



The Storyland School staff would like to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. We are looking forward to seeing those of you returning, as well as meeting all of you new to our school. Our goal is to give your child the best preschool experience and education possible.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your children. Please feel free to call the school or contact us via e-mail with any questions or concerns. By working together, we can provide the best atmosphere in which our children can grow and learn.

Meet Our Staff

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Administration:

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| Elena Mannwieler | Owner/Executive Director |
| Jessica Torres | Director |
| Cassie Robles | Assistant Director |

Kindergarten Readiness—Down by the Bay Room

Sara Hutchinson
Ashleigh Kaufman

Kindergarten Readiness—The Sunshine Room

Elise Cain

Early Pre Kindergarten—The Little Owls

Sammie Robles
Selena Johnson

Early Pre Kindergarten —The Little Monkeys

Chelsea Amaya
Leilani Iglehart

Toddler Program—The Little Stars

Sara May

Substitute Teacher-

Margaret Catipon



Curriculum

Our curriculum is based on the weekly letter (beginning with A) and integrated within all areas of learning including: reading, writing, art, math, science, health, nutrition and physical activities.

For the month of September your child will be introduced to classroom rules and routine as well as self-

awareness, family, friends, school, and the community. We will also begin studying our weekly letters, the color red and the number 1.

An evaluation will be given out in January as well as in May to provide you with your child’s academic and social development progress.



Back to School Night

Please come join us for Back to School Night, Friday, September 8th from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Take this opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and learn valuable information regarding your child’s classroom.

Teachers will be discussing rules, routine, curriculum, goals and answering any of your questions and/or concerns.

We ask that you please find alternate care for your child to ensure teachers are able to communicate information to you more effectively.



Fall Fundraiser

Our Fall Fundraiser will begin September 4th through September 18th.

Please check your child’s file folder for the Holiday Wishes catalog and order forms. You can place orders through the catalog provided or you can go online to <http://www.midlandfundraising.com>. Our school ID is S9263459. Please make checks payable to Storyland .

Student’s and parents earn prizes for supporting the fundraiser! Our top sellers will also be featured in our October Newsletter!

Our goal this year is to raise \$1500. With funds raised we will be providing our school with more supplies for outdoor activities , as well as completing our teacher’s wish list orders for their classrooms.



September Birthdays

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| Laurel Haut | 9/1 | Molly May | 9/22 |
| Matthew Lemoine | 9/8 | Annelexa Barnes | 9/22 |
| Vincent Thielen | 9/12 | Ms. Elena | 9/23 |
| Zachary Helling | 9/17 | | |
| Grayson Ong | 9/18 | | |
| Lyla Rodriguez | 9/18 | | |
| Cash Minnis | 9/18 | | |



Reminders

- To provide your child with a sense of comfort and security please keep to a regular drop-off schedule, **before 9:00 am**. Late arrivals also cause interruptions to our program and cause your child to miss important class time learning.
- Please remember to sign your child in and out everyday. Do not let your child touch the sign-in screen.
- Please label all of your child's belongings such as jackets, sweaters, lunchboxes, sheets/blankets and pillow cases.
- Check your child's file folder daily for their art and school work, as well as any paperwork or important notices from teachers or administration.
- If you love Storyland School, please share your experience at Yelp.com or you can go directly to: <http://www.yelp.com/biz/storyland-preschool-livermore>

Upcoming Events

September:

Closed Labor Day, Monday, September 4th

Fall Fundraiser September 4th-18th

Back to School Night Friday, September 8th from 6:00-7:00 pm



October:

Pumpkin Patch—Tuesday, October 10—Little Stars/Little Monkeys/Little Owls

Pumpkin Patch—Wednesday, October 11—Bay Room/Sunshine Room

Picture Days Wednesday & Thursday, October 18 & 19th

Halloween Carnival- Friday, October 27th:

Little Stars/Little Monkeys Carnival-9:15AM-10:15AM

Little Owls/Bay Room/Sunshine Room Carnival- 10:30-11:30AM

November:

Canned Food Drive—November 1-11

Thanksgiving Lunch-Thursday, November 16th

Closed Thanksgiving Thursday & Friday, November 23-24th





Helping Your Child Cope With Separation Anxiety

By Marcia J

Dropping your child off at preschool when he is crying can be traumatic for both parent and child. Knowing that most children experience separation anxiety at one time or another, and it is a natural part of development, doesn't make it easier. There are things that parents and caregivers can do to lessen the apprehension and help children cope.

1. Preparation is key. Knowing what to expect can ease a lot of anxiety even before arriving at preschool. Talk with your child about the routines and events at the school. Let him know that you will be leaving and when you will be back.
 2. Bring your child in for a visit. Introduce him to the teachers, and help him form a bond with them. Let him explore the environment a little. Play with him and get to know the classroom a little yourself.
- After the visit, talk with your child about what he liked in the classroom, some of the children he met and toys he played with.
3. Be confident. When you bring your child to school on the first day, you may be experiencing a little of your own anxiety. This can increase your child's tension, so do your best not to let it show. Keep a positive attitude and try to get your preschooler excited about his new adventure.
 4. Develop a routine. Tell him what will happen when you arrive at school, when you will leave, and keep it consistent. Once you tell him you are leaving, say goodbye and go quickly. It may be hard to leave him if he is crying, but staying longer will make it worse.
 5. Let him bring a security object. Having something familiar with him or pictures of his family will help to comfort him when he misses you.
 6. Get to know some of the other parents and children in your child's class. Arrange a play date with one or two of the other children to help your child form friendships. Knowing some of the children will help him feel more comfortable at school.
 7. Be patient. It can be difficult to see your child upset. Keep in mind that this is difficult for him and allow him some time to adjust. Sometimes it takes children a week or two to feel comfortable in a new environment.

