



## WELCOME

Hello! I am really looking forward to teaching in Room 106 this year. Please join us for Infant and Toddler Visits on September 6th. The event is from 8:30 to 11:30am. You will drop off kids in their classrooms and parents will go to the commons area for coffee and treats! It's another opportunity for us to connect, but also for your child to see the classroom and connect before the first day of school. Our year will be filled with so many fun opportunities for learning and making new friends!

## Routine

Each day your child will have their own check-in routine. First, please check in your child in Brightwheel upon arrival. They will come downstairs to room 106. Hang up their tote bag on their assigned hook and wash hands. Please make sure your child brings their tote bag each school day. They will be using it to take home material and outside gear in the winter. You and your child can decorate the bag together.

We know separation is difficult during early childhood. In the first week, feel free to come in and spend time making your child comfortable with the transition. They would still be getting to know us and the new environment. After the first week, we hope we can work together in building a routine of quick drop-offs.

## Important Classroom Information

The bulletin board in the hallway by the stairs 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 bin by their assigned hangers in the classroom. We will guide them in emptying their bins at the end of the class day. The bins will contain their extra clothes. All preschool information and 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 community helpers.

During group time, we will incorporate music, fine motor toys, sociodramatic play, and sensory bins. Our sensory theme for September is making “apple pie” with materials that allows them to explore their senses.

Weekly lesson plans are posted outside the classroom. 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 you about their day.

## Snack

Snacks and lunch will be provided by the Agra School Lunch Program. The menu will be on Lake Harriet UM Preschool website. Feel free to bring your own snack if you want to provide an alternate meal for your child.

## Birthdays

We will be celebrating birthdays. On this day, your child may bring a special snack and a favorite toy from home. Family members are also welcome to join us at snack time that day and celebrate. Please let me know if someone will be joining us!

## Observation and Assessment

Throughout the year we 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 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!

I look forward to seeing you all on September 6th for Infant and Toddler Visits. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My preschool email is [cpimentelt@lakeharrietumpreschool.org](mailto:cpimentelt@lakeharrietumpreschool.org) and [tdewars@lakeharrietumpreschool.org](mailto:tdewars@lakeharrietumpreschool.org).

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