



# The Lake Fern Montessorian

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## Roxanne's Reflections

### News for all LFMA families!

◆ What are you doing for the holidays? What ever it is I'm sure it involves shopping for special gifts, visiting family and friends and eating those holiday favorites.

At LFMA we will be practicing for our Holiday Gathering, making ornaments to give to others in need and singing traditional songs. We will be studying different types of celebrations from Kwanza to Channukah to Christmas. If you would like to volunteer time to help make ornaments, please let us know.

Our annual Holiday Gathering will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the First Christian Church in Mims on Jay Jay road. This is the same Church we were at last year, and they have plenty of room for our community to gather. We appreciate the congregations willingness to allow us the use of their facility.

Directions will be available in the foyer closer to the date. Please bring a treat to share and join us for some great fellowship following the program!

The parents of pre-primary students have been given lines to practice with their child. If you have not picked yours up yet, check your family file. Please work on these each day with your child. We will need all students to know their line for the program.

### Plan Ahead

LFMA will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. During this time the staff will take a bit of time to relax and enjoy the holidays with family and friends, and as usual the school will be subjected to a deep cleaning and materials refreshed to prepare for the resumption of classes.

## Mrs. Price's Class News

◆ Tis the season to be jolly...Here we go again. Can it really be almost Christmas already? It seems like we started the new school year only yesterday—well maybe not yesterday, but only last week certainly. Still, this is my favorite time of year, so I'm thankful that it's here.

This month will go by quickly I'm sure, so I want to remind you of a few things. First, our annual winter program will be held on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The children have been working on an exciting program in class, so you won't want to miss it. Please have students dress in their holiday best and meet at First Christian Church by 6:30. This will be a special time for all, so please bring a treat to share and don't forget the camera!

Secondly, we skipped one spelling test due to the Thanksgiving break, but we will continue with the regularly scheduled tests. Please confirm that students are studying for the correct test as indicated by the corresponding test date.

Finally, the literature project (Oct. through Dec. homework) is due by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please make sure students return the book and bag from school with their completed project. More information is found on our website if you still need it.

I would also like to take a moment to thank everyone who helped with our Thanksgiving feast. It was great fun for everyone. Also, thank you very much to each family who donated a box for the Project Christmas Angel. I am sure the Haitian children will be truly thankful. Your generosity will be such a blessing for these precious children. Thank you so much!

*Your children need your presence more than your presents.*

Jesse Jackson B. 1941

## Roxanne's Reflections (cont.)

For all the families that joined us for our Thanksgiving Feast, thanks for sharing your favorite dishes and family with us. Everyone had a great time and the weather was beautiful!

During the holiday season we will be sharing some cheer with others. We would like to go caroling at a local nursing home. I have contacted one and I'm waiting for a response with a date and time. We will post a notice when the details are known. Everyone is invited to accompany us (in voice and person).

Mr. Jeff and I would like to thank every family for your support of our staff and programs. We have made some significant steps this past year upgrading our facilities and programs as we continue to strive for continuous improvement.

Peace, Joy and Love to all during this season.

## Mr. Price's Class News

◆ Thanks for a great first semester! I've already seen growth from each and every student. Keep up the good work!

December is a short month in terms of days in school. I would encourage anyone needing to make up any work or retest to try to do so before the break. I'd like everyone to start fresh when they come back.

I'd like to thank everyone that helped out during the Thanksgiving Feast. Special mention goes out to the sixth and seventh graders for their commendable effort in setting up. Good Job!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- LFMA HOLIDAY GATHERING !
- DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM – FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- HOLIDAY BREAK – SCHOOL CLOSED
- DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>



## Mrs. Manley's Class News

◆ I am always shocked when December comes around because I am amazed it is the end of another year and we are already closing in on being in school for 4 months. The children did wonderful through their first grading period and I am so happy with the progress they have made so far. Our children are off to a great start.

The third through fifth grade class is finishing up their last formal lesson from our Trait Crate writing lessons and even though we still have a long way to go to become expert writers, they are showing vast improvement on writing form and organization in their papers. We are now reading Ralph S. Mouse and we are very excited to see if Ralph will ever get to ride that motorcycle again. Language Arts is going very well, please remind your children to bring home their Language Arts work books on Thursdays so they can prepare for their tests.

The sixth and seventh grade classes are finishing up Swindle and I think that they will agree with me that it is a great book that has left us on the edge of our seats. The sixth and seventh grade class is doing excellent with their writing classes. They already started off with a firm foundation with writing so we are just working on perfecting our writing and adding in great details with a ton of organization and voice. Language Arts is going really well with the class. It's very important that they really work hard on studying Language Arts and Vocabulary. The kids have a tendency to focus a lot on the reading and not so much with the other subjects. Please remind them to study on Wednesday for Spelling and Vocabulary and Thursday for Reading and Language Arts. We are having to take a lot of retakes and I know they are capable of doing great work the first time around.

Everyone is doing a great job with staying in uniform keep up the good work! Don't forget we have quite a few important dates coming up in December. December 12th is the LFMA Holiday Gathering at First Christian Church at 7:00pm. December 24th-January 2nd we will be closed for Christmas and New Year's break. Lastly, thank you to all our families who joined us for our Thanksgiving feast. It was so nice to catch up with you all. I hope your Thanksgiving was wonderful and that your Christmas is filled with celebration and love!