



# THE LITTLE MUD PUDDLES LEARNING CENTER

## JUNE 2025

# NEWSLETTER



### HOW CHILDREN LEARN TO PLAY and have Fun!

Fun is doing something that you enjoy. It does not necessarily mean going out and partying. You could be sitting indoors, reading an enjoyable book chatting with your favorite person, or listening to good music and still be having fun. When you are having fun, you are free of thoughts, you become completely immersed in the activity; that is why it is so important for us as adults to support your child's development by showing them how to have fun and learn at the same time!

Play is all about having fun! Any activities organized or unconstructed that your child finds fun and enjoyable is considered play. But playing is much more than just a fun activity for your child, it is how they learn about the world! As a child grows, they go through different stages of play development which involves:

- Problem solving
- Willingness to take risks
- Creativity
- Social-emotional skills

Children who use their imaginations in safe environments can learn about emotions, what interest them, and how to adapt to situations. When children play with each other, they are given the opportunity to gain experience of interacting with others and behave in various social situations. Here are three stages of play from 2 to 5 years old.

- Parallel Play (2+ years) When a child plays alongside or near others.
- Associate Play (3-4 years) When a child starts to interact with others during play.
- Cooperative Play (4+ years) When a child plays together with others and has an interest in both the activity and other children involved in playing.

So, the best gift we can give each other, and our children, is the gift of having fun and doing the simplest of things which make every day so special, fun, and happy. So have fun,

Miss Darlene

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### TUITION

**Our Jr. Preschool program tuition rate is \$450 per week or \$1950 per month. Our Preschool and Pre-K program tuition is \$410 per week or \$1775 per month. This includes a security camera online access to your child's classroom. We provide breakfast, veg and non-veg lunches and 2 snacks. The yearly Material Fee is \$250 and is due every January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### SCHOOL CLOSURES for JUNE/JULY

**JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> – Closed in Observance of Juneteenth Day**  
**JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> – Closed in Observance of Independence Day**  
**VACATION SIGN-UP:**

***Please sign the clipboard in our front office if you plan on taking vacation. It helps us plan with staffing.***

### STAYING OR LEAVING LMP

Please let us know if your child will be staying or leaving The Little Mud Puddles for the 2025-2026 school year. **A month notice is necessary.** Due to the vast wait list, we must know ASAP. Some of our children are leaving already due to travelling or moving out of the area. We would like to say how much we enjoyed them and their families and will miss them. We wish you much luck and happiness.

## LMP GRADUATION FOR TK AND PRE-K CHILDREN

This year's 39<sup>th</sup> Little Mud Puddle's graduation for our TK and Pre-K children will be on June 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Please have your child at the school no later than 6:10 p.m. so that we can get them ready and in line. **On graduation day, all children graduating are to be picked up by 5:00 p.m.** Children will get their graduation gowns the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to either iron or throw in the dryer to remove the wrinkles. The caps and tassels will be given to the children on graduation day. After graduation, please return the gowns to one of the staff but your child may keep the cap and tassel as a gift from Miss Darlene and LMP's. *There will be a letter with more info in your child's folder soon.* It really is a wonderful sendoff to those who are moving up to Kindergarten or TK.

## NEW COVID

There is a new contagious COVID-19 now circulating in CA. COVID-19 is still evolving and scientist are keeping close tabs on NB.1.8.1, a substrain detected in China last month, and now is circulating in the Bay Area. **Should your child have any symptoms – cold, cough, fever, diarrhea, body aches, etc., you must test them before bringing them to school. A picture of the test must be sent to Miss Darlene at [littlemudpuddles@aol.com](mailto:littlemudpuddles@aol.com).** A good idea is to purchase COVID tests that also detect influenza A & B. If you have Kaiser, they sell these kits. Otherwise, you can purchase them at your nearby drug stores or online.



### CLASS BEGINS AT 9:15 A.M.

Please have your child in the classroom by 9:15 a.m. When you come in after 9:15 a.m. you are disrupting the classroom focus and the children's attention. Do not sign your child in while your child is in the car. You will be considered late if you do. Also, please do not sign your child in and then proceed to feed your child, put sunscreen on, etc. All this should be done *before* school.

### ST. JUDES TRIKE-A-THON

Thank you to those families who donated money to St. Jude's Hospital. It's not too late to donate. Cash and checks made out to St. Jude's are accepted graciously.

### SUNSCREEN

We can put sunscreen on your child in the afternoon only (time permitted) if you fill out paperwork. Ask your child's teacher or the front desk for the forms. Roll on sunscreen or spray works best for the teachers. Sometimes teachers apply sunscreen on at least 10 children, so we want to make it easier for them. Please check expiration dates. Please apply sunscreen in the morning when dressing your children.



Mai Ana Gerardo  
Theo Matser  
Vihan Jaykrishna  
Ella Lomas  
Miss Emily

Ayush Kulkarni  
Renesh Manoharan  
Kadhir Madhan  
Margaret  
Bischofberger

### FUN FRIDAYS AT LMP:

We like to make it fun in the summertime for the kids, but Fridays are especially fun. These Fridays are planned with the following **JUNE** activities:

**June 6** – Bring a book to school – Please put your child's name in it.

**June 13** – Bring a baby picture of your child. We will let the children guess whose picture belongs to who.

**June 20** – Bring a favorite toy to school. Nothing too expensive and put names on the toy. Toy must fit in the children's cubby.

**June 27** – Wear a character t-shirt Day.

**CHECK JULY'S NEWSLETTER FOR FUN FRIDAYS!**

## WHY SO MANY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES?

Preschools have numerous policies and procedures in place primarily to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of children. These policies and procedures are also designed to create a structured and predictable environment, foster a sense of security and stability for children, and promote their development. They also help with consistent enforcement, which can benefit both the children and staff. For further explanation:

1. Safety and Health – Legal requirements, emergency protocols, infection control.
2. Child Development – Structure and routine, emotional well-being, social development
3. Staff Support and Management – Clear expectations, documentation, consistency,
4. Parent Communication – Open communication, shared expectation, and collaborative approach.