



September Newsletter

Room 102

Welcome!

Hello! I am eager to begin teaching your students in Room 102. Home visits are an important way for me to connect with your child and a great way to get to know your family. Thank you for welcoming me into your homes. Please join us for the open house on Monday, September 9 at 5:45pm in our classroom. This year will be filled with discovery, friendship, and growth for your child!

Daily Routine

Each day your child will have their own check-in routine. First, they will hang their outerwear and bag on their assigned hook, wash hands and check in by moving their magnet to the appropriate area on our whiteboard. We will be practicing this routine starting the first day of school. Please make sure your child brings their 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 to both personalize it and make it easier for identification.

I understand that separation will be difficult for some children, especially the first weeks of school. 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 for quite some time and cannot be comforted, I will let you know through brightwheel or phone call.

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 do “all about me” activities. 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.

Sharing Bag

Beginning in October, a child will be selected each day to bring home the 'sharing bag' to bring back a favorite toy, object, stuffed animal, book, etc which they will share with the class during group time. As the year progresses, I will add 'challenges' like changing the size of the bag or requesting objects of a specific color or texture, etc.

Birthdays

We will be celebrating birthdays and ½ 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 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!

Odds and Ends

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 volunteer opportunities and events in our classroom. We will have a wonderful year together and I can't wait to share many exciting 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 September 9th! The first day of school is Tuesday, September 10th.

If you ever have questions or concerns that cannot be addressed during drop-off or pick-up, please feel free to contact me through brightwheel and/or email. My preschool email is rknudtson@lakeharrietumpreschool.org

Best wishes,

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