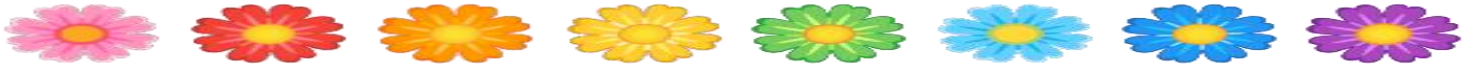




THE LITTLE MUD PUDDLES LEARNING CENTER

MAY 2025

NEWSLETTER



TUITION:

We greatly appreciate your choice to send your children to the Little Mud Puddles Learning Center and value the time we get to spend helping them learn and grow. We also recognize that childcare is a huge cost for parents and aim to keep our fees as low as possible with the quality and value that we give each child in our program which includes camera access to your child's classroom.

In the last year, I have looked for many avenues of financial support to allow me to maintain this quality of care but with the rising costs of food, supplies, equipment, utilities, increase of our workers compensation (\$10,000), and most important keeping competitive salaries and benefits for my staff, our tuition rates must increase to \$1950.00 per month and \$450 per week in our Jr. Preschool and \$1775.00 per month and \$410.00 per week in our Preschool and Pre-K program. This increase will be effective June 1, 2025.

I want to thank you all for your support. Please, if you have any questions, email me at littlemudpuddles@aol.com or come see me. I appreciate your understanding regarding this matter.

Sincerely, Miss Darlene

REMINDERS

Children may be late if they have doctor or dental appointments – and if you let us know ahead of time you won't be charged. If you want your child to see the doctor or dentist and make an appointment on the same day, bring a note from your doctor so that you will not be charged. Children are not allowed after noon even with a doctor note due to our nap schedule and policy. If you allow your child to stay home in the morning to rest, do not bring them in at all. If they need to rest, that tells us they are not up to a day of 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. YOU COULD BE CHARGED A LATE FEE.

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. Children must be with their parents when they are signed in. Children are to be in school by 9:00 a.m.

Please carry your phone and FOBs with you. You need your phone to sign your child in/out and your FOB to enter and exit the school. It is extremely important as per State Licensing and LMP policy that every parent signs in/out their own child.

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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 1st.

SCHOOL CLOSURES for MAY/JUNE:

MAY 23 - Closed for DRDP PARENT ZOOM CONFERENCES-
MAY 26 - Closed in observance of Memorial Day
JUNE 19 - Closed in observance of Juneteenth 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.

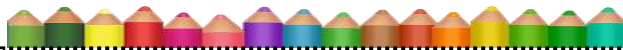
CONGRATULATIONS MISS DARLENE & STAFF!



The Little Mud Puddles has been voted the Best Day Care and Honorable Mention for Best Preschool in the 17th Annual 2025 Best Of Fremont! What an honor and we appreciate all those who voted for us.

Miss Darlene listed a few key lessons that have guided her:

- ☺ Love what you do. Even during challenging times- especially with the added stress of managing licensing requirements and daily operations- she finds peace and purpose when stepping into a classroom.
- ☺ Support your community. Even during the COVID times, we remained open to support our families.
- ☺ Build trust through honest communication. Open dialogue with staff and families creates a sense of belonging. Listen and be willing to adapt.
- ☺ Lead with kindness and compassion. Showing patience and understanding, even when setting boundaries, helps build stronger relationships and healthier environments.
- ☺ Keep the faith. Through the trials of the pandemic and beyond her faith has grounded her. It brings hope, clarity, and peace-qualities that guide our work every day.



PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is May 8th – Picture forms are due by May 5th. Picture forms have been put in your child's folder and we need them back as soon as you can. **Picture forms are not available on Picture Day and there are no retakes.** There is no obligation to buy pictures, but they do turn out so adorable. Sometimes the photographer cannot get children to smile, but they do try. Due to our parking situation, parents may not be in the classroom when pictures are taken.

ST. JUDES TRIKE-A-THON

Our highlight of the year is The St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon which is on May 9th. The children have a wonderful time making money for the sick children of St. Jude's Hospital. **Permission slips are due May 5th. Cash or checks may be brought in by May 14th.** Any amount is greatly appreciated. **Permission slips have been put in the folders and are an absolute must.** Any riding type bike/trike is okay as long as they have a helmet. We ask all families to donate any amount.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Crystal Leydon
Saieesh Tare
Zohaar Ahmed
Vivaan Gupta
Vyom Peri
Daksh
Bhattacharjee
Aarya Pandikunta
Mr. Wally



DRDP ZOOM PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

This month we are going to have on May 23rd our (DRDP) Desired Results Developmental Profile Child Assessment, Parent/Teacher zoom conference. This assessment measures your child's learning and how they are developmentally doing at our school through the observations and documentations that our teachers are doing.

Parent/Teacher conference are a wonderful opportunity to communicate to our parents in the areas of how their child is excelling in and to give you the specific ideas of how to improve upon the areas that need support. It builds that connection that will support how your child is progressing at The Little Mud Puddles. A positive parent-teacher relationship helps your child feel good about school and be successful in school. It demonstrates to your child that he/she can trust his/her teacher because you do.

Sign-ups will be posted soon outside your child's classroom.

LMP GRADUATION FOR TK AND PRE-K CHILDREN

This year's 39th Little Mud Puddle's graduation for our TK and Pre-K children will be on June 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the school. Please have your child at the school no later than 5:45 p.m. so that we can get them ready and in line. Children will get their graduation gowns the week of June 16th. 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.

