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Lamar Head Start
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Dear Families,

Welcome to September! We have had a wonderful start to the school year and are so excited to continue learning, growing, and having fun together. Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us. We appreciate your partnership as we help your child develop new skills, friendships, and confidence.

Please make sure all emergency contact information, phone numbers, and authorized pick-up persons are current and up to date. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a wonderful September filled with learning, laughter, and growth!

Policy Council Representative Election

During our Open House, parents will have the opportunity to elect **two Policy Council Representatives**. Your voice is important, and this is a wonderful opportunity to help shape decisions that impact our program at both the local and regional levels.

I encourage you to consider volunteering to serve as a Policy Council Representative. We need dedicated parent leaders who are willing to share their ideas, advocate for families, and help support the success of our children and program.

Please attend Open House, make your voice heard, and consider running for this important leadership role. We need you!

Cecilia Dowell, Center Manager



Pedestrian Safety Reminder

As we begin a new school year, please take a moment to review pedestrian safety with your child. Teach children to always hold an adult's hand when walking near parking lots and streets, use designated crosswalks whenever possible, and stop, look left, right, and left again before crossing. Drivers should remain alert during drop-off and pick-up times, reduce their speed in school zones, and watch carefully for children who may be difficult to see between vehicles. By working together and practicing safe habits, we can help ensure that every child arrives at school and returns home safely each day.

"Every child can learn and grow when given the opportunity, encouragement, and support to succeed." ✨

Important Dates

- **September 1:** Welcome to a new month of learning!
- **September 7:** No school
- **September 10:** Open House/Family Night
- **September 22:** First Day of Fall

Please watch for additional announcements from your child's teacher.

Open House & Family Night

Thursday, September 10th at 5:30 PM

We invite all families to join us for our **Open House & Family Night**! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with staff, learn more about your child's classroom, and connect with other families.

Topic: Pedestrian Safety
Learn important tips to help keep children safe when walking near roads, parking lots, and school areas.

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This Month's Learning Themes

During September, we will be exploring:

- School routines and classroom expectations
- Building friendships and kindness
- Colors, shapes, and numbers
- Letters in our names
- Family and school helpers
- Early literacy and language activities

Please continue talking with your child about their school day and encouraging them to share what they are learning.

What We Are Working On

Our preschoolers will be practicing:

- Taking turns and sharing
- Following classroom routines
- Using words to express feelings
- Fine motor skills through art, writing, and cutting activities
- Gross motor skills through outdoor play and movement activities

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 *childfind by appt.*	4	5
6	7 *No school*	8	9	10 ***Open House 5:30***	11 *ASQ screenings*	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	
27	28	29	30			