

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Room 204 – Mrs. Bomar



Welcome to Room 204! I am very excited for the school year to start and to be back in the classroom with my preschool friends! We have lots of fun things planned for the school year.

We will be exploring a variety of learning themes this year. The amount of time spent on each theme and the specific themes covered will vary based on the children's needs and interests. Various assessment methods will be used to plan and modify the curriculum. Each theme will incorporate opportunities for learning things such as letters, numbers, colors, shapes, problem solving, critical thinking, and the world around us. Each theme will also incorporate content, concepts, and activities that foster social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive development. At the beginning of each theme we will discuss what we already know and what we want to know. When we complete a theme we will review what we have learned. Please let me know if you would like to add to our learning throughout the year! I welcome new ideas and participation from families.

September Learning Themes

My Classroom, My Friends, Myself: This month we will focus on becoming familiar with the classroom and our friends. Through discussion of the physical me, the feeling me, and the thinking me, we will begin to learn about how we are alike and different, and the many ways we can express our feelings. We will be looking at how friends come in all forms, how friends share, and how friends have fun together. We will also discuss ways to treat each other with equal respect and consideration to help build positive self-identity.

Routines:

Drop off & Pick up: You can enter the main preschool doors by entering your code and make your way upstairs to room 204. We are in the middle of the hallway. If you are bringing a lunch from home, lunchboxes can be left in the dedicated bin in the preschool hallway. Please be sure to label your child's lunchbox with their name and our classroom number (204).

Be sure to bring your phone with you into the preschool so you can check your child in using the Brightwheel app. Please do not check your child into school until you are in the building!

Arrival: When arriving to our classroom each day students will hang preschool bag and outdoor clothing on designated hooks. There will be a plastic home/school folder inside the preschool bag for sending artwork and preschool notes home! Please check and empty the bag every day.

The first two weeks of class the children will be getting acclimated to the new routines. Attaining independence and responsibility for themselves and paying attention to the needs and feelings of others are two of our goals for the year. I will be there for your child. I will differentiate my response to each individual child and help them as needed to be independent, learn to take care of themselves and to learn to help their friends.

To help encourage good hygiene and prevent the spread of germs, the children will wash their hands before starting their day. This will help in reducing illnesses. After washing, the children will sign in at the sign-in spot.

Daily Schedule: Our daily schedule is posted in the classroom for the children and also on our class page on the website for you. The schedule may be modified at times based on the learning needs of the children.

Home/School Folder: Forms, notes, supplies, etc. that need to get to me can be placed in the home/school plastic folder in the preschool tote bag. If you are sending information via your child's bag, please remind your student to let me know. I will check the bags the first couple of weeks and will work with the children on making this one of their responsibilities.

Snacks: Lake Harriet Preschool provides snacks for all students. We will have a morning snack and if your student stays after 12:30pm they will also have an afternoon snack.

Lunch: Lake Harriet Preschool provides a hot lunch every day. Monthly food menus will be posted at school and on our preschool website. You are always welcome to send a home lunch with your student. Their lunchbox will be refrigerated until lunch time. Please be sure your child's lunchbox/bag is clearly labeled on the outside with your student's name and classroom (204). Organic 1% milk and water will be provided to drink. Lunch and snack time provide an opportunity for children to learn how to socialize, use manners, practice patience and build responsibility.

Show and Share: Show and share is my version of show and tell. It is a great way to improve verbal skills and develop confidence when speaking in front of a group. Each sharing cycle will be a different theme. We will begin sharing in October. Sharing schedules will be posted on our class page on the website.

Lesson Plans: Weekly lesson plans will be sent weekly via a BrightWheel message. Each day we will be reading and working on a project based on the learning theme. Some of the projects we work on will be executed over multiple days. Lesson plans may be modified based on the learning needs of the children.

Newsletters: A monthly newsletter will be posted each month that contains information about the monthly curriculum and classroom information. All classroom newsletters, lesson plans, and sharing schedules will be available at www.lakeharrietupmpreschool.org

Birthdays: Student birthdays will be celebrated either on the child's actual birthday or half birthday. If more than one child shares the same birthday, we will celebrate on a day other than the actual birthday. If your child's birthday lands on a day that we are not in class, we will celebrate as close to the day as possible. Special birthday treats are permitted and will be served along with our morning snack. Please have your child bring their favorite story to class for me to read!

Volunteer Opportunities: There will be opportunities to volunteer in the classroom this year. I will communicate volunteer opportunities as they arise. If there are ideas that you have and would like to share your skills and expertise with the class, please contact me and we can make a plan. Lake Harriet UM Preschool is not just for kids, it is for families too!

Extra Clothes: Please send in an extra set of clothes (shirt/pants/socks/underwear) for your child to keep at school. Sometimes accidents happen and it can be comforting for your child to have something familiar to change into.

Important Dates:

September:

9/9 – Preschool Preview/Open House 5:45-6:30, live music on the playground from 6:00-6:30

9/9 Happy Birthday Greta!

9/10 – First Day of Preschool!

9/22 Happy Birthday Sloane!

9/26 Happy Birthday Robin!

Looking Ahead...

October:

10/1 - T-Shirt Tuesday (wear your preschool shirt to school)

10/15 - Picture Day

10/16 10/18– School Closed (MEA)

10/31 – Classroom Halloween Party

Communication: If at any time you have questions or concerns, please message me through BrightWheel, email me at jbomar@lakeharrietumpreschool.org or call/text my mobile phone (612) 562-0616.

I am looking forward to a wonderful school year!

Mrs. Bomar