

September Newsletter

Room 106



WELCOME TO ROOM 106 WITH MRS. OTTINGER!

Hello! I am so looking forward to meeting your child and getting to know your family! Our year will be filled with so many fun opportunities for learning and meeting new friends! We will have an awesome year!

Routine

Each day your child will have their own check-in routine. First, they hang up their purple bag on their assigned hook, wash hands and go check in at the picture chart. We will be practicing this routine starting the first day of school. Please make sure your child brings their purple bag each school day. They will be using it for take home material and outside gear in the winter. I will be bringing their new school bag to our home visit. You and your child can decorate the bag together. Make sure that your child's name is somewhere on the bag.

I understand that separation will be difficult for some children. After many years of experience, I find 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. If your child continues to be upset, I will contact you and make you aware of the situation. Also, it helps your child become more independent with their check-in routine.

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! If you have any notes or papers to return to me, please leave them in my folder on the bulletin board. 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 wide information and our monthly classroom newsletter and snack lists will be available on the preschool website as well.

Weekly Curriculum Themes

We will be learning about many different subjects during the school year. Each week will be a different theme. Our weekly newsletter will describe the specifics of the curriculum. Please take note of each theme so you are able to discuss with your children after each class day. As you know, sometimes kids need a bit of encouragement in telling about their day. Here are some themes we will be focusing on in the first few months:

- Friendship/Sharing
- Families
- Fall/Harvest
- Animals and their habitats
- Our 5 Senses
- Music and Movement

Snack

Your child will be responsible for bringing snack about once or twice a month. The snack list will be posted outside the room and on the preschool website. Please send your child with a nutritious snack on their assigned day. You may bring milk, otherwise I will serve water. No juice please.

Show and Tell

Show and tell will be the first Wednesday of every month starting in October. Please send something from home 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 item they are bringing, so they are 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

Starting in October, we will have a Star of the Week. Your child will be assigned a certain week to bring in an "All about Me" poster. They will be responsible for describing what is on their poster on Tuesday (of their assigned week) at circle time. A family member is also welcome to come and read a book to the class during this week. More information to come soon!

Birthdays

We will be celebrating birthdays and $\frac{1}{2}$ birthdays for those children who were born in the summer. On this day, your child may bring a special snack and a favorite book from home. Family members are also welcome to join us for snack and to 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 observe in your child.

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

Hope to see you at the open house on Monday, September 11th from 5:30-6:00. Specific info for this event is in the preschool-wide newsletter. The first day of school is Tuesday, the 12th!

If you ever have questions or concerns...please call me at 612.590.2119 or email kottinger@lakeharrietumpreschool.org.

Mrs.Ottinger