

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

ROOM 106



Hello! I am really looking forward to teaching in Room 106 this year. Home visits are such an important way for me to connect with your child, a great way to get to know your family! I will also be bringing your child's purple bag (used for take home materials and outside gear in the winter) and their school t-shirt for field trips and our monthly t-shirt Tuesday days. You and your child can have fun personalizing the bag by decorating it together.

Please join me for the open house Monday, September 10 @ 5:00pm in our classroom. This is an opportunity for us to connect, but also for your child to see the classroom and new friends before the first day of school. Our year will be filled with so many fun opportunities for learning and making new friends!

ROUTINE

I understand that separation will be difficult for some children. After many years the teachers at the school have found that it is easiest for the children if you say goodbye at the door and leave quickly. They will soon calm down and become comfortable in the classroom. Also, it will help your child become more independent with our classroom routine. If your child continues to be upset for quite some time and cannot be comforted, I will always call and let you know. Each day your child will have their own check-in routine:

1. They will hang up their purple bag on their assigned hook. ****Please make sure your child brings their purple bag to school each day.****
2. Wash hands.
3. Go check in at the picture chart.

IMPORTANT CLASSROOM INFORMATION

The bulletin board in the hallway will display all important class information. It will contain newsletters, weekly lesson plans, snack lists, volunteer information, permission slips and other general information. Please be sure to check the bulletin board each class day to make sure you don't miss anything! Your child will have their own cubby in the classroom. They will be responsible for emptying their cubby at the end of the class day. All preschool information, our classroom newsletter and snack lists will be available on the preschool website as well.

LEARNING THEMES

We will be learning about many different subjects during the school year. Every few weeks, activities and materials will change to reflect a new learning theme. To begin the year, we will learn about our new friends at preschool and the changing seasons. Weekly lesson plans are posted outside the classroom and describe how the seven core content areas of learning are implemented in the classroom. The learning core content areas are: Language, Art, Math, Science, Technology, Sensory and Health & Safety. This is one of the ways that our program meets the NAEYC Accreditation Standards. Taking a couple of minutes to check out the activities scheduled for the week can help you talk about what happened at preschool with your child at the end of the day. As you know, sometimes kids need a bit of encouragement in telling about their day.

SNACK

Your child will be responsible for bringing snack to share with their classmates once or twice a month. The snack list will be posted outside the room and on the preschool website. Please send your child with nutritious snack on their assigned day. Some ideas: cheese, fruit, veggies, yogurt, crackers etc. You may bring milk, otherwise I will serve water. No juice please. If you bring an item that needs to be refrigerated, please drop the item in the staff fridge in Room 103 and label with Room 106.

SHOW AND TELL

Show and tell will be the first Thursday of every month starting in October. Please send something from home (that can fit in their purple bag) that your child can share with their classmates. It is always a good idea to discuss with your child what they want to tell their classmates about the items they are bringing, so they can be prepared. It can be a toy, book, something from nature, etc. Some months may have a specific theme for show and tell.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Beginning in January, we will have a Star of the Week. Your child will be assigned a certain week to bring and "All About Me" poster. They will be responsible for describing what is on their poster on Tuesday (of their assigned week) at circle time. More information about this fun activity will be described in the December Newsletter!

BIRTHDAYS

We will be celebrating birthdays and ½ birthdays for those children who were born in the summer. On this day you may bring a special snack and a favorite book from home. Family members are also welcome to join us at snack time that day and read a book to the children while they eat. Please let me know if someone will be joining us!

OBSERVATION AND ASSESSMENT

Throughout the year I will be continually observing your child in preparation for fall and spring conferences. Please let me know if there is anything specific you would like me to watch for.

As the year progresses you will learn more details of activities and events in our classroom. Parents are welcome anytime. I know we will have a wonderful year together and I can't wait to share many learning experiences with your child!

I look forward to seeing you at home visits and hope to see you all at the open house on Monday, September 10th! Specific info for this event is in the preschool newsletter on the website and in the informational packet that was sent by mail over the summer. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 11th.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My preschool email is khiggins@lakeharrietumpreschool.org.

-Kay Higgins