

September News–Room 206

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Welcome to Room 206! I am excited about the start of our preschool year and looking forward to getting to know your child and family. We will have many fun opportunities for learning and making new friends.

Weekly Lesson Plans & Monthly Theme

A weekly lesson plan will be linked in the brightwheel app. Every month we will follow a macro learning theme and each week will be dedicated to breaking down the theme to allow children to explore learning in meaningful ways. The learning core content areas are: Literacy, Social Systems, Math, Science, Art, and Physical Development. These domains align with Minnesota's Early Childhood Indicators of Progress and meet the standard for NAEYC Accreditation. Please let me know if your child has a specific topic they are interested in learning about!

September Learning Theme

All About Me! (My Classroom, My Friends, and Me!)

September is a month that brings many changes to your child's and family's lives. We will share information about ourselves and our families. We will make new connections at school and discuss how friends treat each other and work and play together. Please note that each learning theme will incorporate opportunities for developing skills related to problem solving, critical thinking, and social emotional learning, in addition to developmentally appropriate academics, such as colors, shapes, numbers, and letter names and sounds.

Drop Off & Pick Up

Every morning at arrival, you must **check your child into school using the brightwheel app**. Please bring your child to our classroom door, give any hugs, kisses, or snuggles, and say a final goodbye. We will then begin our learning adventure!

Weather permitting, our afternoon pick up will be on the playground for children who leave for the day at 12:30. Please find me to receive their preschool bag and to chat. You are welcome to play on the playground, but it is imperative that you **check your child out every day using the brightwheel app**. If you have any questions about our drop off or pick up procedure, please reach out to myself or Ms. Wright for support.

Daily Schedule

At the beginning of each day, your child will:
Hang up their outerwear and bag
Wash their hands



Check in at our picture chart

After these tasks are accomplished, your child may play until we gather for our Circle Time morning meeting. At Circle Time, we will greet one another, discuss our learning theme, and have a daily job assigned, such as being the Weather Watcher or Calendar Counter. In time, your child will adjust to their preschool routine and attain independence and responsibility.

Weekly Roundup

Please expect a brightwheel message from me each week with photos to highlight the learning we did and a preview of the learning theme ahead.

Student Folder & Classroom Cubby

Any forms, supplies, or notes can be placed in your child's plastic folder in their preschool bag. Your child will use this folder to transport their art work home as well.

Please send your child to school with one seasonally appropriate change of clothing and, if desired, a pair of shoes **they can independently put on** for their cubby. This is especially beneficial in winter months when children are wearing boots to and from school.

Agra Culture Kitchen Food Service

LHUMP is partnering with Agra Culture Kitchen to provide daily snacks and lunches. We hope children will expand their palate and willingness to try new foods! Monthly food menus will be posted at school and also available on the preschool website. If you choose to bring lunch from home, please place it in the available bin labeled with **FIRST AND LAST NAME** and **ROOM NUMBER**. Organic 1% milk is offered at lunch. Please do not send water bottles.

Birthday Celebrations

Birthdays are a fun part of preschool and we love to celebrate them in our classroom! On your child's birthday or half birthday they may share a special birthday snack. Great options are donut holes or mini cupcakes. If you'd like to come to our classroom to read a special story, please feel free to arrange it with me or include one in your child's preschool bag for me to read to our class.

Sharing

Sharing ("Show and Tell") will occur beginning in October. It is an opportunity for your child to showcase a small toy, book, or something else from home to tell their peers about. Your child will bring home a purple canvas tote bag the day prior to their Sharing Day. Please return the bag with your child's item inside the next day. To help prepare, please talk to your child about the special item they chose and what they want to tell others about it.

Volunteer Opportunities

LHUMP prides itself on building community between families and we love to welcome adult volunteers into our classrooms. There will be opportunities for you to help in Room 206

throughout the year, but please let me know if there is something special you'd like to share with our students!

Contact me

I am thrilled to be your child's teacher! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached via brightwheel and my e-mail address is tvandeboom@lakeharrietumpreschool.org.