



September 2024 Newsletter

Room 205 – Mrs. Beebe

Welcome to Room 205! I am very excited to be back in a NEW classroom with my preschool friends. I 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, and 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 will enter the preschool front doors where you will be required to enter the four digit code plus # on the keypad near the exterior door. You may walk your child upstairs to our classroom, room 205, at 9:00am, give me a wave, and say good-bye to your kiddo at the classroom door. Please remember to check your child in using brightwheel. Your support in getting your child to school on time and giving hugs and kisses at the classroom door is greatly appreciated. The preschoolers will learn to independently hang up their own personal belongings and follow the classroom arrival routines. Thanks!

Please remember to have your phone/device with you during check-in and check-out when you arrive at school in the morning and afternoon. You will need to use the brightwheel app to scan QR code to complete the daily health screening and check-in your child. At the end of the day, we will meet on the playground at 12:30pm and you will use the app to scan QR code to check-out your child.

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 school bag. If you are sending information via your child's bag, please remind him/her 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. **Please empty the folder at home and send it back in your child's school bag every day!**

Snacks: Snacks will be provided by the school.

Lunch: Lunches will be provided by the school. Monthly food menus will be posted at school and on the website. If you choose, your child can bring his/her own packed lunch to preschool. **Please label outside of the lunch box with name and classroom #205.** Packing small portions and a variety of healthy food items are encouraged for children at this age. Water and milk will be provided by the school. Lunch and snack time provides an opportunity for children to learn how to socialize, use manners,

practice patience and build responsibility.

Junior Teacher: Junior Teacher is my "big kid" version of show and tell. It is a great way to improve verbal skills and develop confidence when speaking in front of a group. Rather than sharing an object, the children will teach us how to do something. It is easiest to break down their lesson into three steps. For example, to ride a bike you first have to get on the bike, second you have to pedal the bike, and third you have to stop the bike by braking. I will model the first sharing opportunity so that the kids can see how to do it and ask any questions they may have. We will begin sharing in October. Jr Teacher schedules will be posted on our monthly calendar and class page on the website.

Lesson Plans: Weekly lesson plans will be posted on Brightwheel. Each day we will be reading and working on a project or lesson 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 and junior teacher 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. The day of your child's birthday celebration

will be noted by a “B-Day” on the classroom calendar. Special birthday treats are permitted. Some options are: mini cupcakes and fruit, donut holes and yogurt, cookies and milk. All snacks need to be commercially prepared, with current used by date and in an unopened package that includes the ingredient list. Water will be provided by the school. You will be invited to come into the classroom to read your child’s favorite book.

Extra Clothes: Accidents happen at school. Whether it is a bathroom accident or a messy art accident, it’s good to have a change of clothes available at school. Children are more comfortable having their own clothes to change into when these incidents occur. Please return the Ziploc baggie to school with the articles of clothing listed. These items will be returned to you in the spring.

Volunteer Opportunities: Throughout the school year there will be several opportunities for parents to volunteer in the classroom. I will keep you updated and send out messages when volunteers are needed. In addition, 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!

Important Dates:

September:

9/12 – Preschool Preview 5:45-6:30pm - You are invited to come into the classroom to take a peek! Music will be provided on the playground until 6:30pm.
9/10 – First Day of Preschool!

Looking Ahead...

October:

10/15 – Picture Day
10/16-10/18 – School Closed (MEA)
10/31 – Classroom Halloween Party

November:

11/18-11/21 – Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences (regular preschool in session)
11/25-11/28 – School Closed (Thanksgiving Break)

Communications: If at any time you have questions or concerns, please email me at (dbeebe@lakeharrietumpreschool.org) or message me on brightwheel.

~Mrs. Beebe