



THE LITTLE MUD PUDDLES LEARNING CENTER JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MISS DARLENE

Happy New Year Families! As we head into 2026, I thought I would share my thoughts of kindness. Kindness comes in many different ways. We can show kindness at home, work, school, grocery stores- just about everywhere. Every act of kindness makes a person feel special for that one moment because we do not know what they may be feeling or going through. But how can we show kindness? The following ways may give you ideas:

1. A simple good morning to your co-workers, child's teacher, neighbor, postman/woman, etc. Does wonders for all.
2. Listen without judging.
3. Call a friend or family member who you haven't seen or talked to for a while. That would brighten their day. And yours.
4. Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness.
5. Instead of buying that handbag you've been eyeing, donate the money to a shelter, charitable organization, or a homeless family. You'll be surprised how good it feels.
6. Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you.
7. Don't forget to treat yourself with kindness as well.

Find your own way of showing kindness that is meaningful to you and others. Have a wonderful 2026!

Sincerely, Miss Darlene

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TUITION

Jr. Preschool is \$1775 per month or \$420 per week.
Pre-school & Pre-K is \$1675 per month or \$390 per week.

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

The yearly Material Fee is \$250.

A BIG THANK YOU!

WE WANT TO EXTEND A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE PARENTS WHO GAVE GIFTS TO THE STAFF THIS PAST HOLIDAY SEASON. WE ENJOYED THE STARBUCKS, TREATS, GIFT CARDS, GIFTS, ETC. YOU WARMED OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS.



SCHOOL CLOSURES for JAN/FEB

Jan 1st & 2nd – Closed for the New Year
Jan 19 – Closed in Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Feb 13th – School Closed for Staff Service Day
Feb 16th – School Closed in Observance of President's Day

VACATION SIGN-UP

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

COLD WEATHER

Please don't forget to bring a jacket for your child. Morning time is pretty cold when they go outside for playtime. We are seeing too many children with short sleeves and no jacket. Some are shivering. Also, please check the lost and found bin which is located in the front office. Periodically, clothing in the lost and found bin will be donated. Please remember to put names on all clothing, jackets hats, gloves, etc.

WASH HANDS WHEN ENTERING THE SCHOOL

ALWAYS HAVE YOUR CHILD WASH HANDS WHETHER THEY ARE GOING TO THE PLAYGROUND OR INTO THEIR CLASSROOMS. WE ARE SEEING PARENTS NOT TAKING THEM TO THE SINK TO WASH HANDS.

SIGN IN FIRST

It is a LMP policy and a State Licensing regulation to sign in and out every day. Please sign in before taking your child to their classroom. If you sign in afterwards, you run the risk of signing in late even though you were here. If you come in at 9:16 a.m. and after or 6:01 p.m. and after, expect a late fee charge of \$20. Only doctor or dental appts, and some extenuating circumstances are excused. Sleeping late to rest is not excused. If your child is sick, please keep them home. **Children are not accepted after 12 noon as per policy due to naptime.**



HOLIDAY

We truly hope you had a wonderful holiday. The staff is refreshed and excited about the new year. We can't wait to hear what your children did over the holidays!

UPGRADED FIRE SYSTEM

Miss Darlene had a new fire system installed which replaced the old one. This was done while we were on break so that it wouldn't affect the children.

MATERIALS FEE

Our yearly Material Fee of \$250 is due every January 1st. The Material Fee helps with the costs of art supplies, books, puzzles, toys, etc. for the children.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lineesha Vasudeva
Ayaansh Jain
Maya Campos
Kai Tang
Nylah Bloxom
Alexander Tang

Miss Bexi



CHILDREN'S UPDATED PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATION REPORTS

Please send us your child's most recent immunization report and physical. It is imperative that we keep on top of all children's records for the health and safety of all children, families, and staff. Check with your child's doctor to see if they are up to date on all shots and physicals. **Please have this info to us by mid-February.** You should be able to pull this info from your health provider's website. If your child just began LMP's within the last 6 months and are up to date, this does not include them.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. Always hold on to your child's hand in the parking lot. Do not allow your child to run in the parking lot.
2. Put names on everything. Some kids have the same exact clothing that your child has.
3. No sick children! Slight colds and coughs are ok. Children will be sent home if they cannot function or too sleepy due to medication, diarrhea/loose stools, vomiting, barky coughs or coughs that are so bad they cannot catch their breath, green mucus constantly running from their noses or simply do not feel well. Children are sent home with a 100.5 temperature or more. Plus, they must stay home for 24 hours before returning to school. This is our policy- not your doctor's. It is our goal to keep all kids and staff safe from illnesses.
4. You must call or email us if you or your child has COVID or other contagious illnesses as soon as possible. Do not use LILLIQ. Please use littlemudpuddles@aol.com so that Miss Darlene gets the info right away.