



# The Lake Fern Montessorian

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## Roxanne's Reflections

### News for all LFMA families!

◆ In recent years time has begun to fly by more quickly for me. I've heard that comes with age, but I really don't feel that until about 6:00 every night! I choose to think it is because I am so busy but whatever the reason this school year went by in a snap of the fingers! This month marks the end of the 2009-2010 school year, LFMA's 29<sup>th</sup> year, and as usual there are many activities planned for this month.

- May 3-7 VPK Conferences with Ms. Jessica
- May 17-21 upper level CTBS testing
- Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM, Family Appreciation Picnic
- May 24-28, Upper Level Conferences
- May 31<sup>st</sup>, Memorial Day, school closed

For the past 2 years it has rained at our end of the year gathering, so we are going to have it a bit earlier with the theme of "Celebrate the Family!" We celebrate mothers, fathers, grandparents and other extended family members. At this gathering of private citizens (many of you know what that means) will be available Mr. Jeff's famous deep fried turkey, hot dogs, drinks and paper products. You may share a side dish if you wish. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on as we will be eating picnic style.

Many thanks to all our families for your continued support of our staff and school. For those of you moving on to new adventures at the end of the year, we wish you well! Once you are a member of the LFMA family, you are a member for life, so please stop by and visit and share your plans and progress.

## Mrs. Price's Class News

◆ So here we are at the end of another school year. I can't believe how quickly time has flown! May, as usual, will be an extremely busy month, so please read carefully for all of the upcoming events and activities.

For starters, our end of the year picnic has been moved to May 14<sup>th</sup>. For the past two years, we have gotten rained out and even in prior years, rain has threatened the event. We hope by moving it up a couple of weeks, we will have a greater chance of good weather. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer for those who would like to bring a side dish. Don't forget your lawn chairs or picnic blankets!

CTBS testing will be given for our class during the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a standardized test that we give every year as one measure of student success. Generally our students enjoy taking it, because we make it fun and give them a lot of free time between tests. Parents can help get their children ready by making sure they have a nutritious breakfast and plenty of sleep. Also, please send an extra snack each day that includes a protein and carbohydrate, such as peanut butter or cream cheese crackers, peanut butter apples, cheese and crackers, peanut butter toast, etc. Students are well prepared, so I ask parents to encourage their children, but not put any stress on them.

Conferences will be held during the last week of school, May 24<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. It is important that I meet with every parent to discuss test results, student progress, and plans for the following year. Sign up sheets will be in the foyer, so please reserve your spot.

Due to a lack of interest, our field trip to Wet and Wild has been canceled. (continued on back)

## Pre-Primary Class News

◆ Wow, what a year! It is hard to believe how far our little guys have progressed. Last week Miss Jennifer met with many parents to discuss your child's progress and where he will be going next year whether it be VPK or another year of preschool. This week Miss Jessica will be meeting with all VPK parents. She will discuss your child's progress as well as what will be happening the first 30 days of Kindergarten. If you have not signed up for a conference time, please do so today!

For the remainder of May we will study letters x, y and z. We will review all letters and your child may share anything during the last week of May. We will be asking what sounds the share begins with so make sure your child knows ahead of time. For those who are leaving for the summer, continue to work on letter names and sounds and numbers through 30. Have a wonderful summer!

## Mr. Price's Class News

◆ Another year is almost in the books! I can't believe how it has flown by. I'd like to say how very proud I am of my class. I've seen such a great deal of growth, both academically and individually.

Though the year is winding down, May will still be a very busy month. The first week of May will involve test prep. The following week (May 10<sup>TH</sup> to May 14<sup>TH</sup>) will be our testing week. During those weeks there will be none of our usual academics, except math. There will be end of the year conferences the week of May 24<sup>TH</sup> to May 28<sup>TH</sup>. Please sign up on the sheets in the foyer.

We have scheduled an end of the year picnic for May 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be available for those who would like to bring a side dish.

Our fieldtrip to Wet and Wild has been canceled. There will be school that day and we are planning activities in-school that we hope everyone will enjoy. We will keep informed of details.

Thank you for the great year and have a blessed summer!

*My heart is singing for joy...The light of understanding has shone in my little pupil's mind, and behold, all things are changed.*  
Anne Sullivan (1866-1936)

## Mrs. Price's Class News (cont.)

We are trying to schedule an in-school activity in lieu of the field trip. I will let you know of the details as soon as they become available.

It has been an honor to work with each student and parent this year. I have enjoyed watching my students blossom and learn and I have been delighted with the progress that they have made. I hope everyone has a safe and fun-filled summer.

## Mrs. Manley's Class News

◆ It is the end of yet another school year and as always it has flown by. It is such a joy this time of year to look back at the past nine months and remember where it was that we started and now where we will finish. All of the kids have made amazing strides this year, both academically and socially. I know all of them are excited to finish off the 2009-2010 school year.

Let me take a moment to thank all of those parents who came on our field trip to the King Center to see Charlotte's Web. All of the kids enjoyed it and I hope those of you who attended the play with us enjoyed it as well. The end of the year field trip to Wet-n-Wild has been cancelled due to a lack of interest. It was scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>, but now it will be a regular classroom day.

CTBS testing will begin for my class on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The testing will take place in the morning and we will have the afternoon to relax and get ready for the next days testing. Please be sure your child gets plenty of sleep and a good breakfast before school. This will aid them greatly while testing by giving them the energy their bodies need to do an excellent job. Please also remember that we will be starting promptly at 8:30 each morning so it is imperative that your child is on time every day.

The year end picnic will be Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The last day of school is May 28<sup>th</sup> and I will be having mandatory parent/teacher conferences on the week of May 24<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to sign up for one.

Again, let me thank you for all of your support this year. It has been wonderful getting to know all of you this year and it has been a pleasure to be your child's teacher. I look forward to another wonderful year in the fall. Have a fantastic summer!