



The Lake Fern Montessorian

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Thoughts from Tyka

News for all LFMA families!

It's hard to believe we have been in school for more than 100 days already, but indeed we have. It is so exciting to see the growth the students are making in each class each day. We truly have an amazing group of students, parents, and staff! We just celebrated Spirit Week in honor of School Choice Week. Let me say how thankful I am that you have entrusted your children to our care and have made Lake Fern Montessori Academy your school of choice. I am honored that you are all part of our LFMA family.

Although February is a shorter month, there are still a lot of things going on. To start with, report cards will be given out for pre-school through 5th grade students this month.

All classes will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, March 12th. A sign-up sheet will be available closer to time in the foyer if you would like to bring a snack to share. Please check your child's teacher's individual article for more details.

On Wednesday, February 17th, Teddy Bear Portrait Studios will be here to take photographs. Students may wear whatever you would like to have them photographed in, but may wish to bring a change of clothes to change in afterwards. Students will be photographed in the morning starting at 7:30 for students in before school care. Students will be photographed individually and in sibling groups and with multiple poses. Please make sure students are here by 8:30 to get their photos taken. Photographs will not be printed and then viewed at a later date as in the past. Instead, parents may view the photographs between 3:30 and 6:00 on the same day and select poses and portrait sizes that they would like printed. This

Mrs. Price's Class News

January was such a crazy and fun month. We celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the 100th day of school, and Spirit Week! It was so much fun to see the students' 100th day shirts and the various wacky costumes during Spirit Week. Thanks to all of you who helped your children to participate in these activities. We had a really great time!

This month will be a busy one as well, starting with our field trip to Medieval Times on February 5th. I am really excited about this field trip because most of our students have never been before. We are going to have the opportunity to visit the Medieval Times castle, have a fantastic lunch, and watch an amazing show. We will also have a chance to visit a replica of a Medieval Village which has some antiques dating back over 800 years!

Our class will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 12th. If you would like to send in Valentines, we have 25 students in our class. Please have students only fill out the "from" section on the Valentines as it makes delivery in our class so much easier and quicker. A sign-up sheet for goodies will be in the foyer closer to the party date, if you would like to send in a treat to share.

We will be closed in honor of President's Day on Monday, February 15th.

Teddy Bear Portraits will be here on February 17th to take studio quality portraits of your children. Students do not need to wear uniforms on that day, but may want to bring a change of clothes if you do not want the clothes they are photographed in to get dirty. Please see the Thoughts from Tyka article for more information.

way, you can select exactly which poses and sizes you would like to purchase. Package deals will still be offered as usual. We expect portraits to be returned within a couple of weeks of the photography session.

Report cards will be given out during the third week of February and will be in your parent files by February 19th. I will not be requesting formal conferences at this time, but am available, as always, if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Pittman's Class News

Happy February! This year is flying by already! There are several dates to keep in mind during this month. Since Valentine's Day falls on a weekend this year, we will have our party on Friday, February 12th. If you are planning on bringing Valentine's, we have 29 students in our class. We will have a sign-up sheet for goodies in the foyer when the date gets closer. On Monday, February 15th, the school will be closed for President's Day. Lastly, on Wednesday, February 17th, Teddy Bear Portraits will be here. Your child is free to dress up for the picture. If you are worried about them messing up their nice clothes, you can send them a change of clothes in their back pack.

We are moving along nicely in all subject areas. We are over half way through our book in Language Arts and Math. In Math, 3rd graders are developing a good foundation in fractions and probability. 4th and 5th graders are working on more complicated computation skills, multiplying and dividing by multiple numbers and moving into decimals and percentages. In Language Arts we are continuing our studies in parts of speech with adjectives, pronouns and adverbs. In Social Studies, the students have really been enjoying our study of Ancient Greece and Rome. They really got into the myths and legends from each culture. We will be wrapping up Europe this month. In Science, after we finish our roller coaster project demonstrating force and motion, we will be finishing up our unit on physics with exploring electricity and circuits.

