



The Lake Fern Montessorian

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Roxanne's Reflections

News for all LFMA families!

◆ We are on the downhill stretch to finishing another successful year at LFMA. There are 2 months of school left before the summer session begins. For me it is very hard to believe how quickly the years fly by. As you know, registration is open for the 2010-2011 school year, which will be our 30th year of providing quality educational programs. If you have not registered by now, I suggest you do so ASAP. Registration is open to the public beginning this week and interest has been high. We expect to fill to capacity in the next few weeks. A summer school sign up sheet is available in the foyer as well. Summer classes run from June 1st through August 20th. If you have any questions about the summer program, please ask a staff member.

On April 14th we will have group pictures taken. Please have your child wear a forest green shirt that day. Speaking of pictures, Ident-a-Kid cards should be back at any time. They will be put in your family files when they arrive. Monday, April 5th your Teddy Bear Portraits will be available for purchase from 3-5:30 PM. The photographer will need you to bring your card with your proof number on it when you come to see her.

In the past few months I have observed that parents are not being diligent about accurately signing in and out each day. It is important to do so as we are required to use this method to keep track of when your child arrived and left, and we also use these times to calculate extra hours. If it is left up to me I will calculate times to the best of my knowledge which may or not be accurate.

Something else I need to bring to your attention is our hours of operation. We open at 6:30 AM and close at

Mrs. Price's Class News

◆ During the month of April, we will continue to work on the continent of Africa and begin studying Asia. As we move through the animal kingdom, students will have an opportunity to learn about the various habitats these animals live in, their behavior patterns, food sources, etc. The students have been enjoying learning about various life cycles and food chains.

In class, the students have been trying to earn 100 marbles in order to have a pet parade and they are almost there! Therefore, I am scheduling our pet parade for April 23rd. If students have a small animal that can stay in a cage all day, the students may bring them and leave them here for the day. If they would like to bring in an animal that cannot remain caged all day such as a cat or dog, I am asking that their parents bring in the animals at 2:30 p.m. to share with the class. Animals must be on leashes please. Each student would have an opportunity during the day to show their animal and tell us about it. If it is not possible to actually bring the animal, students may bring in pictures instead.

Our field trip this month is to the King Center on Wednesday, April 28th to see Charlotte's Web. Mrs. Manley will have tickets after spring break for those that are meeting us there. A list of people who signed up to drive will be on the front door. Tickets will be given to the chaperones on the morning of the 23rd.

I hope everyone had a fun and restful spring break!
Happy spring!!

There is danger from all men. The only maxim of a free Government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty.

John Adams 1735-1826

Roxanne's Reflections (cont.)

6:00 PM. It is important that you pick up your child by 6 PM. I realize that there are occasionally some circumstances that will cause you to be a few minutes late, however our staff have their own families and responsibilities to tend to each day and need to leave on time. Our Parent Contract clearly states that we reserve the right to charge \$1.00 per minute after 6 PM. Up to this point we have not been doing so, but if this persists, we reserve the right to levy the charges. If you have a problem picking up on time consistently, please talk to me. We may be able to find a resolution.

Mrs. Manley's Class News

◆ It's April and we are coming to a quick closing of the school year. The time has gone by so fast and a big reason for that is having a fantastic class. All the activities we had in March made the month fly by. Our class finished the book, *Miracles on Maple Hill*. The book fit very well with this time of year. It started off in a country where one of the biggest natural resources was sap that the people used to make maple syrup. The kids and I enjoyed it equally and we learned some fascinating facts about making syrup! In March we studied our world's oceans and we also learned about some U.S. History in reference to the New England States and the Middle Atlantic States.

April will be an exciting time in our classroom. We will be reading our last piece of literature for the year as well as continuing our stride through mathematics, social studies and science. Our field trip this month will be to the King Center for Charlotte's Web. I already have your tickets so please come by my classroom and pick them up as soon as possible. The driving list will be posted in the foyer. If you are driving children other than your own, you may pick up your tickets and the tickets for the children riding with you. I look forward to seeing all of you there. I will also be collecting money this month for our end of the year field trip to Wet-n-Wild. Details will be posted in the foyer. Please make all checks payable to Tavin Manley. Have a great April!

Honesty is the best policy and spinach is the best vegetable.

Popeye (created 1929 by E.C. Segar)

Mr. Price's Class News

◆ Two months left, can you believe it! April will mark our last month of purely academic study. Next month will have standardized test prep and the actual testing itself. It is important that all students make the push to finish the year strong. Please review your student's planner to see if there any tests they need to retake. If so, it is THEIR responsibility to come to me and set it up.

Academically, we are beginning a new book (our last for the year) called The Voyage of the Frog which is a story of a fourteen-year-old boy who sets sail on the open ocean to fulfill his uncle's last wish. In science, we will conclude our yearly studies with the study of space. In social studies, we will conclude with the study of current events and geography.

This month's field trip to see "Charlotte's Web" at the Maxwell will be on April 28th. Look for details on ticket disbursement and further information in the foyer as the time draws near.

Pre-Primary Class News

Miss Jessica and Miss Jennifer

◆ Welcome back from Spring Break! We hope everyone got lots of rest and had fun! Now that we've rested up, we hope that everyone's ready to get back to learning!

While you were out, we have been busy changing work on the shelves and getting out new work to start our next unit. To finish off the year, in geography we will be studying the continent of Australia and in science we will be studying Dinosaurs. For the week of April 5th-9th we will continue studying the letter "p". For the week of April 12th-16th we will be working on the letter "w". For the week of April 19th-23rd we will be working on the letter "e". For the week of April 26th-30th we will be working on the letter "v". Please continue practicing letter names and sounds with your children at home.

Also, please check your child's cubbies and make sure they have a change of clothes that are appropriate for the warmer weather. Remember, Wednesday, April 14th is group pictures. Please make sure students are on time. Students should wear forest green shirts and uniform bottoms.