

November Newsletter

World Kindness Week is November 13-19, 2023



LHUMP will celebrate kindness

Fred Rogers said, "There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind."

As a champion of early childhood education and social-emotional learning, Mr. Rogers saw the value and importance of teaching kindness, love, and compassion to preschoolers. These lessons have lifelong benefits for children's physical and emotional wellbeing, both inside and out of the classroom.

We observe World Kindness Week to highlight good deeds in our communities. Preschoolers will be making artwork to share with our neighbors at The Waters Senior Living to brighten their day and know that we are friendly neighbors. We have missed our senior friends since the beginning of the pandemic when we were unable to go over for regular visits. We have been thinking about new ways to show our kindness and caring while keeping each other safe.

November Dates

Nov 7: Teacher inservice (no regular preschool)

SOS Day
7:30am-5:30pm
Room 101

Nov 14: Tee Shirt Tuesday!

SOS sign up for December (link for sign up genius)

Nov 13-16: Fall Conferences (regular preschool in session)

Nov 20-24: Thanksgiving Break - No regular preschool

Nov 20 & 21: SOS Days
7:30am-5:30pm

2024 - 2025 Registration

November marks the beginning of enrollment for the 2024-25 school year! Currently enrolled children, their siblings and members of the Lake Harriet UMC have priority registration. Applications will be shared with you via brightwheel on November 1st are due no later than December 31st.

Election Day/SOS Day

There will be **no regular preschool** on Tuesday, November 7. Staff will be on site for in-service training.

School out of Session (SOS) Day will be offered for those needing care that day. Drop off begins at 7:30am and latest pick up is at 5:30pm. LHUMP welcomes out newest teacher, Kate Pomeranz, who will be teaching SOS days, PM flex care, and be one of our substitute teachers. Kate has worked with all ages of children from preschool through high school students. We are so excited to welcome her to our LHUMP team!

Early Childhood Screening

An Early Childhood Screening is a developmental and health check of your child. At screening, trained staff will check your child's development, hearing and vision, growth, and health history. It is recommended that all children be screened at age 3, but children can be screened at 4 or 5 as well. Early screening is recommended so that any health or learning concerns can be found early and help can be provided sooner. In Minneapolis call 612-348-8687. In other districts, contact their ECFE. Screening is required by MN prior to the start of public school kindergarten.

Fall Conferences

Fall conferences are a wonderful opportunity to meet with you to discuss how your child is adjusting to preschool. The conference will be about 15 minutes in length in person or virtual. Teachers will send a google doc link for you to sign up and send home a fall conference questionnaire the first week in November. Conferences will take place the week of November 13th, regular preschool is in session.

Thanksgiving Break

Preschool will be closed the week of November 20th- 24th. SOS days will be offered Nov 20 & 21. Happy Thanksgiving!

Preschool Fundraising

There are always little things that we can do to help support our school. These are just a couple of the organizations we have worked with for *many* years that have supported LHUMP by giving back a portion of their sales.

School Pictures

Thank you to our trusted preschool photographer, Rich Osness, for the wonderful preschool photos. And thank you preschool families for your photo purchases. Every year, the preschool receives at percentage of the total sales and this is usually about \$500 for the preschool!

Scholastic Books

Thank you to all who ordered Scholastic Books last month! Your orders earn monthly bonus rewards for LHUMP - which means teachers can select new books to add to their library every month! If books are a gift, please indicate that on your order or contact Mrs. Jordan. Thanks!

Volunteers

A big thank you to Claudia, Todd, and Mary for helping all of the kiddos with the preschool pumpkin patch. It was a fun and beautiful day and we appreciate you being there to help!

Room 104 & STEM Friday students had their first turns with woodworking and this is a project that depends on parent volunteers. Thank you to Jillian and Andy for your help! This is such a fun and memorable part of the preschool experience! Thank you!

Changing Seasons - Outdoor Gear

It is here! Please send weather appropriate outdoor gear to school everyday. Preschoolers are taught and learn how to put on their (in order) snow pants, boots, coat, hat, and mittens. During this transition time, please bring all of the items so that we can decide what is appropriate to wear under the current weather conditions - thank you!

Contact Us

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