



### Contact Us:

Washington: 412-344-6106 [washington@mledp.org](mailto:washington@mledp.org)  
MLEDP Main Office: 412-343-1661 [kids@mledp.org](mailto:kids@mledp.org)



### Making Movie Magic:

Feel free to check out our bulletin boards full of the kids art from the various different themes.



### Welcome!

We offer a big thank you to everyone for bearing with us during our staffing adjustments. Your kids have been incredibly welcoming to anyone who has filled in over the last several months. We are excited to share that we have officially welcomed Jenna Stevey to our team. A little

about Jenna in her own words:

"Hi Families of Washington! I just moved to Pittsburgh last year from Maryland, so I am still relatively new to the area. I absolutely love it so far. I like to spend time with my three cats and have a penchant for knitting and baking. I also have a background in music. Before starting at MLEDP, I worked at MACS as a teaching assistant I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children!"

Upcoming  
Movie Magic:  
Concession  
Stand  
Stunt Work  
Disney

**Washington MLEDP Staff**  
Center Director: Mr. Peter  
AM: Ms. Judy  
AM/PM: Ms. Jenna  
PM: Ms. Corie

It is vital that you inform MLEDP staff and your child's teacher of your child's schedule should it change for any reason. If your child will not be attending please leave a note in our parent area, call us at 412-344-6106 or email us at [washington@mledp.org](mailto:washington@mledp.org)

### Top 10 of 2022

To round out the year we focused on the things that made it special from January to December. As a group, the kids nominated and voted on their favorite moments throughout the year. The 10 with the highest vote counts are:

1. Mafia
2. World Cup Watch
3. Pitt/Penn State
4. Escape Room Gym
5. HAPPY SNURSDAY!
6. Quidditch
7. String Laser Maze
8. Screaming Goats
9. I AM GROOT
10. Rainforest Cafe



### Zodiac Sign Art

Black Construction Paper, Scissors, Glue, Popsicle Sticks, Sequins, Confetti

Identify your zodiac sign by matching your birthday to the zodiac calendar. Break the popsicle sticks apart into the shape of the constellation. Glue them to the black construction paper. Decorate the night sky to your artistic liking.  
Craft courtesy of Miss Corie.

### Hygge

Our kickoff to the new year has been to focus on the Danish concept of hygge. Difficult to translate, it's about a feeling of comfort and contentment that comes from being cozy and together. We have tried to embrace this in our room layout, and really drive the kids to connect with each other in a way that they don't normally. Our daily meetings are big component of this. We have embraced learning about each other with thoughtful questions and thoughtful answers.

## Kindness Olympics

Our monthly goal for February is to let Kindness, encouragement, and caring take center stage. Back by popular demand are the kindness olympics helping to spur that social emotional growth.

## Reading Area

In conjunction with the school's read-a-thon, we have revamped our reading nook to better provide some "hygge" like comforts. We laid down some yoga mats, placed our cozy, blue bean bags on top, and then we made a couch, well sort of, more like a fake couch (or "f"-ouch for short). Constructed of four crates, some chair cushions, a pillow, and a cover it has been warmly received. Additionally, we have a wide selection of the past year's most impressive picture books. All Caldecott contenders, kids have had the opportunity to vote for which one they think should win!

To the Right: Balloon Splat painting



Below: Zodiac Star Art

Art Credit: Caroline F.

Below Right: Emerald City



## Big Kids Programming:

With the addition of our permanent third person, we will be able to return to a more steady offering of clubs and activities exclusive to the fourth and fifth graders. They have been great at letting us know their wants and desires throughout the year. We appreciate their leadership with the younger children these last several months.



## Open Communication:

We encourage all families to communicate with us on an ongoing basis.

While many MLEDP staff come in contact with your child throughout the day, we are all happy to answer any questions you may have or put you in contact with the staff person most suited to address your concerns. You can also email us at

[washington@mledp.org](mailto:washington@mledp.org)

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**January 23rd: School Closed MLEDP Long Day**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> : Act 80 Day. Half Day of school. MLEDP open 12-6:30**

**February 20th: MLEDP Closed. Staff Training**

**March 1st: Summer Fun Registration opens**