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Thoughts from Tyka

News for all LFMA families!

Welcome spring! Although we didn't have a prolonged terribly cold winter, the taste of it was enough for me to wish for spring, so I for one am delighted that the weather is warming up. March will be a hectic month, so please read the newsletter thoroughly and look for information in the foyer, class dojo, and your student's folders.

Registration for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year is now open. Please turn in your registration forms as soon as possible as we already have quite the waiting list going for all of our classrooms. Please make sure all forms are turned in prior to Spring Break as I will be sorting forms during our week off to determine how many, if any, spaces we will have available to the public. We will be calling people off the waiting list when we return from Spring Break. Please don't lose your spot for the new school year!

LFMA will be closed during Spring Break (March 21-25). This will give the teachers the opportunity to do some spring cleaning, set out new works, and have some time off to spend with our families too. I hope all of our students and families will have a safe and happy spring break as well.

All classes will be having a Spring Fling on Friday, March 18th. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer if you would like to send in a treat or snack to share. Please check your child's teacher's individual article for more information specifically geared to the Spring Fling for their classrooms.

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO
PRINTBOY FOR THE
GENEROUS DONATION OF
UNIFORM SHIRTS!**

Mrs. Price's Class News

As we enter into our last semester of the school year, things will really start to accelerate. I have been delighted by the progress the students have made in class and they continue to impress me each and every day with the new things they learn and do. As a whole, the class is growing in their reading and math skills by leaps and bounds and we certainly continue to work in these skills. All students would benefit from basic math fact memorization (addition and subtraction for kindergarten and first grades and multiplication/division facts for second grade). Reading with your child daily is the best way to ensure better literacy also.

This month, we will begin learning about the animal kingdom in science and Asia in Social Studies. In Humanities we will explore the art of Paul Gauguin and the music of Saint Saens. Our Author of the month will be Patricia Pollaco.

March is going to be a very busy month for our class and we will have some important dates to remember. To begin with, our field trip this month will be to the King Center to see the Peking Acrobats on Wednesday, March 16th. If you ordered tickets, I will be putting out a Dojo message when I have them available to pick up. If you haven't seen these acrobats before, I think it will be something you will really enjoy.

Our Spring Fling will be on Friday, March 18th beginning at 1:00. Students will have the opportunity to participate in an egg hunt, play some fun games, have their faces painted, and of course have some yummy snacks. If you would like to bring in a snack item for our party, please sign up in the foyer. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer closer to time. THANKS!



Mrs. Pittman gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Jayson Michael Pittman on February 25th at 9:32 a.m. He was 21 inches long and weighed 8 lbs. 1.5 oz. I know we would all want to extend our sincerest congratulations to the entire Pittman family on the birth of their beautiful baby. Welcome to the LFMA family Jayson!

Mrs. Pittman's Class News

Welcome March! First let me say thanks to all of our students, parents, and staff for their well wishes while I'm out on maternity leave. Let me offer a special thanks to Mrs. Manley for helping out while I'm gone as well. I know that everyone is happy to see her and she is certainly delighted to be back with you all if only for a little while. Please know that Mrs. Wyckoff and Ms. Thomas are keeping me updated on what is going on in the classroom and so far it seems to be a rather seamless transition.

This month will be a busy one. Language Arts and Literature will overlap somewhat as students work with the mechanics of a book report, grammar, and proofreading skills while working with our literature book, *Miracles on Maple Hill*. We will also be continuing our parts of speech studies with adverbs and prepositions.

In math, the third graders will be continuing with fractions and multiplication and how division is related, 4th graders will be working on division with fraction remainders and exploring different types of word problems, and the fifth graders will be studying probability and percentages.

In science we will complete our last physics unit on electricity and currents and begin a life science unit on classifying living things. After our field trip to Medieval Times, the students became really interested in learning more, so I decided we would do a Social Studies unit on the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

Although we still have one semester left to this school year, we are already having to plan for

Registration forms for the next school year are available in the foyer. Please fill yours out today and turn it in. We already have an extensive waiting list for our class and continue to receive calls and e-mails almost every week for placement in our class for the 2016-2017 school year. Registration will open to the public when we get back from Spring Break, so please make sure to have yours in before then.

