



Lake Harriet United
Methodist **Preschool** naeyc



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Greetings!

We think it is incredibly important for all preschoolers, have the opportunity to meet their teacher face-to-face prior to the start of the school year. We believe this will help your child start out on the right foot for their preschool education, particularly during this unprecedented time we find ourselves in.

That being said, please see below for some important information regarding the preadmission conferences (socially distanced home visits) and Preschool Preview Night (formerly referred to as the "Old Friends/New Friends Open House" event).

Sincerely,
Andrea Wright
Director

Class Placement

Class placements for the 2020-2021 school year are finalized near the end of August. Thoughtful consideration of many factors takes place prior to final placement including age, gender, learning style, relationships with peers and teaching styles and strategies. We appreciate your cooperation with this process.

Enrollment Form Confirmation

The summer mailing includes a form confirming the information we have in your child's file and if any information is incomplete. Please be sure all of it is correct and notify us immediately if there are any errors. You may mail back the corrected and/or incomplete information or send it to us via email. The Health Care Summary / Immunization Record must be on file at the Preschool prior to the first day of school and **must be signed by you and completed by your child's health care provider.** Forms can be downloaded from our website. Thank you for ensuring your child's file is complete and accurate!



Countdown To Preschool

First Day of School

Our first day of Preschool is
Tuesday, September 15th!

Pre-admission Conferences

The Lake Harriet UM Preschool staff is looking forward to connecting with you and your preschooler before school begins. Typically, we would come to your home to visit with you and your family. We would like to connect with each family in whatever way feels most comfortable for you, either at your home outside in a socially distanced visit OR talking virtually with one another. Your child's teacher will contact you by phone the last week in August and let you know the dates and times she will be available. Visits typically last 20-30 minutes. These visits provide an opportunity to learn about your child's individual needs to help make a smooth transition between home and school. While providing your child with an opportunity to connect with his/her teacher in a familiar environment – your home!



Family Handbook

Included in the summer mailing is a letter highlighting important policies covered in our Family Handbook. The Family Handbook can be downloaded from the preschool website. Please be sure to look at the handbook and refer to it during the school year if you have policy questions.

Preschool Preview Night

We are so excited to host a "**Preschool Preview Night**" event in place of the Open House on **Monday, September 14th from 5-5:30pm**. The preview night provides an opportunity for parents, preschoolers and teachers to practice drop-off and pick routines and for preschoolers to see their classrooms before the first day of school. Specific instructions will be provided to you by your child's teacher at the pre-admission conference. Participating will hopefully make the first day run as smoothly as possible for all!

We kindly request that parents remain outside when teachers escort the preschoolers inside to see their classroom. Understanding that this may cause some children to feel unsure about separating from parents, we will plan to have those children stay with their parents instead. This will allow teachers to contact families in advance of the first day to make a plan for separation. We also recommend that students and adults wear masks. While we know this is an exciting time, we are keeping safety and distance our number one priority. Thank you for your participation and consideration of these requests.

Enrichment Programs

LHUMP will not be offering enrichment programs at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will reevaluate as circumstances change.

Preschool Communication

On the website, you will be able to see the Preschool Calendar, Preschool News and Class information. You can also download any Enrollment Forms that you need to have completed for your child's files.

Your child's teacher will post important classroom information on her Classroom page. Newsletters, Snack Schedules, Sharing Schedules and Volunteer Opportunities will be on the web site.

Please follow us on Face Book and Instagram to see what's happening at preschool, information on child development, and local events.

Follow us 😊



Contact Us

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or comments, please share them with us. Please email or call us and leave a voicemail and we will return your call as soon as possible.

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Helping hands make the difference. We need parent volunteers!

Parent involvement in early childhood education can extend the experiences that a child has in the classroom to real-world activities that happen in the home. A parent who understands what their child is working on at preschool has a better sense of their child's competency and which areas they need to work on to improve confidence and ability.

We are looking for parents that can help strengthen the home-school connection and support children's learning, especially this year during the COVID pandemic. If you are interested in supporting your child's classroom throughout the school year, please contact Andrea to talk about opportunities. Thank you!