



MAY 2023

THE LITTLE MUD PUDDLES LEARNING CENTER NEWSLETTER

TUITION INCREASE

It has been necessary to increase our tuition to maintain the quality school we are known for. As of June 1, 2023, our tuition will be:

Jr. Preschool—Rooms 1 & 2
\$400/Week or \$1675/Month
Preschool & Pre-K—Rooms 3,4,5
\$365/Week or \$1550/Month

If your child is in Rooms 3, 4 or 5 and has more than 2 potty accidents per week, you will be charged an additional \$100 per month until your child completely ceases potty accidents.

This increase helps pay for the ever-increasing costs of groceries, supplies, repairs, water, electricity, maintenance etc. It also helps pay for the increase of wages and benefits for our staff who work very hard caring for your children.

MAY HAPPENINGS:

May 10th—St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon. Kids get to bring their trikes, bikes, razors, etc. to school to make money for the children at St. Judes. **Permission slips are due by May 8th.** Children may not participate unless their permission slip is turned in. If you need another form please check with the front desk or email us.

May 11th —Picture Day. Forms should be turned in by May 15th. Forms are not available on Picture Day. If you need another form, please check with the front office or email us.

May 26th—We are **closed** for DRDP Parent/Teacher Zoom Conference. Sign Ups will be up soon. It will be nice to see how your child is progressing and answer any questions you might have.

May 29th —School is closed in observance of Memorial Day.

June 1st—Masks will be optional. Keep in mind that if your child is experiencing any COVID symptoms, you will be required to test them and send the results to us. We still do not want you to send your child to school sick which includes, sore throats, diarrhea, severe colds or coughs. We will call you to pick up your child if we feel your child is not well or is not able to keep up with the daily routine of the day. If you are travelling by plane, you are still expected to follow our COVID protocols.

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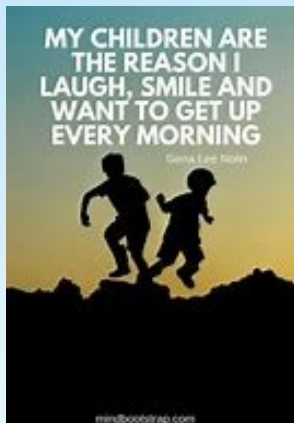
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2023 SCHOOL CLOSURES – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

January 2-6 - Closed for the Holiday Season

January 16—Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 20—President’s Day

April 6—Staff Development Day

April 7—Closed for Good Friday

May 26—Closed for DRDP Parent/Teacher Zoom Conference

May 29—Closed for Memorial Day

June 19—Closed for Juneteenth Day

July 4th & 5th—Closed for Independence Day

August 11 - Closed for In-Service Day

September 4 – Closed for Labor Day

September 22 –Closed for Ages/Stages Parent/Teacher Conference

October 9 - Closed for Indigenous Peoples Day

November 10 – Closed for Veteran’s Day

November 21 – Closed for DRDP Parent/Teacher Conf.

November 22,23,24 – Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

December 25 – January 5 – Closed for the Holidays

ST. JUDE’S TRIKE-A-THON

On **Wednesday, May 10th**, we will have our St. Jude’s Trike-A-Thon. This is an event when children can bring their bikes, trikes, razors, etc. but most importantly– their helmets and ride around the sidewalk around the sand area while helping make money for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. The children have so much fun without knowing how much they are helping the children of St. Jude’s. **NOTE: Due to safety and liability issues, no one may ride without their permission slip and helmet.** We are teaching about bike safety, hence the helmets. Please put your child’s name on their trike, bike, razor, etc. and on their helmets **before** arriving at school. On the morning of the event, find your child’s teacher’s name along the fence in the backyard and park your child’s vehicle. Please go ahead and leave as soon as possible so that other parents can park and drop off their child and trike/helmet. Due to COVID we cannot invite parents, but we will have pictures for you.

Why do we do this? This is our way of making money through donations from our family and friends for the sick children of St. Jude’s. Only through donations can St. Jude’s conduct research, provide treatments and house families of the children who are receiving care.

Permission slips are due by May 8th.

