

School-Age 1 Newsletter

Lakeland's Little Learners



JANUARY 2026

Happy New Year!

Hello Families, I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break and had some extra time with your family and friends. I look forward to welcoming all the students back to before/after school care and hearing about all the exciting things they experienced over the break. This month we will be blasting off in to the new year by learning about outer space and doing some creative projects. On Jan. 19, EASD has no school. Please send your schedule changes into the office if you need care on that day. **Thank you and have a great January!**



Coming Up...

2026 Calendars

Students will be provided with paper and materials to create their own 2026 calendars. With the calendars, students will get to document personal and school events. We will also be learning about moon phases and marking the calendars with special moon events in 2026.

Moon Exploration



We'll be doing a simple STEM activity to create our own "moon dust". Students will get to enjoy calming sensory play with this soft material, while also being able to use their imagination and creative minds to design their own research station on the "moon".

Creating Connection



NEW Youth Services at MML

On a cold winter's day, take time to stop by the Matheson Memorial Library in Elkhorn. They have moved the entire youth services section to the second floor. There is a new Story Room, play spaces, and lots of book shelves to explore. This renewed community resource is worth checking out!

Moon Phases

This month we will be learning about the moon cycle. Watching the moon each week with your child can be a fun and interactive way to teach them about the moon cycle. Allow them to ask you questions about what they see and observe. Mark you calendars for the key moon phases: a Full Moon (Wolf Moon) on January 3rd (a Supermoon!), a Third Quarter on January 10th, a New Moon on January 18th, and a First Quarter on January 26th.

Special Dates

- ♦ January 5 - EASD school resumes
- ♦ January 19 - **EASD No School** (Staff In-service)
- ♦ January 16 - Elegant Farmer Fundraiser Begins
- ♦ January 30 - Elegant Farmer Orders due by 5pm
- ♦ February 12, 13, 16 - EASD No School Days

Last month...

During December, the class chose to do seasonal crafts and activities. Students decorated the class Christmas Tree with unique and personal ornaments. We made our own clay ornaments and painted adorable tree ornaments. We packaged bags of "reindeer food" to take home for Christmas Eve. We also had a lot of fun with our visiting elf, Elfy! During holiday break we had fun reading books, playing bingo, traveling to the movie theater and the public library.

REMINDERS...

- For any morning or afternoon absences, contact LLL to leave a brief message with a reason for the absence. We especially like to be aware when children have signs of illness.
- Label all personal items.
- Send proper attire for the weather. We go outside as long as it is above zero degrees.

