March 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Every effort is taken to reduce the spread of illness by implementing hand washing and other sanitary practices throughout our classrooms. If your child is ill, or presenting signs of illness, please keep them home until they are symptom free or released by your pediatrician. Following these simple rules will help prevent children from passing around anything contagious.

Thank you, Lisa Tate, Director

Curriculum Corner

March Character Value

appreciates humor

March Sign Language & Spanish



hot caliente



cat gato



hat sombrero

March Classroom Themes

Infants: Senses

Toddlers: Fruits & Vegetables

Preschool & Pre-K: Food, Nutrition & Farm Animals

School-Age: Spring

"Play is the highest form of research."

-Albert Einstein

Dates to Remember

View our online calendar at

http://childrenslighthouse.com/ cedarpark/

March 1st

Happy National Pig Day

March 2nd

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

March 6th

National Oreo Cookie Day

March 11th

Daylight Savings Begins
– Spring Forward!

March 12th - 16th

LISD Spring Break

March 16th

Wear Green

Green Parties @ 3:15pm

March 21st

Individual Spring
Pictures

March 23rd

Pajama Day

March 26th

Wear **PURPLE** for Epilepsy Awareness

March 29th

Petting Zoo 10:00 – 11:00am

March 30th

Lighthouse Closed for Good Friday



For updates and photos please like us on social media!



Leander ISD Closed for Spring Break

March 12th – 16th is spring break for all LISD students. We will offer full-day care for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten – 5th grade, along with our normal programming for younger children. Join us for lots of fun and exciting activities during our **Destination Vacation** Week.

Manipulative Centers

A wide variety of materials used in child care and early education programs fall into the category of "manipulatives," including different collections of small and large objects used for sorting, sequencing and sizing as well as folder games and theme based activities. Manipulatives are an important part of the early childhood curriculum because children can use them to practice a wide variety of skills. Some of the most common skills children learn by using manipulatives include:

- Fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and visual discrimination
- Recognition of shapes, colors, and textures
- Comparison of similarities and differences, matching, classification, and pattern recognition
- Following directions, following sequences, and concentrating for completing tasks
- Chances to practice creativity and problem-solving

How Teachers Use Manipulatives

The manipulatives center is a place where children are generally working alone, or in pairs, on tasks that require concentration and thought. By providing interesting materials and asking questions teachers can scaffold one manipulative activity to encourage growth in a skill and stimulate children's thinking. Using a manipulative activity allows teachers to focus on individual skills with each child, regardless of their current skill level.

Spring Picture Dates



Elusive Images Photography will be here to take individual, and sibling pictures for all of our families. If you have any questions please stop by the front desk.

Tuition Payments made EASY!

As many of you know, we offer an automatic withdraw option for tuition payments, called Tuition Express.

It's simple to sign up and only takes a minute to activate. All automatic payments are processed on Tuesday mornings.

To take advantage of this easy payment option, and avoid any late fees, ask for an enrollment form today.

Summer Camp 2018

Enrollment information on our summer camp will be available soon.

This year we will be taking a

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approach to each week of summer camp. Each week will be filled with exciting activities including science, art and fun.

Our campers also have several field trips each week, including a weekly trip to the swimming pool.

We have several week-to-week enrollment options available for both every day and part-time campers.