

Lyndale MPLS Kids Newsletter

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Our November African Safari

November was full of so much safari fun! We dove into learning in so many different areas. We explored the five senses through five different safari animals: sight with crocodiles, hearing with lions, touch with gorillas, smell with elephants, and taste with giraffes. We also learned about the traditional African ceremonial masks and the game of mancala; best of all, we got to make our own and take them home! It was fun hearing our room fill with the sounds of the rain makers we made and seeing the kids excitement eating a “Lions Lunch”!

We also had some serious building going on during November! Sometimes the best creations come from children having the freedom to let their creativity wander.



Remember, all photos can be viewed on our Shutterfly page at <https://lyndaleminneapoliskids.shutterfly.com/>



December Theme

Our activities theme for December will be Pirates! We will spend the month doing activities focused around the ocean, treasure hunts, and playing pirate themed games. We will finish the unit by watching Peter Pan on Friday December 16th at 4pm! This month we will also wrap up our current kids clubs, and start with new ones following winter break!



Warm Clothes Please!

We all know children have a tendency to lose or misplace their gloves and hats as winter continues. Unfortunately, our extra pairs are not immune to that. If you have any extra warm weather clothes you do not need anymore, please consider donating them to us for children who do not have their own!

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-8:30

After School 3:00-6:00

Non School Day

6:30 am—6:00 pm



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Winter Break

Winter break will be here in just a few weeks! We have some amazing and super fun days planned, and would love for your child(ren) to join us! Remember—you need to sign up for non-school days separately from regular school days. We have some great field trips and on-site activities planned and would love to see your kids there! You can view the whole NSD calendar on the MPLS Kids webpage.

Registration for the second half of the school year (Jan-Spring Break) opens at noon on December 5th!

Winter Break NSD:

Mon 12/19: On-Site– Whimsical Suessical

Tues 12/20: FT– Pump It Up!

Wed 12/21: On-site– Boardgame Bonanza

Thurs 12/22: FT– Eagle’s Nest

Fri 12/23: **MPLS KIDS CLOSED**

Mon 12/26: **MPLS KIDS CLOSED**

Tues 12/27: FT– Bell Museum

Wed 12/28: On-Site– Project Runway

Thurs 12/29: FT– Snow tubing @ Elm Creek

Fri 12/30: **MPLS KIDS CLOSED**

Mon 1/2: **MPLS KIDS CLOSED**

Reminders

Child Absences

It is the parent’s responsibility to notify Minneapolis Kids when his/her child will not be in attendance, even for one day. If a child does not arrive after school and the program has not been notified, staff will start looking for the child. Parents and others listed on the child’s emergency card will be called. The school main office and nurse do not communicate with us when a child goes home early or is not attending school.

Schedule Changes

A schedule change is defined as: adding or subtracting one or more components, or changing the number of days/weeks for the school year or extended period of time. Minneapolis Kids does not swap days or credit for incidental days missed. Schedule changes require a two week notice and are made by contacting the main office. Two weeks notice is required when cancelling service.

Behavior

For everyone’s safety we expect your child to:

- * Keep hands, feet and objects to them self
- * Follow directions and respect people in charge
- * Use appropriate language
- * Respect other people and property

We follow MPS discipline policy. Parent will be notified when there are ongoing difficulties to help problem-solve their child’s behavior.

Medication

As school district personnel, Minneapolis Kids can only give medication with the written order of a health care provider that is licensed to prescribe and written consent of a parent/guardian. A copy of the medication consent form is available online at mplskids.k12.mn.us. Signed parent permission is needed for sun screen and insect repellent.

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.



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