

Welcome back to a new year at Lake Harriet United Methodist Preschool! I hope you all enjoyed time with loved ones during our extended break. I'm looking forward to getting back into our school routine and hope your children are excited to see their friends again.

Important Dates

January 7th: LHUMP t-shirt Tuesday

January 16th: Family Fun Night! Please watch for details and registration.

January 20th: NO SCHOOL

January 21st: Spirit Week begins with Rainbow Day—please dress & bring something

rainbow colored and/or shaped to show your friends!

January 22nd: Costume Day!

January 23rd: Pajama & Stuffie Day!

January 28th: Field trip to Kinder Konzert @ Orchestra Hall—EARLY DEPARTURE

February 1st: LHUMP Book Fair @ Galleria Barnes & Noble. Details to follow.

January Learning Themes

Winter Wonders (winter activities and winter animals) and Music & Movement!

As we begin the new year, we will explore winter in depth. We will discuss the environment, various animals and winter behaviors, and celebrate ways to enjoy the season in Minnesota. We will also examine different musical instruments and musical terms to prepare to go to the orchestra.

Family Fun Night

Please join the LHUMP community on 1/16 in the LHUMC Fellowship Hall for a pizza and dance party. Siblings are welcome! Please bring a blanket for your family to picnic on.

Kinder Konzert

On 1/28, we will take our first field trip to Orchestra Hall to see local author Michael Hall's book *The Perfect Square* set to music. Your child should eat a hearty breakfast, wear their yellow preschool t-shirt, and **must arrive at 8:30** for our early morning bus departure. Due to bus capacity, chaperones are asked to carpool to Orchestra Hall. We will arrive back to school to have lunch and dismissal as usual.

Winter Outerwear

A reminder that we will be working on getting on winter outerwear together each day in the following order:

Shoes off

- Snow pants
- Boots
- Coat
- Scarf/neck warmer
- Hat

Try to zip 3x

• Mittens/gloves

They are truly mastering their self-help skills with pride and have made solid progress over the season. Doing each step as a group has allowed for peer-to-peer assistance and I love watching friends helping each other.

Contact Me

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