

# Newsletter

We are excited for all that spring brings to the Lighthouse! Warmer weather, Graduation, and more! Now is a good time to take stock off your kiddos' change of clothing to make sure it's suitable for the season as well as for their growing sizes! ;) We look forward to finishing out the school year strong with lots of learning fun! We appreciate you!

Thank you for making our school the wonderful community it is for all of our families! -Jessica Wilson, Owner



#### Congratulations, Class of 2024!

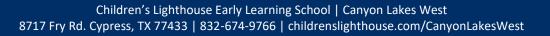
We are excited to celebrate our VIP graduates on Wednesday, May 15! To allow our Team members to attend, Children's Lighthouse will close at 5:30 pm that evening. Thank you for your support!

Children's Lighthouse Graduation Wednesday, May 15, 2023 Star Cinema Grill Graduates arrive at 5:30; ceremony at 6pm

Be on the lookout for an RSVP link soon!

#### Mark Your Calendars! Spring 2024

April 8: School-Age (K-5) Summer Fees drafting
April 23-24: Spring and Graduation Photos (schedule TBD)
May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
May 10: Muffins with Mom
May 15: Pre-K Graduation (School closes at 5:30pm)
May 22: Summer Fees drafted (Rooms 4-9)
May 27: SCHOOL CLOSED for Memorial Day
June 3: Summer begins!
June 19: SCHOOL CLOSED for Juneteenth
July 4: SCHOOL CLOSED for Independence Day
August 14: Lighthouse 7th Birthday!
August 19: Back to School (CFISD)









SUMMER SUMMER SUMMER TIME! If this is your first summer with our school, you're in for a treat! Your kiddos will experience so much fun, they won't realize they're also learning! (SHHH– our secret!) Please note: Your child's summer classroom assignment

may change (Rms 7-10) to help us balance class sizes and age groups. This will **not** affect the age group, curriculum or price! Additionally, some teacher assignments are adjusted for the summer due to school schedules, summer assignment preferences, etc. Finally, with the added experiences and guest programming, there is

Thanks to everyone who completed our summer survey to reserve space for the SCHOOL AGE summer program. **As of** *now, we have limited space left for grades 1-5 (currently).* If you have not secured a spot for an older sibling who does not currently attend, —now is the time! We will have a wait list soon!

a Summer Activity Fee for Classes 4-10. Those prices are listed below and due at the end of May. (Room 10 will draft earlier on April 8 due to limited space.) Also, the splash pad will open for the season the week of June 10. More details will come on all things summer!

# Summer Activity Fees

 <u>Schoolers'</u> Fees will draft/are due on April 8! (late after 4/10)
 Fees for rooms 3-9 will be drafted via Tuition Express on May
 20. If paying by check/money order: payment is due May 22 and a late fee will be assessed if not paid by May 22.

## School Age: \$150 (drafting April 8)

Includes shirt, camp kit, weekly field trips, all supplies, music, on site events and special programming weekly

## Room 9: \$150

Includes shirt, camp kit, monthly field trips, music class, on site events and special programming weekly

# Rooms 6-8: \$100

Includes shirt, camp kit, weekly music class, on-site events and age appropriate special programs

## Room 5: \$70

Includes shirt, camp kit, weekly music class and age appropriate special programs

Room 4: \$50

Includes shirt, camp kit, weekly music class, and ageappropriate special guest programs



#### Withdrawing for Summer?

Please let us know (if you haven't already) to avoid being charged the summer fees! Please see the summer fee schedule to the left for more details! If planning to return for fall, you will be charged a \$200 Registration fee to hold your spot.



Who's who at the Lighthouse? Director: Daisy Machae (6+ years) Asst. Director: Davinette Guzman (5 years) Lucia Sambrano: Kitchen Manager (5 years) Carolina Hernandez: Edu. Team 4 ( years) Angie Najar: Administrative Assistant (2 years) Uessica Wilson: School Owner (6+ Years) News from the Classrooms!





# Curriculum Feature Centers That Shine!

The Centers That Shine curriculum component in our pre-school classrooms provides an opportunity for individual skill development, self regulation/correction and higher level thinking skills. With fun themes, your students are excited

to explore while developing confidence in the learning process. New CTS activities are introduced each week. Ask your kiddos about them!



The Debbie Fennell Library is now ready for your family to enjoy! Take a book, leave a book, and READ! It's free! Many thanks to all who have donated to help build the library!

#### **Outside Playtime**

We are required to offer students in Rooms 3-10 two 30 minute "Recesses" to explore outdoors. Certain weather conditions may prohibit this, including precipitation, wind chill of 35 degrees or lower, or in the event of a heat advisory. In these instances, we will provide an active indoor activity instead. Please dress your child accordingly for the weather and note that we cannot restrict your child's outside playtime without a doctor's note stating a medical reason. We always take a conservative approach to determine if weather is appropriate (i.e., not raining but radar indicates it is imminent). Thank you for your support!



Infants and Toddlers Rooms 1-4

#### CURRICULUM CORNER

More comprehensive information on the **Lighthouse Pathways** Curriculum is always a click away—just head to our web site!



April Theme: Spring Things Character Value: Responsibility May Theme: Amazing Animals Character Value: Kindness April Themes: Spring, Life Cycles, Insects and Amphibians
 Character Value: Responsibility
 May Themes: Plants, Flowers, Fish & Ocean Animals
 Character Value: Kindness



#### Managing Illness in our School



**Kids get sick. How can we best handle it?** Having a sick kiddo is not fun. It can mean missing work and interrupting your routine, not to mention it just stinks for your kiddo to not feel well. At Children's Lighthouse, we abide by some very strict guidelines when it comes to illness, most of which are provided to us by our licensing entity. By clearly sharing these protocols and working together, we hope to mitigate the spread of illness as much as possible. We can't keep every germ out of school, but we can work together to prevent them spreading. **Thank you for your support!** 



#### What is considered a fever?

We consider anything 100 degrees or above to be a fever. There is no evidence to support that teething causes a significant fever above 100.

#### When can my child return to school?

If your child has a fever or is sent home with a fever of 100 or above, he or she *may not return to school the next day* unless cleared by his or her pediatrician to do so. He or she may only return when he/she has been fever– free *without the use of fever-reducing medication, for at least 24 hours.* 

**ILLNESS REPORTS**  If your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease, including: Strep, Flu, COVID, Hand Foot and Mouth, or RSV, please alert the school via phone or email. When a communicable disease is reported, we will inform parents of that classroom so they can be on alert for possible symptoms. Many illnesses are contagious before symptoms even appear so this will help us all be on alert.

#### Childcare regulations REQUIRE us to send your child home in the following situations:

- A fever of 100 or above
- Diarrhea (3+ bouts of diarrhea at school will require us to send a child home)
- Vomiting (2+ vomiting episodes at school will require us to send a child home)
- Discharge from eyes with redness
- Unexplained rash or blisters
- Dry, persistent cough

If sent home with any of the above symptoms, child remain home the next day and until symptom -free for at least 24 hours *without the use of fever- or symptom-reducing medication.* 

\*Per our governing authority, we are not permitted to admit any child to class with the above symptoms. A doctor's note provided directly to us stating that your child is in good health *and not actively contagious* with such symptoms may be accepted for returning to school. Thank you for your support!