

# MARCH NEWSLETTER

## Dear Parents,

As we bid farewell to the chilly days of winter, we are filled with excitement for the arrival of spring. The changing seasons bring a renewed sense of energy and anticipation for the wonderful activities and learning opportunities ahead.

We are also pleased to share that all of our dedicated staff members are now CPR and First Aid certified. This certification reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring a safe and nurturing environment for your children. Your child's safety and well-being are our top priorities, and this training equips our team with the skills to respond effectively in any situation. Thank you for your continued support and involvement. We look forward to a vibrant and successful spring season together.

Warm Regards,  
Ms. Patricia, Director

## Guidelines for School Attire and Belongings

To ensure a safe and effective learning experience for all students, we kindly ask for your cooperation in the following areas regarding your child's school attire and belongings.

### **Appropriate Footwear**

Please ensure they wear safe shoes to school. This type of footwear provides protection against potential injuries, especially during physical activities and playtime. Closed-toe shoes, with a back, and traction help prevent accidents allowing your child to participate fully and safely in all school activities.

### **Appropriate Change of Clothes**

It's important to keep an extra change of clothes at school that is both suitable for the current weather and fits your child well. Please check and update your child's extra clothing to ensure it remains appropriate and comfortable.

### **No Toys or Food from Home**

Bringing toys or food from home to school can create distractions and challenges. Adhering to school policies helps maintain a focused and safe learning environment. These items can cause a distraction, bring health and safety concerns, and show inequity among students. By leaving these items at home, we can maintain a focused and organized learning environment for everyone.

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## Montessori vs Children's Lighthouse

Montessori plays a vital role in the Children's Lighthouse curriculum. It highlights the importance of hands-on learning and responding to the child's individual needs. We believe that Montessori principles are essential for nurturing a well-rounded mind. At Children's Lighthouse of Hoover, we recognize that while Montessori provides profound insights into children's learning styles (such as hands-on experiences), we also aim to expand upon this framework. Here are some key distinctions:

- Montessori represents a singular curriculum.
  - We acknowledge that Maria Montessori was not the sole authority; many others have significantly contributed to the field of childhood education.
- Montessori incorporates mixed age groups.
  - We concentrate on a single age group to better meet the collective needs of the class.
- In a Montessori setting, demonstrating daily learning is not a priority, leaving parents uncertain about what their child has accomplished.
  - At Children's Lighthouse, we emphasize Evidence of Learning. This includes tangible proof, such as projects and worksheets, that clearly show what your child has learned.

## Events

### **Dress for Success (March 4th)**

Dress for Success day is an exciting event where our students get to explore their creativity and express their individuality through their attire. This day is designed to be both educational and entertaining, encouraging young minds to think about what they want to be when they grow up.

### **Celebrate Spring with Us at the Holi Festival! (March 8th)**

Join us as we welcome the vibrant season of spring with a celebration of color and new beginnings at our Holi event!

#### **Date and Time:**

- When: Starting at 12 PM
- Where: Veterans Park in Hoover



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