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The Little Mud Puddle's Learning

A New Survey Reveals the Happiest Cities Includes Fremont!

WalletHub based their rankings on three different key factors, including emotional and physical well-being, income and employment, and community and environment.

Whether it's going for a walk, spending time with loved ones, or treating yourself to a nice meal, most people actively look for ways to bring joy into their lives. According to a new WalletHub survey, where you live can influence how happy you are. To determine the happiest cities in America, the company compared 182 of the most populated cities in the country across three key categories, including "Emotional & Physical Well-Being," "Income & Employment," and "Community and Environment." The team evaluated those dimensions using 30 different metrics, like job satisfaction, physical health, and ideal weather. The top spot went to **Fremont, California**, which earned a total score of 77.13 out of a possible 100.

The cities that WalletHub gave the lowest rankings to included: Montgomery, Alabama (35.54 overall score, 174 for emotional and physical well-being, 180 for income and employment, and 161 for community and environment), Huntington, West Virginia (35.53 overall score, 182 for emotional and physical well-being, 39 for income and employment, and 141 for community and environment), Memphis, Tennessee (34.86 overall score, 176 for emotional and physical well-being, 181 for income and employment, and 172 for community and environment), Gulfport, Mississippi (34.71 overall score, 181 for emotional and physical well-being, 153 for income and employment, and 151 for community and environment), and Detroit, Michigan (32.31 overall score, 179 for emotional and physical well-being, 179 for income and employment, and 177 for community and environment).

The company also assessed cities based on specific metrics. When considering cities with the highest adequate sleep rating, South Burlington, Vermont, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Overland Park, Kansas, Seattle, Washington and Rapid City, South Dakota took the top five spots. The cities with the lowest depression rate included: Pearl City, Hawaii; Fremont, California; Honolulu, Hawaii; San Jose, California; and Irvine, California.

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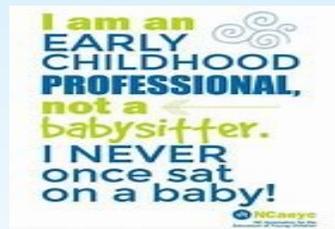
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SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR 2022

January 1—Closed for New Year’s Day

January 17—Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 21—Closed in Observance of President’s Day

April 15—Closed for Good Friday

May 27—Closed for the DRDP Parent/Teacher Conference

May 30—Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

June 17—Closed for Juneteenth Day

July 4 & July 5—Closed in Observance of Independence Day

August 19—Closed for Teacher In-Service Day

September 5—Closed in Observance of Labor Day

September 23—Closed for the Ages/Stages Parent/Teacher Conference

October 10—Closed for Indigenous People’s Day

November 11—Closed in Observance of Veteran’s Day

November 18—Closed for the DRDP Parent/Teacher Conference

November 23, 24, 25—Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

December 22—January 6— Closed for the Holiday Season

***This list is subject to change.**

2022 NEW TUITION/MATERIAL FEE:

Our new tuition fees for 2022 effective January 1st is as follows:

Jr. Preschool is \$1550 per month. Weekly is \$375.

Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten is \$1475. Weekly is \$350.

Our yearly Material Fee is \$150 which is due January 1, 2022. The Material Fee helps pay for the materials/toys we purchase during the year for the chil-



TAX TIME:

If you are ready to do your taxes and need to know how much you paid in childcare tuition, please visit

family.1core.com.



Our Tax ID # is 94-3254109

IF YOUR CHILD IS LEAVING LMP YOU MUST FILL OUT THE FORM OUTSIDE YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM.....

It is necessary to fill out this form so that we can better prepare for our 2022-2023 school year. If your child is leaving the school please check on the bulletin board outside your child's classroom and fill out the form. If you miss the deadline listed on the form you will be contacted by Miss Carla or Miss Darlene. Keep in mind that we require a 3 week notice before leaving LMP or you will have to pay tuition for the weeks you didn't give sufficient notice.

TIME CHANGE AT LMP

As of June 1, 2022, all children must be in school by 9:00 a.m.

It is necessary to go back to our pre-pandemic original time as more and more parents are late. There will be a grace period of 15 minutes. At 9:16 a.m. and 5:31 p.m. the late billing begins.

Being late is not only disrespectful for the teachers but it also disturbs the routine of the classrooms which is so important to maintain a balance throughout the day.

If your child is having a difficult time in the morning or is new to the school, please come earlier than 9:00 a.m. so that his/her teacher can have more time with your child on an individual basis.

If you are late, expect to pay a \$20 late fee per each 15 minutes you are late. If you live a distance away from the school please leave earlier. Traffic can be unexpected. If your child needs to go to the bathroom and sit on the toilet a little longer in the morning, please wake them up earlier. If your child has a hard time sleeping the night before, keep them home for rest. If not they will come to school already rested and will not take a nap and disturb other children around them. It can be sometimes difficult to put other children to sleep. If you have to take a conference call bring your child to school earlier—we are open as early as 7:00 a.m. or have the other parent take them to school. Should your child have to go to the doctor or dentist please be prepared to bring a doctor's note to the school. Make sure to have your child in school by 12

noon after doctor/dentist appointments. *Children are not accepted after noon time.*

Excuses will not be taken lightly as before. We also have to be consistent for the sake of the teachers, children, and school policy.

