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Extra! Extra! Read All about Us!

What an incredible November it has been with many wonderful 60 degree days and we hope to have a snowy December! With the cold weather approaching, please be sure your child has proper clothing to wear outside. Hats, waterproof mittens, jackets, snow pants and boots are a must. Snow pants and boots are required to play in the field with snow. They will have to remain on the black top if they don't have the appropriate attire.

The children have been busy as their usual selves. Outside they have been really enjoying the new equipment we bought. Soon we will be pulling out the

shovels for winter snow fun. In Room 114 they have been building incredible train tracks and enjoying the new food truck in the dramatic play zone. In the lunchroom they have been busy playing pool and building creative houses out of the clear blocks, as well as it being the site of many of our daily activities. Kid-led projects, King Tut Yourself, Science Fridays, Toss the Turkey and Thanksgiving placemats for our Parkshore friends were favorite daily activities.

Kiddos, keep those ideas coming because we always love to hear from you!

Staff

You probably already know this by now, but we have an amazing staff with us here at LHL Minneapolis Kids.

Did you know that all our staff are required to be current in First Aid and CPR? They are also required to attend 24 hours of professional development training per year which includes online concussion training and mandated reporting information.



Registration



Registration starts **December 7th** at noon for the 2016 Non School Days through April 1st.

Screen Time

For many, computer lab can be a child's favorite part of the day. It may be all you hear about at home, but rest assured we do set and enforce limits.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a maximum of 2 hours of screen time a day. The MN Afterschool Accreditation Project requires 20 minutes or less of screen time during out of school time programs. Many of our kids feel 12 hours of screen time a day is best. It is a challenge to follow the expert guidelines while considering the interests of the kids, but we defer to the experts. ☺



Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-9:40
After School 4:00-6:00

Non School Days December—NEW LOCATION: UPPER CAMPUS

Due to painting at Lake Harriet Lower, we are all moving to **Upper Campus** for Winter Break only. Programming will remain the same. Please enter through Door #7 on Washburn Ave or #13 on Vincent Ave.

Monday, December 21—On site: 12:30—3:00 Optional Ice Skating at Linden Hills, depending upon the weather. Required: Ice skates from home

Tuesday, December 22—Field Trip: 11:00—3:00 Water Park of America (WAIVER REQUIRED). Lunch + drink, swimsuit, towel and a tote bag or backpack to hold it all in.

Wednesday, December 23—On site: 1:15—2:45 Parkshore Senior Friends Visit: Those interested will play board games with our senior friends.

CLOSED Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25 Happy Holidays!

Monday December 28—On Site: 10:30—12 or 12:30—2:30 Optional sledding at Minikahda Park, depending upon the weather. Bring your favorite sled (please label). Required: **waterproof** mittens, coat, snow pants, boots, hat.

Tuesday, December 29—Field Trip: 10:00—4:00 Base Camp (Waiver REQUIRED). Send a lunch + drink, tennis shoes.

Wednesday, December 30—On Site: Clue Mystery Game in Real Life

CLOSED Thursday, December 30 & Friday, January 1 Happy New Year!

Face Lift

Thank you to the kiddos and families for being patient while the school goes through a little face lift. Painting is happening all over the old wing of the school. They decided to incorporate a little blue into the plan so the two parts of the building won't look so divided. The ceilings and walls are being painted as well as our room at some point. This process will continue on through Spring.



Not only is the school getting a face lift our dramatic play area went under construction. The current owners of the farmers market decided to go on the road in their very own food truck, "Lucky's Taco Shell". The kiddos have been busy making tacos, enchiladas and dishing out fajitas. It's been really generating a lot of "money" and buzz. Who knows, we may be on to something here. . . . ☺

Non School Day Reminders

Send a lunch + drink every day. Refrigeration is not available. Use an icepack if needed. Send weather-appropriate outdoor gear too. We go outside every day.

On field trip days, please be here at least 30 minutes prior to departure to allow us time to take a final attendance, get kids into groups and review expectations. Thank you!

Send a bag lunch on field trip days to give your child the freedom to enjoy the rest of the trip without having to remember where his/her lunchbox was last seen.

Our calendar of activities is posted on our website. Ask us for a hard copy. It is a handy reference to post inside your cupboard or on your refrigerator.

Our Mission: To provide high quality school age child care for families. We offer a safe, nurturing, educational and recreational experience where children are encouraged to pursue interests and develop friendships, independence, and confidence.