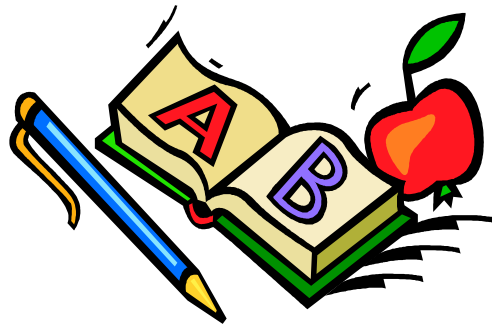


Mrs. Schubloom's Preschool News

September 2018



Welcome families to room 102! I am so excited to be working with you and your child this year. I have lots of fun activities planned and am looking forward to a year full of wonder and growth.

September Learning Theme:

It's All About Me! (Myself, My School, My Friends, My Health) It's all about your child this month and the many wonderful changes that are taking place in his/ her life. By sharing information about each other, we will get to know the new friends that are in the classroom. This month we will be focusing especially on friendship. We will be looking at how friends come in all forms, how friends share, and how friends have fun together at school.

Lesson Plans/Learning Themes:

Weekly lesson plans will be posted on the bulletin board outside the classroom door. There are seven content areas that are incorporated into my lesson plans. These include: Literacy, Art/Music/Dramatic Play, Social Studies, Health & Safety, Math, Science, and Technology. Each month we will follow a macro learning theme. Each week we will break it down into micro learning themes. Each theme will incorporate opportunities for children to learn and review numbers, letters, shapes, and colors in a fun and exciting way. In addition, each theme will incorporate many opportunities for the children to build their problem solving and critical thinking skills. Each day we will be reading a story, dancing, singing, and working on a project based on the learning theme for the week (some of the projects we will be working on will be executed over multiple days). **Please let me know if your child has something specific that he/she would like to learn about during the school year. Into my yearly curriculum, I love to incorporate themes that the children are most interested in!** ☺

Letter of the week:

Throughout the year we will be "walking through the alphabet". We will be working on sight and sound recognition for each letter. We will follow the "Little People's" alphabet which is a phonetic way to go through the alphabet. Each week we will focus on one specific letter. Through books, songs and projects we will strengthen each child's pre-reading skills. More information will be coming to you in October.

Beginning of the Day Routine:

At the beginning of each day, your child needs to hang up his/her coat and purple bag, wash hands, and sign in. After these three things are accomplished your child may play with anything in the room (Free Choice Time). For the first weeks in September, you may assist your child in

completing these tasks. Beginning in October, I will ask that you please say your goodbyes at the classroom door. Attaining independence and responsibility are two of our goals for the school year. Asking them to enter the classroom on their own will help in this process. I will always be at the classroom door to greet them and guide them if needed!!!

Hand Washing- To help encourage good hygiene and prevent the spread of germs, each child will begin his/her day washing hands. We will be singing our preschool hand washing song that will hopefully become a favorite at your house as well☺

Signing In- After washing hands, each child will write their name at the sign in table. We will begin the year with first names (progression to last names and lower case letters will be determined each month based on individual assessments).

Teacher Mailbox:

Any forms, supplies, notes (change in transportation, upcoming absence, etc.) can be placed in my mailbox, which is located under the "Parent Information" board by the classroom door. Tuition checks may be placed in the locked box in the hallway by the stairs.

Snack Schedule:

The monthly snack schedule will be posted outside our classroom, it can also be found online at www.lakeharrietumpreschool.org under room 102 classroom information. Each day one student will provide snack for the class and serve it to the other children. Snack time allows us to practice our manners and social skills as well as refuel our bodies. On your child's snack day please bring enough of the **same** item to share with 10 children. I ask that snacks be as healthy as possible. Sweets are popular with children, but I ask that they be saved for birthday celebrations only. If you need to switch days, please contact another person from the snack schedule to arrange a trade then let me know- thanks!

Birthdays:

Birthdays are a fun part of preschool- we love to celebrate them in our classroom! On your child's birthday (or half birthday for summer birthdays) he/she will get to wear a birthday crown, share a birthday snack (**small** cupcakes, cookies, or other favorite snack are all appropriate!) and invite a parent (or other special guest) to read a favorite story to the class. You will know when your child's birthday celebration is planned because the word "birthday" will be under your child's name on the snack schedule.

"Junior Teacher" Time (Big Kid Sharing):

Sharing is a great way to improve verbal skills and develop confidence when speaking in front of a group. Rather than sharing an object, each child will teach us how to do something on their special "Junior Teacher" day. I would like them to break down their sharing into three steps. For example, to make chocolate milk you **first** have to pour the milk into a cup, **second** you have to add the chocolate and **third** you have to mix the two together. I will have the first sharing opportunity so the children can see how to do it and ask any questions they may have. We will begin our "Junior Teacher" Time in October. Schedules will be posted on the curriculum board just outside the classroom. They will also be found at www.lakeharrietumpreschool.org under room 102 classroom information.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers in the classroom are a welcome and wonderful addition to our preschool classroom. However, during the first few weeks of school, children need time to become comfortable separating from their parents and caregivers to learn the routines of their classroom. Because of this, I do not ask for volunteers in the classroom when school first begins. Once routines are established, sign-up sheets for various volunteer opportunities will be posted on the "Parent Information" board inside the classroom.

Dates to Remember:

September:

- September 10- **Open House (5:00 PM – 6:00 PM)**
(5:00 PM – 5:30 PM- classroom)
(5:30 PM – 6:00 PM- outside playground)
- September 11- First Day of Preschool ☺
- September 11- Welcome coffee for parents (9:00-AM in Church commons)
- September 13- Coffee & Book Orders Due

October:

- October 3- Fieldtrip (Children's Theater Company) **Volunteers Needed**
- October 4- Coffee & Book Orders Due
- October 11- Picture Day
- October 17 & 18- School Closed (Fall Break)
- October 22 – 26- Fall Conferences (after school and/or Friday am)
- October 25- Pumpkin Patch & Petting Zoo (at preschool)
- October 31- Classroom Halloween Party **Volunteers Needed**

I am thrilled to be your child's teacher! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at either school or home. My cell number is (952) 818-9284. You may also contact me via e-mail. My e-mail address is sschubloom@lakeharrietumpreschool.org. I am looking forward to getting to know each family personally and am anticipating a wonderful and exciting year ahead!

Sincerely,
Suzy Schubloom