



JUNE 2022

The Little Mud Puddle’s Learning Center Newsletter

REMINDER- LMP NEW MORNING HOURS:

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 9:15 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 12:00 noon.*

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 soiled. 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.

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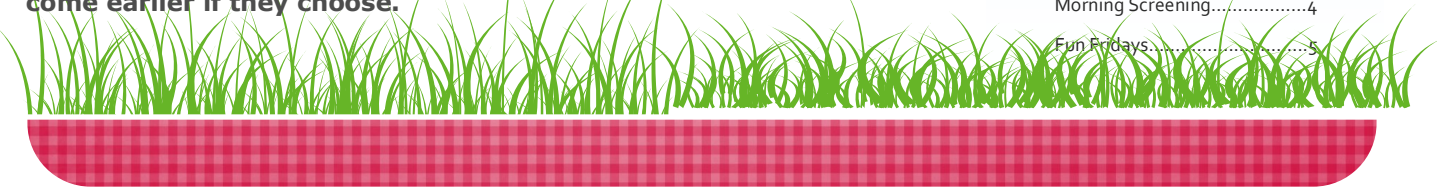
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7:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.**

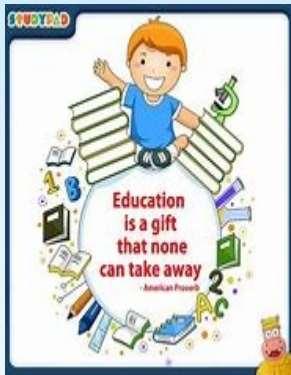


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SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR 2022

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 12—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 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 children. Our Tax ID # is 94-3254109



CONGRATULATIONS MISS DARLENE & THE LITTLE MUD PUDDLES!

On June 9th, Miss Darlene will be celebrating 36 years since she opened The Little Mud Puddles. Congratulations of having a wonderfully, successful preschool. Your staff loves and appreciates you!



POLICIES ON TRAVELLING BY PLANE:

- Get tested with a PCR viral test 3-5 days *after* returning from travel. That would mean if you fly back on a Sunday, you would have your child tested on Thursday morning. This gives 5 full days before your child takes the COVID test.
- If you are having problems getting the PCR test, a Rapid test will be accepted after waiting 5 full days. You will have to submit the results—a picture— to littemudpuddles@aol.com. **DO NOT email them to hiMama.** And lastly you will need to also submit a copy of your airline tickets.
- In the event any member of your family test positive, you MUST email the school ASAP.
- If you don't want to get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- If you are traveling by car, no COVID test is necessary unless your and/or your child are having symptoms.

Thank you for understanding the importance of keeping our children, families and staff safe

AGAIN—SHOULD YOU, A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OR YOUR CHILD COME DOWN WITH COVID, YOU MUST CONTACT LITTLE MUD PUDDLES BY PHONE OR EMAIL— LITTLEMUDPUDDLES@AOL.COM IMMEDIATELY.

IF YOUR CHILD IS LEAVING LMP....

It is *necessary* for you to give us a three week notice **before** leaving LMP. We have to give the next child's family 3 weeks notice for their school before moving on to LMP. It is preferred that your child end their final day on a Friday. New children begin on a Monday.

If you do not give us a 3 week notice before leaving LMP, you will have to pay tuition for the weeks you didn't give sufficient notice.

Please remember to turn in all key fobs on your child's last day of school.

DRDP PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE:

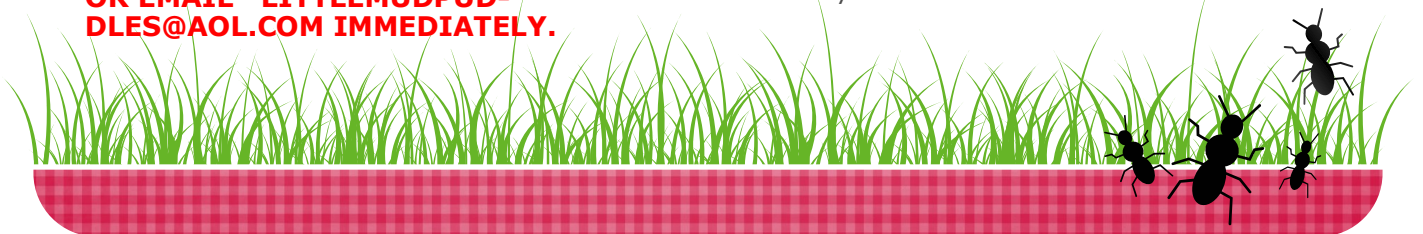
Thank you for attending our DRDP Parent/Teacher Zoom Conference. It is so important for you to know how your child is doing and if you or your child's teacher have any concerns.



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 to your child's folder soon. This is for the Pre-K classes only.

Thank you so much for being part of our LMP Family. It is important to us, that we make this graduation special for your child and for you since this will be the first of many special graduations they will have.



FOR DADDY!



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. Parents or whoever picks up or drops off your child must also wear a mask. 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.
- Out of respect for the teachers we ask that you are on time. **June 1st everyone must be in school by 9:00 a.m.**
- 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. You will be called if your child comes to school ill.



