

A LITTLE BIT OF WHIT

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Greetings and Updates

What a wonderful start to the new school year!

This past month, as we settled into room 131, we explored new ways to organize the space in order to optimize play and creativity! Last week, the students voted on five different decorating themes. The winner? A fantastical kingdom! In the next month, we'll be adding comfy chairs, colorful rugs, and magical lights to room 131 to create a space that is exciting and engaging. In addition, we will be creating an extra reading space in the alcove in the SPEN wing. Here, too, there will be comfortable chairs and a variety of age-appropriate books for students to enjoy before and after school.

While we adjust to a new spaces, we're also adjusting to each other! Each morning, we either meet as a large group, or in smaller groups by grade. During this time, we play a name game, or participate in another kind of introductory activity. Giving everyone a chance to learn each others' names and providing a structured opportunity to get to know one another promotes a positive atmosphere for each student. It will also support students in forging new and meaningful friendships

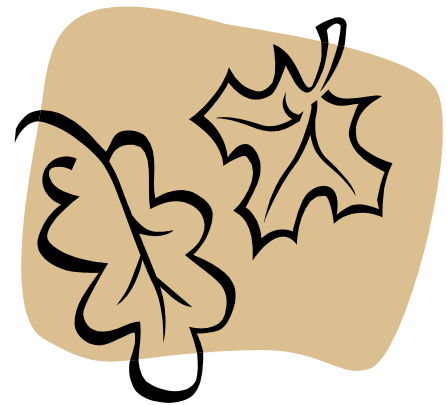
Next month, we're looking forward to new activities like Monster Mayhem, Construction Challenge and Walking Water! We'll see you in room 131. Happy Fall!

Room 131: The New Layout



Schedule Changes and Updates

As the leaves outside begin to change colors, so do students' schedules as they become involved with many of the exciting before- and after-school programs that Whittier has to offer. If, in addition to MPLS Kids, your child is enrolled in any of these programs, please contact me via e-mail or by phone to let me know. We will be sure each child gets to where they need to go!



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Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-9:30 a.m.
After School 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Release Days: 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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Non-School Days

The coordinators for Whittier, Lyndale and Jefferson are excited to announce the non-school day schedule for the month of October!

Schedule

We will be going on a few exciting field trips, as well as staying on site to create our own adventures right at home! See the calendar

Oct. 14: On Site
Oct 15: Twin Cities Maze
Oct 16: MPLS Inst. Of Art

Oct 29: Good Times Park
Oct 30: On Site



Location

Please remember, non-school days are hosted by our sister school, Lyndale Community School. The address there is 312 W 34th Street.

Registration

If you have not yet signed your child up for these dates, but would like to, registration is open online through minneapolis.thatscommunityed.com. Permission slips to come!

Lights On Afterschool

On October 22nd, 2015, Minneapolis Kids will host an Open House as part of Lights On Afterschool, a nationwide rally for afterschool programs that is expected to include some 7,500 events this year. In all, one million Americans are expected to join in events across the country to draw attention to the need for more afterschool programs.



Toys From Home

Please refrain from allowing your child to bring toys from home to MPLS Kids. This applies to school days, and release days. Keeping children's personal toys at home helps ensure they don't become lost or damaged. If you or your child has a suggestion about a toy that they'd like to see at MPLS Kids, please let Rachel know! She'd love to find a way to have it in the program!