

LeMoyne Elementary and Montessori at LeMoyne



Hello LeMoyne and Montessori Families,

It is an exciting time as we are preparing to officially launch our Personalized Learning programming. Our mission for Personalized Learning (PL) is to guide students to learn using innovative, differentiated instructional strategies that will improve their academic achievement. This can be done in any number of ways. While Montessori at LeMoyne is already providing personalized instruction using the Montessori method and curriculum materials, LeMoyne will focus on using what's called the Station Rotation Model. This model has 4 rotations that students go through, each with personalized tasks that engage students at their skill level. The rotations include a station working directly with a teacher, a station working collaboratively with classmates, a station working independently and a station that can include digital content online or another targeted task. Teachers have been redesigning classrooms and working to plan instruction and tasks that will engage students and meet and challenge them at their level. Feel free to contact your child's teacher for more specific details.

Thank you to all of the families that made it to our Family Engagement Night on January 25th. Our focus was on providing families with information on what students are learning at this time and provide some activities that can be done at home to support student learning. All of this information can also be found on our website. If you couldn't make it, you can still see what was shared on our website. We also had some food and fun, playing board games and having pizza in the cafeteria. Our next Family Engagement event will be March 15. Our focus that night will be academic growth and tips on New York State Assessments. We are looking to be the most improved school in the Syracuse City School District. Last year we were the 3rd most improved in ELA and Math based on the NYS assessment results.

We had many students recognized for perfect attendance on January 19th thanks to our Attendance Patrol. Students with perfect attendance were given a necklace and recognized at Gator Gathering. We stress the important of being in school for every minute of every day. We want students to be able to take advantage of all of the instructional, social and emotional opportunities for growth that we have each day. Thank you for making attendance a priority with your children.

Soon we will recognize our students with the highest achievement and most growth on our Achievement Network assessments. These assessments are a chance for students to show what they know and they allow the teachers valuable information about what they need to reteach to the students and what they have mastered.

Please feel free to join us for Soulful Celebrations on February 16th at 9:15 am. It is a showcase of cultural and community groups that provide services in our community. Thanks to Ms. Wallace, one of our grade 3 teachers, for coordinating the showcase in honor of Black History Month. You can find more details of the showcase on our website.

Mid-Winter recess is around the corner. Keep the students reading and writing and of course take advantage of the free resources on-line that the students can log in to through Clever!

Thank you,

Mr. Armstrong

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Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

2/8 – Parent Teacher Conferences, Half Day for Students

2/19-2/23 Winter Recess, No School

MARCH

3/30 – No School Good Friday Holiday





From the Library Corner...

I still recall the excitement I felt when I got my very first library card. To me, a library card is like the key to a magic kingdom; the library is a place to visit where you can dream, explore, cultivate curiosity, and find a book to curl up with and READ!!!

To get a library card for your child:

Your child must be 5 years or older.

A parent or guardian must be with the child when they are requesting a library card.

A parent or guardian must bring proof of ID with them.

You must bring a copy of your child's birth certificate.

It is FREE!!

So, take your child to your nearest public library so they can get their very own library card and let the magic begin!!



**Onondaga County
Public Library**

315-435-1900 * www.onlib.org

A note from your school social worker:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The winter season has definitely shown up. Thank you for dressing your children properly for the weather. If you are in need of extra hats, gloves/mittens please call me and we'd be happy to make sure your child has the needed clothing to stay warm.

Also, parents, please continue to talk to your child at home about appropriate conversation and touch with their peers. We are striving to be a "NO-BULLY ZONE" school and would like students to do their part with making this happen. Inform your child to share with you, their teacher, administrator, or any adult when and where bullying may be occurring at school.

~Mrs. Leonard,
School social worker

*Happy Reading,
Mrs. Romeo/LeMoyne Librarian*

"Be healthy and take care of yourself, but be happy with the beautiful things that make you, you." Beyoncé

Human Family

I note the obvious differences
in the human family.
Some of us are serious,
some thrive on comedy.
Some declare their lives are lived
as true profundity,
and others claim they really live
the real reality.
The variety of our skin tones
can confuse, bemuse, delight,
brown and pink and beige and
purple,
tan and blue and white.
I've sailed upon the seven seas
and stopped in every land,

I've seen the wonders of the
world
not yet one common man.
I know ten thousand women
called Jane and Mary Jane,
but I've not seen any two
who really were the same.
Mirror twins are different
although their features jibe,
and lovers think quite different
thoughts
while lying side by side.
We love and lose in China,
we weep on England's moors,
and laugh and moan in Guinea,
and thrive on Spanish shores.

We seek success in Finland,
are born and die in Maine.
In minor ways we differ,
in major we're the same.
I note the obvious differences
between each sort and type,
but we are more alike, my
friends,
than we are unlike.
We are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.
We are more alike, my friends,
than we are unlike.
~Maya Angelou

Montessori Minute

This month in Montessori we will be re-searching winter animals and our 5 senses. Please continue to encourage independence in your child by having them put on their own winter gear! This is the perfect time of year to practice putting on their own boots and zipping their coats.

NURSE'S TIPS AND NOTES

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Children ages 5-9 are beginning to replace baby teeth with permanent ones. In order to keep your child's smile bright and ensure overall good health, here are some helpful hints:

- * *Brush 2 minutes twice a day, flossing once a day.*
- * *Watch your child's teeth for signs of decay like white spots at the gumline.*
- * *Avoid the spread of germs by not sharing toothbrushes, spoons, or cups.*
- * *Make regular dental appointments for you and your child.*
- * *Talk with the dentist about fluoride, antimicrobials, dental sealants, and tobacco avoidance.*
- * *Limit sugary foods and drinks to 3 times/day; avoid acidic foods that may damage tooth enamel.*
- * *Prevent tooth injury by avoiding hard objects, using car seat, wearing helmet, using mouthguard.*
- * *Contact the dentist immediately if a tooth is chipped or knocked out. If it is a permanent tooth, place it in water or milk and take it to the dentist.*



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