

November 2017 Newsletter

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Lake Harriet Preschool

We are adjusting well to preschool and our new friends! We know the routine and expectations within the classroom, Muscle Room and playground well. Friendships are forming and social skills are improving. Every day I see kids exploring new opportunities during free time and, initiating conversation and play with new friends. I am looking forward to meeting with you this month for conferences to discuss your child's progress.

Morning routine

The kids are doing great coming in independently, hanging their belongings and washing hands. Please have your child use the bathroom at home before arriving at school. A couple weeks ago, I introduced "job days" and "wait days". The children love having these added responsibilities and patiently await their jobs on "wait days". The classroom jobs are; line leader, door helper, weather checker, calendar leader, and attendance checker. I will be changing the "morning check-in" as the year progresses to include name recognition, writing beginning letter of name and eventually writing name. Reminder: Please say good-bye to your child at the classroom door and let them independently carry and hang up their own purple bag and other belongings.

Snack schedule

The snack schedules for November and December for our classroom are updated on the preschool website. Thanks for providing healthy snack options for the preschoolers.

Fall conferences

The fall parent/teacher conferences will be happening during the week of November 13-16. I will be available to meet with parents before and after preschool hours during that week. If you have a scheduling conflict, please email me and we can find an alternate time to meet. The conference is a time to check in to hear about how your child is socially adjusting to their preschool class and an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. You can expect the conference to take 10 – 15 minutes. There will be a sign-up sheet outside our classroom starting Thursday, November 2 for you to choose a date and time to meet. I will be sending home a conference questionnaire on the beginning of the month. If you could take a few minutes to fill this out with your child and return it to me by November 6, I will be able to better prepare for your conference and address any specific questions you might have.

Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

We are celebrating a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving on November 16th, and are asking each family to contribute an assigned item for our not-so-traditional feast. A note will be sent home the week prior. We will also need volunteers to help that day from 9:00-11:30am. Please let me know if you're available to help. Thank you!

Outside Time

We go outside every day unless it is raining. Please remember to send hats and mittens with your child. Even though it is not that cold little hands and ears get chilly. We are working on getting ourselves ready to go out. I ask that the children try 3 times to zip, get mittens on, etc. before they ask a friend or me for help. They are learning great independence and cooperation skills when we get ready to go outside!

Themes for November

- Feelings and Emotions
- Nursery Rhymes
- Thanksgiving
- Dinosaurs
- We will continue to learn about friendship, manners and personal safety

Important dates

November 2 Sharing day (show and tell)
November 13-16 Fall Conferences
November 16 Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
November 20-23 No School

Wishing you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving!