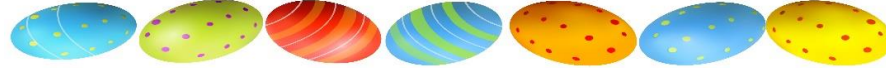




THE LITTLE MUD PUDDLES LEARNING CENTER

APRIL 2025

NEWSLETTER



WHY are LMP HEALTH & SAFETY POLICIES IMPORTANT

During the last few years we have experienced the most stressful times, especially when families are called to pick up their child due to illness or shows signs of contagious symptoms, which could be transmitted to other children and staff in our program.

What is so important for all families to understand is my commitment to all children, families and LMP staff as the Director/Owner of this school to keep the Health and Safety policies and guidelines consistent, so that the school remains safe and healthy. My obligation to everyone is to ensure that Little Mud Puddles is a childcare center that you can depend on to feel safe and peaceful while your child is at our school. This includes my staff as well as they care for your child.

With that said, the only way that Little Mud Puddles can keep our schools safe and healthy is with the support of our families. One of our policies, which is also a California Social Services Community Care Licensing regulation and requirement is when a child is sick with a fever or show signs of a contagious symptom, we request that a family pick up their child within one hour or in timely manner so that other children or staff are not exposed and keep them safe and healthy. All children who are isolated will always have adult supervision, we may keep the child away from other children in a classroom or the child may be in the office area but always know they will be taken care of with love.

Our previous policy was not as clear regarding Head Lice procedures due to greater concerns with viruses that are more serious in the past years. Head Lice can be highly contagious and can easily spread from head-to-head with preschoolers so when we do suspect that a child has any nits (lice eggs) or lice, we will call you to pick up your child to receive treatment. Please read the attached updated documents as of 2025. Parent Handbook and Health and Safety Handbook regarding updated policies and procedures.

I just want to let you all know that I am honored that you are part of The Little Mud Puddles Family. My staff and I care and love your children and appreciate that we are part of the first years of your child's development with a loving, positive learning experience before entering Kindergarten. Please e-mail me if you have any questions. The only way we can successfully work together is supporting one another and asking questions so that we feel safe and clear about what is expected from each other.

Thank you, 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 and is due every January 1st

SCHOOL CLOSURES for APRIL/MAY:

APRIL 18 – Closed in Observance of Good Friday

MAY 23 - Closed for DRDP PARENT ZOOM CONFERENCES-

MAY 26 – Closed in observance of Memorial 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 check the bulletin board outside your child's classroom for information pertaining to your child staying or leaving The Little Mud Puddles for the 2025-2026 school year. Due to the vast wait list, we must know by April 1st. Some of our children are leaving already, due to moving out of the area or leaving the country. We would like to say how much we enjoyed them and their families and will miss them. We wish you much luck and happiness.

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.**



PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is May 8th – picture forms are due by May 5th. More info and forms will be put in your child's folder soon. 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 6th. Cash or checks may be brought in by May 14th. Any amount is greatly appreciated. **More info and permission slips coming soon.** Any riding type bike/trike is okay as long as they have a helmet. Permission slips are an absolute must. We ask all families to donate any amount.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Archer Alcober

Reeva Pillai

Shanaya Morparia

Ryleigh Bischofberger

Ayansh Srivastava

Rose Mazza

Rishaan Jain



TAX TIME

You have a short time left to complete your taxes. If you are ready to do your taxes and need to know how much you paid last year, go to family.1core.com or email us at littlemudpuddles.com and we can get that info out to you in a day or two.

Our Tax ID # is 94-3254109

IT'S TAX TIME

EASTER AT THE LITTLE MUD PUDDLES!

We will be celebrating Easter on April 17th. Please bring in \$5 per child by April 14th to help with the expense of the Easter party. The children will also have an Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter bunny. Teachers will take pictures for you. It will be a fun filled day!