For any questions, please contact Miss Darlene, Miss Elizabeth or Miss Carla or your child’s teacher.



SPRING/SUMMER TRAVEL PLANS?

Please add your child's name to the travel clipboard located at the front office if you are planning on traveling either by plane or car.

Should your family travel by plane (or car in some situations) anywhere, we will require a home Antigen COVID-19 test 72 hours after you land. Or have your child quarantine for 10 days. ALWAYS email the school at littlemudpud-dles@aol.com and let us know the test results (negative or positive). You must send a snapshot of the test to LMP or your child cannot return. If you are travelling by car no COVID-19 test is necessary unless symptomatic. Do sign our vacation log located at the front office. **Also, please plan your vacation accordingly to include the 72 hours afterwards for testing.**

FUNDRAISER

We have 1 more fundraiser coming in the summer. We will be selling popcorn! Who doesn't like popcorn? There will be quite a few different flavors. We're sure you will find a flavor that you will like.

Why do we do fundraisers? As you know, everything has gone up in price: groceries, insurances, supplies, materials, labor, etc.

It also helps for the maintenance of the school which includes the upkeep of the alarms, cameras, computers, kitchen equipment, etc.

More info will be forthcoming.



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

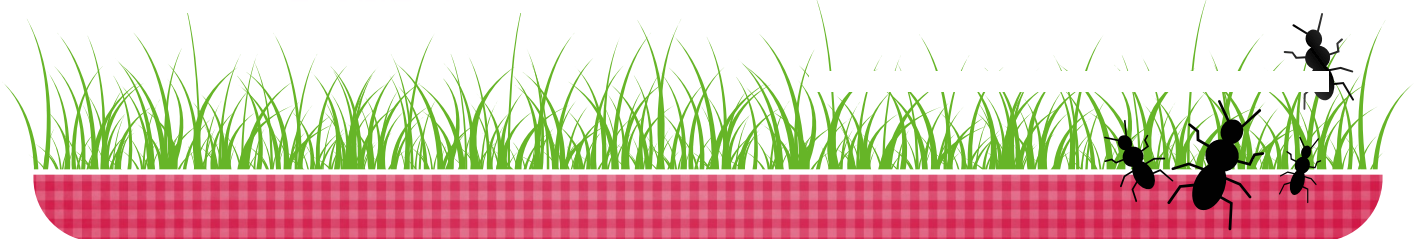
Our school Picture Day will be on May 11th. You should have received your forms already. These forms are due back to the front office by May 5th. Forms are not available on Picture Day. Due to COVID and parking, parents may not wait around to watch unless you are having baby or older children pictures done with LMP siblings. If you have misplaced your form, please let us know as soon as possible.



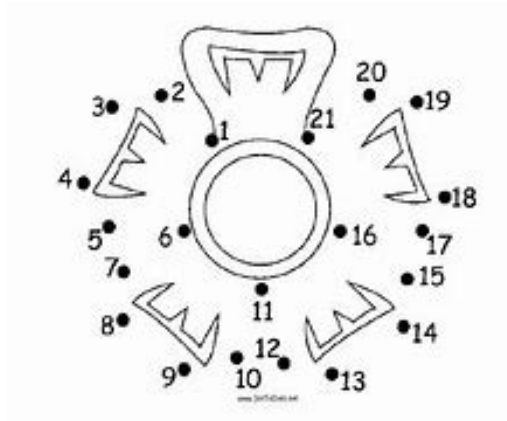
LMP's NEW SESSION

We would like to welcome our new families who have been visiting with their children. Should you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher or the front office. We want you to be comfortable.

For our families who will be leaving, we will miss you all. Some have been with us for 2-3 years. We wish the children a beautiful, bright future and hope you think of us from time to time.



A FLOWER FOR MOM! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



GRADUATION!

Children who will be going on to Kindergarten or Tk will be graduating on June 23rd. The graduation ceremony will take place at LMP. More info will be coming soon.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

We would like to welcome 4 new teachers— one who has already begun and the other 3 who will be joining soon. Miss Shannon currently works in Room 5 for Miss Emily 2 days a week while Miss Emily finishes up her AA degree. She also will be subbing for us.