Our Spring Break will be during the week of March 21-25. I hope all of our students will have a joyous time to spend with family and friends and then return back ready to push forward to the end of the school year. It is amazing to me to see how quickly this year is flying by and when we return from break I fear the rest of the year will go by at lighting speed!

Mrs. Jennifer's Class News

Happy March! This month we will complete our science unit on the Animal Kingdom. We have been working hard on the different characteristics of the different animal families. The children have done a fantastic job at learning, understanding, and sorting animals! We will focus on the letters "J", "O", and "P" this month.

It is that time of the year to begin looking ahead for next school year! Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be available to our current families this month! Forms will be available in the foyer. PLEASE make sure to turn yours in promptly as registration will be opened to the public after Spring Break! We have been fielding phone calls for enrollment since January and have an extensive waiting list! If your child is going to Kindergarten next year and you are waiting for the Step Up for Students Scholarship, please turn in a registration form with "Step Up Pending" written at the top, to secure your spot and bring in your award letter once you receive it. If this is the first you are hearing about the Step Up for Students Scholarship, please contact me ASAP to find out!

If your child turns 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2016, your child is eligible for VPK for the 2016-2017 school year. VPK vouchers are available online. Step by step instructions will be sent home this month. If you need assistance with applying

spots for next year. With that said, registration is now open to our current families. Please turn your forms in as quickly as possible, as we do have a waiting list for our class for next year. I'm told we had three different families show up in one day last week looking for third grade placement for their students next year (and we already have students on the waiting list ahead of them). Open registration to the public will begin when we get back from Spring Break, so please don't delay!

A few dates to remember:

Wednesday, March 16th: field trip to see the Peking Acrobats at the King Center

Friday, March 18th: Spring Fling at 1:00 (If you would like to bring a snack, please sign up in the foyer.)

March 21st-25th: Spring Break

Mr. Price's Class News

In literature we are finishing up *The Horse and his Boy* and beginning *The Voyage of the Frog* by Gary Paulson. This book is a story about a boy who inherits a boat from his uncle and unwittingly sets out on an adventure filled with discovery and peril.

In science, we are completing our unit on Space with a study of the outer solar system and deep space events. In social studies, we will begin our study of economics and US Politics 1080-2000.

On Friday, March 18TH, we will have our annual Spring Fling, which will consist of various field day-type activities. Students are encouraged to bring a change of clothes, something they can get dirty. We will also have a time of cool down and snacks. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the foyer for anyone wishing to sign up for specific snacks.

The third grading period ends March 3RD and **report cards** will be given out on **Friday, March 11TH**.

Dates to Remember in February:

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please let me know and I will do my best to assist you! If you need to have your supporting documents scanned (child's original or certified copy of birth certificate and proof of residency, such as driver's license or current utility bill) I can help you with that as well!

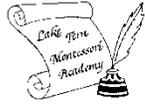
I have had many VPK parents asking about homework for their child. My personal opinion is that at this age traditional homework in the form of worksheets is not necessary or beneficial. My suggestion if you feel like your child needs more practice is to make up a game while in the car, out for a walk, at the grocery store... really anywhere! I Spy is a great game that you can change up by looking for shapes, colors, beginning sounds, upper or lower case letters, etc. Another suggestion would be to get your child a coloring book and have them practice coloring in the lines, coloring nicely, and using more than one color to create a beautiful picture. Making a collage of construction paper or cut out pictures from magazines is great practice in cutting and gluing!

On Friday, March 18th we will have our Spring Fling. We will get started at 9:15AM with an egg hunt, outdoor games, and snacks. Parents are invited to come join us for a great time! Sign up sheets for snacks will be up in the foyer closer to this date!



Our thanks goes out to all those who participated in the Ready, Set, Glow 5K!





Lake Fern Montessori Academy

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	29	1	2	3	4	5
	Sonic				Kelsey's	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Sonic				Kelsey's	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Sonic		Field Trip Peking Acrobats		Spring Fling Kelsey's	
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27	28	29	30	31		
	Sonic					