



THE LITTLE MUD PUDDLES LEARNING CENTER

OCTOBER 2024

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM MISS DARLENE:

What are the stages of children's play?

I thought since we had our ASQ parent/teacher conference you would like to know the 6 stages of Play. Play starts when we are babies which is especially important for development at every age. These stages are general guidelines for what to expect of your child's play skills but remember every child's development can be different and if you have concerns, please ask your child's teacher or myself and mention them with your healthcare provider.

Unoccupied Play 0-3 – When a baby is making movements with their arms, legs, hands, feet, they are learning about and discovering how their body moves.

Solitary Play 0-2 – When a child plays alone and is not interested in others quite yet.

Spectator/Onlooker Behavior 2 years – When a child watches and observes other children playing but will not play with them.

Parallel Play 2+ years – When a child plays alongside or near others but does not play with them.

Associate Play 3-4 years – When a child starts to interact with others during play, however there is not a large amount of interaction at this stage. A child may be doing an activity related to the kids around them but may not actually be interacting with another child. For example, kids playing on the playground but doing different things.

Cooperative Play 4+ years – When a child plays together with others and has interests in both the activity and other children involved in playing.

Please see the attached info on limited screen time. 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 now \$250.

FUNDRAISER:

Our Fundraiser continues until Oct. 4th. Fundraisers help with the exorbitant cost of our cameras. No one is obligated to participate in our fundraisers, but we hope you will give it some thought.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- 1. You must sign in and out every day. It is a LMP policy and a State Licensing regulation.**
- 2. Be on time – 9:00 a.m. Due to parking, you get 15 extra minutes to 9:15 a.m. only. Children are not accepted 4 after 12:00. Also, children may not sleep in late when they are not feeling well and then come to school late. You will be charged.**
- 3. Always hold on to your child's hand in the parking lot.**
- 4. Put names on everything. Some kids have the same exact clothing that your child has.**

SCHOOL CLOSURES for OCT/NOV

Oct. 14th – Closed in Observance of Indigenous People's Day

Nov. 11th – Closed for Veteran's Day

Nov. 26th – Closed for DRDP

Parent/Teacher Zoom Meeting

Nov 27-29 – Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

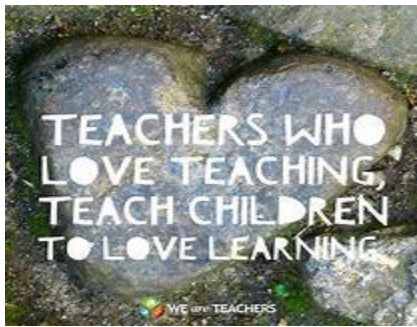
VACATION SIGN-UP

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

HALLOWEEN at LMP's

We will be having a Halloween party on October 31st for the children. Please bring \$5 to your child's teacher by Oct. 28th. Your child may wear a costume to school on this day. Please make sure that they can go potty without ruining their costume. Also, no knives, guns, swords, etc. allowed. Proper shoes must be worn for safety.

Also, at a date to be determined soon, the children will go pumpkin hunting in our playground. Children will be able to choose a pumpkin to take home. Teachers will take pictures to share with you. It will definitely be a fun month at LMP!



SICK CHILDREN:

Flu season seems to have jumped in a bit early. Please read the policies that you were given regarding sick children. We send children home with 100.5 temperature. *This is our policy- not your doctor's.* Do not bring your child with loose stools or diarrhea, barky, wet coughs, green mucus constantly running from their noses, or if they just don't feel well. Children must be able to function well or if not they will be sent home. You may not bring your child to school late because they were up all night not feeling well. Either they are on time or they need to stay home and get better. It is our goal to keep all kids and staff safe from illnesses.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Leo Beaven
Zuri Agrawal
Yunan Li
Manav Ram
Aadith Amirishetty
Ahaana Gupta
Jaya Venkiteswaran
Youwen Lin



BEWARE: COVID HAS RETURNED

If you are planning on travelling by plane, please make sure your child takes a COVID test *before* returning to school. *All results must be sent to littlemudpuddles@aol.com – NOT LILLIO, prior to coming to school.* Also, if your child has any cold-like symptoms, we may require you to COVID test your child. RSV is also contagious, and your child should be tested if he/she has any symptoms.

If your child has been out ill for more than a couple of days, do test them for COVID and/or RSV before returning to school. All are very serious illnesses. Send results to littlemudpuddles@aol.com *not* Lillio. It is extremely important that we keep all children, families, and staff safe.



We will be celebrating Diwali on November 1st. You may have your child wear traditional Indian clothing. Please be aware that they could drop food, playdoh, paint, etc. and stain their clothing. We will have yummy Indian food, read Diwali books and end the day eating delicious Indian treats. They will be read to about the celebration of lights and the meaning. And they will also paint or color Indian pictures. It will be a fun and learning day about the wonderful Indian culture. Feel free to drop off Indian snacks for the children or staff –no nuts please.