Miss Vanessa will be joining Room 2 next week working with Miss Tanya.

And Miss Rekha and Miss Becki will be joining us in June/July and will be working in Room 3.

They all have had extensive experience in the childcare industry and look forward to being part of The Little Mud Puddle's family.

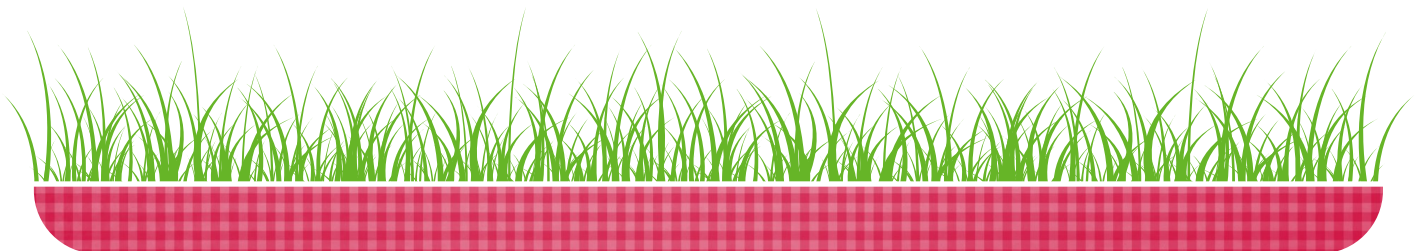


MORNING HEALTH SCREENING

Every morning it is required that parents fill out the Health Screening on HiMama **before** bringing their child to school. We are having some parents forget and we have to contact them. If you bring your sick child to school and do the screening or not you are potentially infecting other children and staff with whatever illness your child has. **Children are not allowed to come to school with loose stools or diarrhea.**

If your response failed to meet the screening criteria, keep your child home and try again in a few days. We will not take any chances and get others sick. You will be called to pick up your child if he/she comes to school sick. **As per LMP policy, you are required to pickup your child in one hour.**

We will no longer allow children to come in later after they have rested at home because they are not feeling well. This includes stomach issues, not sleeping well the night before, etc.



MOTHER'S DAY ACTIVITIES TO DO IN THE EAST BAY:

Do something together on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14 (family-friendly happenings)

- 9:00 am - 1:00 pm [Amazing Hike & Pancake Breakfast](#) at West Point Inn
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm [Montclair Village Farmers' Market](#) at Montclair Village
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm [Día de las Madres / Mother's Day 2023 Community Day](#) at Exploratorium
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm [Free Admission for Moms](#) at Charles M. Schulz Museum
 11:00 am - 7:00 pm [Drop-In Art Making at BAMPFA](#) at Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA)
 11:00 am - 3:00 pm [Mother's Day on the Farm](#) at Ardenwood Historic Farm
 11:00 am - 6:00 pm [Ride Tilden Steam Trains \(Spring Schedule\)](#) at Tilden Park Steam Train
 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm [Model Trains at the Golden State Model Railroad Museum](#) at Golden State Model Railroad Museum
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm [Drop-In Craft Workshop: Mother's Day Floral Frames](#) at Michaels, San Leandro
 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm [Science Storytime](#) at Lawrence Hall of Science

There are lots of activities listed at:

<https://www.510families.com/east-bay-mothers-day-guide/>



HOLD YOUR CHILD'S HAND IN THE PARKING LOT

We have received complaints about children running in the parking lot. This is so dangerous and as per our policy, parents are to hold their children's hands when in the parking lot while dropping off or picking them up. Please follow this policy to keep all our children safe. If you see anything unsafe, please feel free to email us at littlemudpuddles@aol.com. This will be confidential and no names will be used.

DRDP PARENT/TEACHER ZOOM CONFERENCE

This zoom conference will be on Friday, May 26th. Sign-ups will be out soon and located on the bulletin boards outside your child's classroom. Do plan on attending and talking with your child's teacher and see how they are progressing.

Bring a jacket for your child due to weather changes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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