

Spring

# LITTLE PEOPLE NEWS

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## Letter Knowledge

Most early attempts at literacy begin as barely recognizable drawings and doodles. Until children can perceive the attributes and characteristics of letters, they will continue to use and confuse them.

So what is letter knowledge?

- Recognizing the shape of letters
- Ability to name letters
- Knowledge of the sounds of letters
- Ability to name letters
- Ability to print letters

While naming letters is

important, it is only part of preparation for reading.

We can help children in the process of understanding the building blocks of reading in a variety of fun ways:

\*Reading to your child is the most important habit parents and teachers can develop.

While reading together, point out letters and enunciate their sounds.

\*Point out letters in your environment—on signs, buildings, or labels.

\*Search for letters in magazines.

\*Read alphabet picture books together.

\*Provide magnetic letters for your child to arrange into names of family members or simple words.

\*Offer your child a variety of writing tools to practice writing letters—markers, finger paints, templates.

\*Play letter games with your child like Letter Lotto, Go Fish, or I Spy.

\*Sing silly songs in which you substitute the sound of one letter for another—children love to listen for the “wrong” sounds.

\*Match upper and lower-case letters and find items whose names begin with the letter sounds.

Have fun learning!!

## Parent ~ Teacher Conferences

*A time for sharing together about your child*

Our teachers enjoy having time to chat with you about your child. Each year at LPDN, a week is set aside in March for our lead teachers to have time to meet with you and discuss your child's progress

at school. Each child has grown physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually and academically since school started in September. All children learn in different ways and have their own individual personalities.

The teachers will share about the growth and progress they have observed throughout the year. The time spent together will be beneficial and encouraging. Be sure to sign-up for time to meet together!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Kindergarten Readiness Mtg.	3/14
Parent ~Teacher Conferences	3/15 to 3/19
MomCare	3/18 Thurs.
9:15—11:15 AM	
<b>FREE DATE NIGHT for PARENTS Watch for Details!</b>	3/19 Fri.
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>	3/29-4/5

LPDN is closed the week before Easter AND Easter Monday



Read Across America is an annual event to foster reading and celebrate the birthday of children's author, Dr. Seuss.



**At LPDN we will be focusing on reading our favorite books as well as some of Dr. Seuss' s fun rhyming books. Be sure to ask us about what we read at school during the week of March 1-5!**