By the end of this month I will be out on maternity leave for several weeks. You should have received a letter in your child's folder explaining that Mrs. Manley will graciously be returning to help us out, studies will continue as usual. There should be minimal disruption to the learning environment. I feel so blessed to be surrounded by such great students and parents during this wonderful time!

Mrs. Jennifer's Class News

Welcome February! I can't believe how fast January flew by! I was so happy to see our students jump back in to our routine and get busy in the classroom! Although this month is shorter than the rest, it will be a busy one! Please make sure to check your calendar (provided on the back of the newsletter) to stay in the loop! Thank you to all of our families that participated in our School of Choice Spirit Week. It was a lot of fun to see how our children would come in and to allow them to share their crazy hair, fun hats, wacky clothing, sports teams, and favorite book characters. The purpose of this week is to thank our community for choosing Lake Fern to educate your students. I am truly thankful to have your students in my life. While I am teaching them, they are teaching me so much more!

This month we will be studying the letters "S", "L", "U", and "N". We will continue working on animal families with a focus on reptiles and birds. Our students have really loved learning all about mammals and the characteristics that make them a mammal.

On Friday, February 12th, we will have our Valentine's Day party. We will begin around 9:15 AM. Students are invited to bring a valentine to share with each student. There are 31 students in our combined VPK/ Preschool class. Please have your child only fill out the "from" portion of the card to make passing out the valentines easier. If your child only comes for our afternoon VPK session, please bring them in the morning to participate in our party! Sign-up sheets for treats will be posted in the foyer closer to this date.

On Monday, February 15th, Lake Fern will be closed for Presidents Day.

On Wednesday, February 17th, Teddy Bear Portraits will be at Lake Fern taking studio quality pictures of your child. Your child does not need to wear a uniform this day, but please send a

Mr. Price's Class News

In literature we have finally wrapped up *Two Towers* and are beginning *The Horse and his Boy* by C.S. Lewis. This book shares the same genre as *Two Towers* but should be, in comparison, much easier to read. I do this to help show students how reading a tougher book can make them stronger readers.

On Friday, February 12TH, we will have our Valentine's Day Party. We will have the party after lunch at around 1:00. We will have some small activities or movie (weather and circumstance dictating). We have eighteen students in our class in you are planning on sending goodies. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the foyer.

In science, we are beginning our unit on Space. Students will learn about aspects about space, both within our solar system and throughout the galaxy. In social studies, we will continue our study of the U.S. government with lessons on the Judicial and Executive Branches.

Dates to Remember in February:

Fieldtrip to Medieval Times- **Friday, February 5TH.**

We will be having our Valentine's Day Party on **Friday, February 12TH.**

We will be off for **President's Day on Monday, February 15TH.**

change of clothes so your child can still play later in the day without fear of dirtying their outfit! Please make sure to have a permission form filled out for your child, only 1 sheet needed per family, as they WILL NOT photograph your child without one! The photographer will get started at 7:30 AM (to photograph any before care children) and continue taking pictures until the last student has had theirs completed. (No need to come before 8:30 AM). How long the photographer is on premise depends on how many children are getting their photographs taken, along with how cooperative each child is. Please know that if you are late, there is a chance that the photographer will have finished at Lake Fern. Please have your child to school on time to ensure they get their pictures taken! **NEW THIS YEAR-** Between 3:30 and 6 PM Teddy Bear portraits will be on site to review your child's pictures on the same day! Come take a peek and place your order!

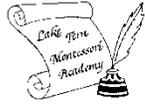
VPK and Preschool progress reports will be sent out this month in your family files. Parent conferences will not be given at this time unless requested by the parent. To request a conference please Dojo Message to set up a time.

Looking ahead- Please plan ahead!!! March 21st-25th is Spring Break. Lake Fern will be CLOSED for deep cleaning, new works to be set out, and some much needed relaxation!



Memories from Spirit Week and 100TH Day of School!





Lake Fern Montessori Academy

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Sonic			Kelsey's	Field Trip Medieval Times	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Sonic				Valentine's Day Party Kelsey's	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	President's Day School Closed				Kelsey's	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Sonic				Kelsey's	
28	29					
	Sonic					