

Lake Harriet Preschool



September Newsletter - Room 102

Classroom routines

The first few lessons your child will practice everyday are very practical ones; social greetings, being responsible for their belongings, hand washing and attendance. It is so rewarding to watch children's self-confidence grow as they are gaining their independence by learning these self-help skills. I look forward to seeing your child each day ready to do their three jobs right as the school day begins. Your support in getting your child to school on time and giving hugs and kisses at the door is greatly appreciated. I will always do my best to fill you in on the days events when you pick up out on the playground!

Snack schedules

Included is a snack schedule for September. The snack schedules will be available online and a hardcopy will be posted on the board outside my room. We ask that you bring snacks that are as healthy as possible. We offer water at snack time and if you wish to bring a beverage, we ask that you offer milk, not juice. If you're looking for ideas, there are suggestions for snacks online in the parent handbook. We celebrate Birthday's on (or around) your child's B-Day or 1/2 B-Day. You are invited to bring in a special treat and come enjoy snack with your child that day. You may also read a favorite book to the class while we eat.

Preschool Website

Please bookmark the preschool's website, www.lakeharrietumpreschool.org. This is where you'll find all the information you will need to navigate your way through the school year. You will find classroom information such as our newsletters, snack schedules, and sharing schedules. In addition, you'll find the preschool hand book, calendar, forms and more. The school has really saved in more ways than one by using the internet to get you the information you need.

Important Dates



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Sept 12th
Sept 13th
Sept 15th
Sept 20th
Sept 29th

Potluck Picnic 5:30-6:30pm
First Day of School - Welcome Coffee @ 9:00am/12:30pm
Coffee and Book Orders due
Lunch Bunch sign up
Apple Orchard Field Trip 8:45 - 11:30 am

sept snack	tues	wed	thurs
	13 AM: Carter PM: Eleni	14 AM: Sophie PM: Olivia	15 AM: Isaiah PM: Gabriela (B-Day!)
	20 AM: Drew PM: Giana	21 AM: Maggie PM: Graham	22 AM: Gus PM: Matt
	27 AM: Sadie PM: Shailin (B-Day!)	28 AM: Josie PM: Vince	29 Field Trip

Preschool Themes

My classroom curriculum will revolve around the idea exploring the seven continents. We will begin by using our first field trip to the Apple Orchard as a launch pad for our imaginary trip around the world. We will talk about why we like to explore new places, what we do to get there and also, how we record our travels. We'll use photography to document what we learn about. The destinations will change every few weeks to reflect the children's interests, cognitive needs, and learning styles. Weekly lesson plans will be posted outside the classroom. I am always open to new ideas, so feel free to make suggestions or if you have materials that you could share, I'd love to incorporate them into my curriculum plan! In addition to the "travel destination" of the month, I will incorporate learning opportunities that foster development in language, arts, math, science, music and health/safety.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you like to get dirty . . . throughout the year I will be in need of a classroom helper every so often. In my monthly newsletter there will be volunteer opportunities described and when a sign-up sheet will be posted in my room. Right inside my door, there is a cork board where I hang up classroom sign-ups, permission slips, etc. If you are ever wondering what's going on in Room 102, this is where you should look! And please, don't hesitate to ask. This month, I will have permission slips and volunteer sign-ups for our first field trip to the Apple Orchard on Sept. 29th, which will be out by the night of the potluck picnic, Sept. 12th. Thanks!

Kids Teach Kids

Kids Teach Kids is my modified version of show and tell. I wanted the children in my class to have an opportunity to share with his/her classmates something from their own personal experience, rather than bringing an item from home to show their friends. I think that participating in Kids Teach Kids is a great way for your preschooler to practice leadership and public speaking skills as well as learning to be an attentive audience member by listening and asking thoughtful questions. Kids Teach Kids is intended to build self-esteem and confidence, but most importantly, is meant to be FUN!

Here's how it will work; beginning Oct. 4, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, one student will bring something to teach his/her friends during our end of the day meeting. The schedule will be posted online under Classroom Info – Room 102, and a hard copy will be posted outside the classroom. When it is your child's turn to be the "teacher", they will have five to ten minutes to lead the group by explaining and/or demonstrating their project.

The first time around, I leave it open to children to choose anything they would like to teach their friends. Be sure to read the newsletter each month, as I will assign a theme for kids teach kids presentations. I might ask everyone to bring in a science experiment one month or I may ask your child to teach the class about a family tradition (hint, hint ;-)).

I'll try to remind your child the day before it is their turn to teach something. If your child forgets to bring something, no biggie, that it why I built in a make up day on Thursdays. And as always, please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. I thank you all in advance for your support in this year long project, believe me I wouldn't ask if I didn't think that this was a very worthwhile endeavor.