



Lake Harriet United
Methodist Preschool naeyc



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School Request for MPS

School requests for MPS is coming up! Request your favorite schools by going to ExploreMPS.org and clicking on "Get Started" – or go to the MPS homepage and click on the red ENROLL button at the top – or download a paper request form. The deadline is Feb 7, 2021.

You'll be notified of your child's school placement in late March or early April. For assistance, call Student Placement at 612.668.1840. Remember, all children must have completed their screening prior to the start of public school. To schedule screening in Minneapolis call 612-348-8687. In other districts, contact their ECFE.

2021-2022 Registration

We are excited and thankful that we have received almost 50 applications for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. We do still have just a couple of openings, please feel free to spread the word to anyone you may know that is looking for an amazing preschool!

Current and new families will be receiving enrollment confirmation letters the first week in February.

Enrollment Forms will be available in May and are due back, with your first payment, by **June 25, 2021**.

February 2021



Valentine's Day

The Preschool Staff was thinking that it would be fun to send grandparents a little preschool love around Valentine's!

Each teacher will be helping the preschoolers make a special Valentines to send to Grandparents from preschool. Each class will also host a live zoom "mini concert" for families (including grandparents) to join on February 9th or 10th during the preschool day.

Ms. Wright will send a zoom meeting invitation with the date and time of your child's classroom meeting on Sunday, Feb 7th. If you haven't already had the chance to, please send the address (both home and email) of grandparents (or someone special) who would like to attend and receive a Valentine. Please send this information to Andrea no later than **Thursday, Feb 4** in order for us to plan accordingly. Thank you!

Individual classrooms will be celebrating Valentine's Day at the Preschool on **Thursday, February 11th**. The children will be exchanging cards with the other children in their room. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Music with Ms. Sherry

Happy February!

I had the opportunity to provide a virtual Valentine music lesson to the children to learn with their classmates of two Valentine songs with accompanying sign language.

The first song is an old favorite, "Skidamarink-A-Doo, I Love You!". The signs for that song include: "I love you", "morning", "afternoon", "evening", "underneath", "moon".

The second song is one I composed called "Love One Another". The signs for that song are "love", "one another", "everyday", "school", "home", and "play". The second verse uses the words, "Be Kind to One Another" so "kind" is the new sign for that second verse.

I am hopeful that MAYBE I might be able to see the children by the end of this school year. I am SO appreciative of the amazing TLC of their preschool teachers and how hard they have worked to make this unprecedented school year such a success!

Music is a wonderful gift. Keep a song in your heart and sing to and with your children! It doesn't matter if you can "sing well". Music is truly from the heart!

Keep a song in your heart!
~~Miss Sherry (Landrud), LHUMC Music Specialist~~

President's Day

There will be no preschool on **Monday, February 15th** in observance of President's Day.

Tee-Shirt Tuesday!

Please show your support of Lake Harriet UM Preschool and have your child wear their green shirts the first Tuesday of the month.

Book Orders

The February book orders are due by **February 4th**. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Thank You

Thank you to all of the families that have gone out of their way to show appreciation to the preschool staff this year. Our Preschool Board made "teacher appreciation" the top priority this year. Thank you to board members Sasha Jensen and Pamela Eklof for spearheading this effort. **Thank you** to the Eklof, Jensen, Matelski, Graber, & Reitsema Families for bringing warm coffees and sweet treats to warm and fuel our spirits! So very appreciated . . . we feel the love!

Borrowed Clothing

We try to maintain a back-up supply of clothing for those times when a preschooler might need dry pants, socks, underwear or outdoor gear. If your child has borrowed some clothing from Preschool, please be sure we get it back so we're ready for the next time.

Health & Safety

The 2020-21 school year has been quite an incredible one. We have been so thankful for the transparency and diligence of our entire preschool community. It really shows the commitment to health and safety on the part of our preschool families and staff. As you know, Lake Harriet UM Preschool was chosen to participate in the COVID-19 vaccine pilot project and all of our staff has had their first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. We are paying close attention to the data and are so happy to see that positive cases are falling and vaccination numbers are rising. But there are also reasons to be cautious; new variants of the virus, students returning to school in greater numbers, and travel. We will continue to follow our Covid-19 Emergency Preparedness Plan, COVID Decision Tree, and CDC Travel Guidelines. We thank you in advance for your continued communication and for carefulness as we continue to navigate this together.

TAX NUMBERS

It's getting to be that time of year! Our tax identification numbers are:

FEDERAL #: 41-0705791

STATE #: 8355-745

Contact Us

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or comments, please share them with us. You may leave us a voice mail, email or talk with us at school.

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