

Liberty Early Childhood Center

January 2022

Greetings Families-

We are glad to welcome everyone back to the Early Childhood Center. The first few weeks back after a long break often include classrooms getting reacquainted with routines and procedures. Children are excited to see their friends and share stories from the break.

As you know, as a district we have updated our Return to Learn plan. More information about the modifications can be found below. Again and again, we thank you for your partnership in trying to keep children and staff members safe and healthy.

Wishing you well,

Dr. Sarah Birk, Principal

Bart Tittle, Assistant Principal

LPS Return to Learn Updates **Update 1.7.22**

From Dr. Tucker, LPS Superintendent:

As was shared just prior to the conclusion of the first semester last month, we have updated our *Return to Learn* plan as we now transition into 2022. To view the updated *Return to Learn* plan, [click here](#). You should have also received an email yesterday that included updates to our quarantine guidelines that we will follow moving forward. To access this update, [click here](#). It is important to continue to emphasize that this continues to be an extremely fluid situation, and updates to our *Return to Learn* plan and other guidelines are likely to occur in upcoming weeks and months.

Update 1.7.22

From LPS Office of Communications:

...we were made aware of the approval of a mask ordinance by Kansas City, Missouri that would require masks be worn by all staff, students, and visitors (grades K-12) while inside our facilities. As has been shared previously, we have closely followed public health guidance as it relates to the pandemic (per District Policy EBB) since March of 2020, and we believe it is important to continue with

*this approach going forward. In addition, and again to be consistent with our approach over the past twenty-two months, since several of our schools reside in Kansas City, MO, we plan to adhere to this guidance district-wide (grades preK-12) beginning when the ordinance is set to take effect on **Monday, January 10, 2022**. This ordinance would be in place through Thursday, February 3, 2022. The LPS Board of Education will convene for formal approval of the Return to Learn addendum in the coming days.*

Car Rider Reminder

Please remember to wait with your child on the curb until a staff member is there to assist your child inside. We want to be overly cautious and do not want any children walking up the sidewalk unaccompanied until they are clear from the cars.

Thank you for your help.

Looking Ahead:

- January 13--ECC Spirit Day--Pajama Day
- January 17--Dr. Martin Luther King Day---No School
- January 18--Board of Education Meeting
- January 20--Parent Parliament Meeting--Virtual 6:00-7:00 PM
- February 18--Staff Professional Development Day--No School
- February 21--President's Day--No School

Possible Inclement Weather

In the event that LPS decides to cancel school for inclement weather, the information will be shared in a variety of ways. It is important to have up-to-date phone numbers and emails with the district so that you receive that information.

February Friendship Parties

Staff members are beginning to work on the plans for the February Friendship parties. More specific plans and/or opportunities to donate materials will come soon.



Recommended Reading

Pete the Cat: Snow Daze by James Dean

Little Penguins by Cynthia Rylant

Boots Anne Schreiber & Arbo Doughty

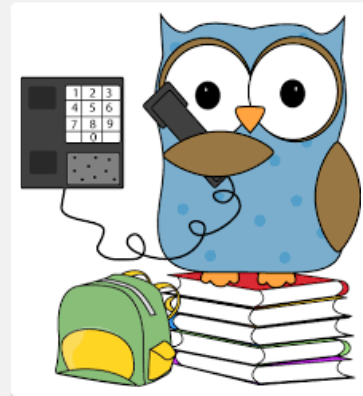
Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing by Judi Barnett

The Lonesome Polar Bear by Jane Cabrera



Coats, Hats, Mittens and Gloves

With our colder weather, please be sure to send your child to school with coats, hats, gloves or mittens to go outside. We try to go outside everyday if the wind chill is above 20. Please be sure to label all items with your child's name. We often have many items that look similar.



If your child will be absent...

Regular attendance is important to help your child make the most of this learning year in preschool. We want your child at school. But we also want you to use caution as we continue to work through COVID-19 and enter cold & flu season.

In the event your child will not be at school, please call our attendance number and either speak directly to an ECC staff member or leave a message.

To report an absence, please call 736-5324



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