



# The Lake Fern Montessorian

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## Thoughts from Tyka

*News for all LFMA families!*

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. I know our staff enjoyed having some time off to spend with their families and I hope you all did too. While the school was closed for winter break, the classrooms got a thorough deep cleaning, new works were put out, and lesson planning for the next semester was completed. We put new tile down in the main building's kitchen, storage room, and teacher's bathroom and did some remodeling in the storage room as well.

As always, December was a very busy month for our LFMA family and I want to take the time to thank all of those who came out to our annual winter program. The students did an amazing job, as always, and I was so proud of all of them. I loved seeing all of their costumes and hearing the songs sung in different languages. It was exciting to celebrate with all of our families and have the opportunity to see some of our past students as well.

Thank you so much to all who donated food, toiletries, and blankets for Project Light the Way. I would also like to thank Target and the Disabled American Veteran's Association for donating gift cards to help purchase blankets and other supplies that we needed to complete our bags. It was remarkable to see all of the items laid out and the students did a outstanding job putting the bags together in an assembly line format. Let me offer a special thanks to the families who came out to help us serve a hot meal and hand out the bags at Blanton Park on Christmas Day. We were able to feed about 65 homeless or hungry people and it was a wonderful experience for everyone who participated. Thank you so much!!!!

## Mrs. Price's Class News

Hello 2016! I'm not quite sure where 2015 went, but I hope this year will be one of your best years yet! I hope everyone had a safe and restful break. I was thankful for the time off to spend with family and friends, but I was also glad to have the opportunity to get a few things done at the school as well.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated items for the gift bags that we gave out on Christmas day at Blanton Park. It was an incredible opportunity for our students and for the individuals that were served on Christmas day. I am always amazed by the generosity of our LFMA family! Thank you!

January will be a busy one for us and though I enjoyed our break enormously, I look forward to getting back into our normal routine. Our author of the month will be Paulette Bourgeois who has written the much beloved Franklin book series. In Humanities we will be studying the music of George Gershwin and the art of Pierre Auguste Renoir. In science, we will begin our study of the human body and in Social Studies we will be studying the continent of Africa and famous Americans Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Harriet Tubman.

The school will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Then on Thursday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> day in school. We will be celebrating all week so our schedule will be a little different. No spelling, literature, or vocabulary tests will be given that week in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> day. Also, during the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, we will be participating in National School Choice Week and the VPK class will be joining us on a field trip to the King Center in Melbourne on January 26<sup>th</sup> to see the play of Peter

This month will be a busy one as well. To begin with, LFMA will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. During the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate National School Choice Week. All classes will be invited to participate in a School Spirit Week as a way to celebrate the choice our families have made by choosing LFMA as your school of choice. Thank you so much for your continued support of our students, families, and staff!

School Choice Week: January 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

Mon., Jan. 25: Crazy Hair Day

Tues., Jan. 26: Funny Hat Day

Wed., Jan. 27: Wacky Wednesday

Thurs., Jan. 28: Favorite Sports Day

Fri., Jan. 29: Dress like a book character

### **Mrs. Pittman's Class News**

I can't believe it is 2016 already and we are practically half way through the school year! I am so proud of the progress the students have made so far and we have so much more to learn in this new year! December was a busy and exciting month from the Christmas program to our crafts and projects, Polar Express party, putting together bags for the homeless and of course The Egypt Game book report. Everything was a great success and I know the students and myself enjoyed it immensely. I hope you all had a great break and are ready to get back into the swing of things! The break gave us a chance to give the room a deep cleaning and change out our class library books and some of the shelf works; we are ready to welcome the students back and get to work!

January will be a full month with only one scheduled school holiday, Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. As we continue our studies on parts of speech in Language Arts, we will explore sentence diagraming. We will also have a special writing unit as each student will be doing a pen pal project. In Math we will continue exploring fractions and word problems and brushing up our basic computation skills. Don't forget to keep studying those multiplication flash cards! In Science we will continue force and motion as we

Rabbit. Please look for more information on all of these things on class dojo and in your child's folder over the next several weeks. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

### **Mrs. Jennifer's Class News**

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break and had the opportunity to rest, relax, and reset for 2016! First I would like to thank all of our families that donated food, toiletries, and blankets for our drive! Seeing the supplies donated laid out on table upon table to set up the bags was amazing. We have such a great generous community and I'm thankful to be part of it! While LFMA was on break, it gave us the opportunity to do a deep cleaning of our classroom, remodel, redecorate, and put out new works in all areas of our classroom.

Although I love the holiday season, I am looking forward to getting back into the swing of things! I can't wait to see what kind of learning our students have in store for us! This month we will be focusing on the letters "I", "D", "K", and "S". In science we will be learning about the animal kingdom. In geography we will be learning about Europe. In humanities we will be studying Michelangelo.

Our VPK field trip will be on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> to the King Center. More information will be sent home closer to this date.

This month LFMA will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Looking forward into February, we will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents Day. On Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Valentine's Party. We have 30 students in our class at this time. Look for more information closer to this day. On Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> Teddy Bear Portraits will be at Lake Fern taking student pictures. These are studio quality pictures. Students may wear dress other than their uniforms, but please send in uniforms to change into after their picture is taken. I know it's early for this information, but didn't want it coming out last minute! Additional information will be given closer to this date!

I hope that everyone has a fantastic January and many blessings for a great 2016!

start our special building project that I know the students will really enjoy as they are learning these basic principles. Social Studies will have us exploring Europe and the development of many of their countries. In Literature we are starting a new book, Miracles on Maple Hill, by Virginia Sorenson. The students will be doing more independent reading during this selection as they learn more reading comprehension skills. We are ready for 2016 and I cannot wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

## Mr. Price's Class News

Welcome back! Here we go, another year, more opportunities! I hope everyone had a fun and relaxed break. As we get back into the swing of things, it is important to note the importance of this time of the year. This half of the year has far less interruptions and thus opportunity to develop increased academic consistency. The second half of the year provides greater opportunity to work on meatier material, putting a greater emphasis on critical thinking.

In Literature, we are transitioning to the second half of *Two Towers*. The second half of the book takes five weeks to cover, so we won't start another book until next month. In Science, we will conclude our study of cells and cellular respiration and begin our study of space. In social studies, we will begin our annual study of the branches of government and the political process.

Dates to Remember in January:

**Report cards** for the second grading period will be disbursed on **Friday, January 8<sup>TH</sup>**. 'Report Cards will only be released to parents.

We will be off for **Martin Luther King's Birthday** on **Monday, January 18<sup>TH</sup>**.

**SPIRIT WEEK** is coming up the week of **January 25<sup>TH</sup> through January 29<sup>TH</sup>**. Please see **Thoughts from Tyka** for specific details.



*A Special Thanks goes out to all those who helped us serve others on Christmas Day!*





# Lake Fern Montessori Academy

## January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <b>First Day Back!</b> Sonic	5	6	7	8 Kelsey's	9
10	11 Sonic	12	13	14	15 Kelsey's	16
17	18 <b>MLK Jr. Day</b> <b>School Closed</b>	19 Sonic	20	21 <b>100<sup>th</sup> day of</b> <b>School!</b>	22 Kelsey's	23
24	25 Sonic	26 VPK/K-2	27	28	29 Kelsey's	30
<b>Spirit Week</b> <b>1/25-1/29</b>	<b>Crazy Hair Day</b>	<b>Field Trip</b> <b>Funny Hat Day</b>	<b>Wacky</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Favorite</b> <b>Sport Day</b>	<b>Book Character</b> <b>Day</b>	
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