have updated the site plan to reflect a regrading of the swale to return it to its original specifications. We have updated and re-submitted to the City the pre-application meeting documentation. The City has indicated they should turn this around in 1-2 weeks, after which we have a meeting with them and review their next list of "you gotta do's". Since we've pre-coordinated with planning and engineering, I don't expect this to be very much – mostly landscape. We are excited things are starting to move forward again!

Mr. Price's Class News

◆Here we are... April! It's near the end of the year already. We are working on our final literature book for the year: My Side of the Mountain, which is a story about a young man journey in discovering himself and the things that are important to him. In science we are studying physical science topics including electricity and light.

This month also marks the beginning of standardized test prep. Testing won't begin until May, but we will begin preparation after spring break. The weekly structure for lesson will be modified to accommodate the test review.

There are many events planned during the next two months, so please be sure and check the calendar of events on the back page so you do not miss any important activities!

Thanks to the many of you who have already submitted your registration forms for next year. Please note registration will open to the public on April 14th.

Mrs. Manley's Class News

◆ April showers bring May flowers and the end of another school year! We are getting very close to the end of the 2007-2008 academic year and we are also getting very close to finishing up the curriculum that I planned for the students this year. I am so proud of our 3rd and 4th graders. When they started at the beginning of the year I knew I was blessed with an unbelievably bright class but they have exceeded my expectations both academically and socially. They have worked so hard and have come far since August. At the start of the year I specifically set up our curriculum so that the last couple of weeks in April we could begin reviewing the subjects we learned over the course of the last seven and a half months. A few things we will be reviewing are money, time, multiplication, division, word problems, reading comprehension and graphing. This time of review will also give us a solid start to the next academic year which already I am extremely excited about and currently planning. Don't forget that our CTBS testing will be in the beginning of May and it would be helpful to practice multiplication from our 3's to 12's and basic division. Important dates to remember for this month are April 7-April 11 for spring break. Thank you so much for your continued support and have a wonderful, fun and safe spring break!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 7-11: Spring Break
- April 19: Father/ son game day, 10:30 – 12:30
- May 3: Mother/ daughter spa day. 11:00 – 1:00
- May 12-15: Terra Nova Testing (K-2)
- May 16: Upper Level Field Trip to Disney's Animal Kingdom
- May 23: Last day of school/ End of the year picnic

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yates (1865-1939)

Mrs. Price's Class News

◆ The last two months of school will be busy ones for our LFMA students and family. In our class, students will be studying about the plant and animal kingdoms and will have the opportunity to have an up close and personal experience with many critters in class. We will also be working on the continent of South America and will be taking an in-depth look at rainforests.

The homework project this month is the Flat Stanley project that students have been working on since the beginning of the year. We are excited to see how many states and countries our Stanleys have traveled to this year. As a head's up, students will be bringing in their time capsules for May, so if they haven't started putting them together, now is a good time to get started.

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A previous critter encounter!