



The Learning Lodge



Letter from the Director

This month begins our school's look at Physical Science. The students will be learning about geology, simple chemistry, inventions, recycling and even some physics. They will also review how science relates to other things in our lives like machines, construction and buildings.

We can't believe how quickly the holiday season went! January is a quiet month with less events and special dates. We are closed on Monday, January 2nd and we will be having a Blood Drive on January 19th from 2-6pm in the gymnasium. Yes, we are open on Martin Luther King Day.

As the weather turns colder, we are going to be using the gymnasium for indoor recess during the day. We ask that you send your child in comfortable shoes or send an extra pair of tennis shoes for indoor play.

Lastly, we are going to have registration for the summer and new school year during the month of March. We ask all families to let us know if they are continuing their care at Learning Lodge, so that we can plan ahead on staffing, materials and new student enrollment. All packets will be sent home in mid-February and will be due by March 15th. Please read this packet very carefully. It will include a registration form, a family contact sheet for you to update and a feedback form. We'll also include a tentative Summer Camp calendar and new school year calendar.

Happy New Year!

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End of Year Tuition Statements

We will be providing end of the year tuition statements by January 31st. We will send it home in your child's file.

If you are already preparing your documents, here is the information that you will need:

The Learning Lodge
140 TR Hughes Blvd
O'Fallon, MO 63366
Tax ID: 26-2098184

Happy Birthday!

Aubrey B. 1/6
Ava C. 1/22
Benjamin C. 1/18
Sydney C. 1/18
Brad D. 1/8
Colbie H. 1/23
Christopher J. 1/22
Sean K. 1/6
Ava L. 1/29
Hannah O. 1/24
Lilly P. 1/15
Ryder S. 1/11
Brayden S. 1/15

- From your teachers and friends
at the Learning Lodge!



Let's be together!

Family time means so much to our children. They learn about relationships and family traditions during activities together. It is through quality time that our children build self esteem, learn about acceptance and grow to be emotionally healthy individuals. Here are some fun ways to have time together without breaking the bank!

Family Video and Picture Night

Similar to our dinner and movie night, but rather than watch Hollywood movies, why not spend an evening watching old family videos or leafing through family photos. Kids love to see themselves when they were babies or reminiscing about last years family vacation. Also, don't forget your wedding video. Kids really get a kick out of watching their parents tie the knot.

Breakfast Treat

I'm certainly not a "morning person," but my kids and I have been taking a day or two a week and waking up a little bit earlier to go out for breakfast before school starts. It doesn't have to be any place special. We've really just enjoy going to a local bagel shop and getting bagels.

Family Vacation Jar

A family vacation jar (or box) is a decorated jar used to save for the next big adventure. Decorated with pictures and words of places you want to visit or have visited, the jar becomes a daily visual reminder of your dreams.

Dates to Remember

Jan 2nd Closed for New Year's Day Holiday

Jan 19th Blood Drive 2-6pm



Important Announcements

Specialist Classes

There is still time to sign up for these specialist classes!

Our **gymnastics classes** have been moved to Fridays at 10:30 a.m. If you are interested in signing up, they have opened their enrollment for children 2-5 years old and forms are at the front desk.

Soccer Shots will resume in January. Classes are on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a 10 week session. All children ages 3 and up are welcome; forms are at the front desk.

Dance Time **Ballet classes** will follow the Ft Zumwalt school district for snow days. Additional missed lessons will be made up as soon as possible. New students are welcome to join until March 1st. Classes will resume January 3rd.

The **Musik Program** will continue on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. There is still room in this program and you can sign up year round. There are two classes: 4-5 year olds can begin piano lessons and 3 year old+ can begin a music class that allows them to play various instruments and practice singing.