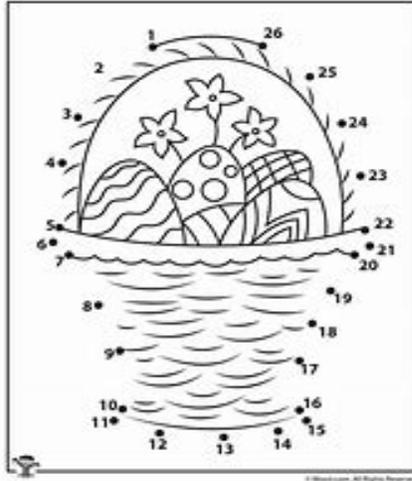
Children are so much fresher and happier in the morning when their routines are consistent. Routines are so important for parents and children to follow. Running around in the morning makes everyone unhappy and makes the morning so much harder than it has to be. We see children who are rushed in without teeth or hair brushed, clothes disheveled, shoes that are too small for them and sometimes with no shoes, and sometimes diapers or pull ups not changed. A good routine helps set the day for all.

We know that parents are busy and we truly feel for you. Once you get your child to school, your day can begin whether you work from home or go into an office outside the home. Your child's day will also become less hectic and they can have more fun at school.

Keep in mind that the parking lot will be busy, and it cannot be used as an excuse why parents are late due to the fact that parents can come earlier if they choose.



YOU PUT EASTER EGGS IN ME AT EASTER TIME—WHAT AM I?



LMP HAS 5 CLASSES WITH 12 CHILDREN IN EACH CLASS. WE ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO MAINTAIN SAFE DISTANCING, EXTRA CLEANING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WASHING HANDS OFTEN, TEMPERATURES TAKEN AND MASK REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS. WE ARE SO PLEASED YOU HAVE CHOSEN OUR SCHOOL TO CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN. WE ARE TRULY HONORED.

REMINDERS:

- Tuition is due as usual during all holidays and vacations and sick days.
- All children must wear masks. Make sure your child has a minimum of 3 masks every day. Cloth masks are fine—just make sure they are washed for the next day and that you also have 3 masks in case children take them off and accidentally throw them away. We prefer paper masks but understand not all children can wear paper masks.
- We are seeing some parents coming in after 9:30 a.m. again. Out of respect for the teachers we ask that you are on time.
- Please make sure you are taking your and your child's temperature, sanitizing your hands, taking your child to the sink in the Learning Center or bathroom to wash hands before taking them to their teachers. Also please do the health screening **before** bringing your child to school.
- Please jot down any vacations you plan on taking on our clip board which is located at the front office reception area.

MORNING HEALTH SCREENING FOR CHILDREN

Every morning please fill out the Health Screening on HiMama **before** bringing your child to school. We are having some parents forget and we have to contact them. Miss Darlene will contact those families who fail to do their screening.

It is now possible to complete your child's health screening in your HiMama application on your mobile phone. It is a very easy and simple process, I would like to give you some quick instructions on how to complete the health screen with HiMama

1. Log into your HiMama application
2. At the top of the page you will see "Health Screening" Click on that.
3. Read the message pertaining to symptoms your child may have.
4. Click yes or no at the bottom of the screen.
5. Submit your screening.

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 ill.



PICTURE DAY COMING:

Spring/Graduation pictures will be taken on Thursday, May 12, 2022 beginning early in the morning. There are no retakes—please make sure your child is at school by 9:30 a.m. Fill out the flyer that will be placed in your child's folder soon and return it to the front desk by May 4th. This helps us keep organized during Picture Day. Also keep in mind that the photographers do their best to make children smile with props or funny words but sometimes children will not smile or cooperate. Parents are not obligated to buy pictures but overall we think you will be pleasantly surprised with their work. Our Picture Day policy is as follows—please read this memo in its entirety:

1. Due to the pandemic, parents may not stay to watch children get their pictures taken except if baby/sibling pictures are being taken.
2. If you would like sibling pictures (not including siblings who presently attend LMPs) you will need to come between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
3. The rest of the school will begin taking pictures at 8:30 a.m., perhaps earlier. Class pictures will be taken after 9:30 a.m.
4. If you do not turn in the flyer that will be put in your child's folder, the photographer will choose the background. There are no flyers available on Picture Day, but should you misplace yours please see the staff at the front desk for another **prior** to Picture Day or email us.

Please do not hesitate to see Miss Darlene, Miss Elizabeth or Miss Carla should you have any questions.

LMP GRADUATION:

Our graduation will be on Friday, June 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at The Little Mud Puddles. More info will be coming soon. This is for the Pre-K classes only.

EASTER EGG AT LMP!

The children will have their Easter egg hunt and Easter party on Thursday, April 14th. And even a visit from the Easter bunny! We will be sending you a photo with your child and the Easter bunny.

Please bring in \$5 to help cover the cost of all the festivities by 4/8.

The Easter Bunny Beginning:

For kids and adults alike, the Easter Bunny has long been a symbol of the holiday. Though the exact origins of the fluffy, long-eared mammal are unknown, History.com reports that Americans started making nests and leaving colored eggs for a mythical rabbit in the 1700s. The tradition started when German immigrants settled in the United States, bringing with them their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase."

After Halloween, Easter is the top-selling candy holiday. Easter always occurs between March 22 and April 25. Easter is a "movable feast" – one that is set according to the phases of the moon – so the dates are different each year. It is believed by some that Easter was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess, Eastre, whose symbols were the egg and the hare (rabbit).

Bring a jacket for your child due to weather changes.



HAPPY BIRTH-DAY!

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