



## BACK TO SCHOOL


# Welcome Newsletter



### MEET THE TEACHER

Hi! My name is Janet Bomar and I am so excited to be your student's teacher this year. Our meet the teacher day is Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can pick a meeting slot via the email I sent with link to google sign up.

### BRIGHTWHEEL



It is important that every student is checked in and out each day via Brightwheel. This a licensing requirement and safety issue. Anyone checking in or out will need the Brightwheel app and be a part of your family account.

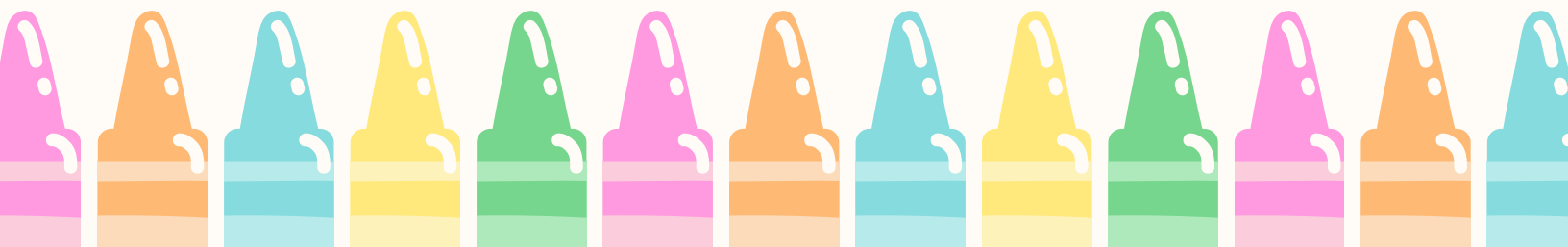
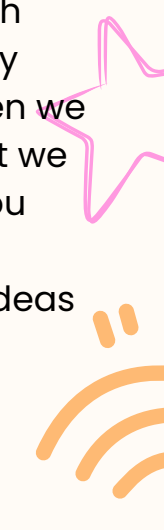


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### ABOUT OUR CLASS

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.



# 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.

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.

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:** We provide 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.

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**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](http://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.

**Indoor Shoes:** To help keep our classrooms clean, safe, and ready for play, we ask that each child leave a pair of indoor shoes at school. These should be comfortable, well-fitting, and safe for active play—ideally with non-slip soles and easy for your child to put on independently.

Children should arrive and leave each day in weather-appropriate outdoor footwear, such as boots in the winter or sandals/sneakers in warmer months. Outdoor shoes will be changed upon arrival and before dismissal to maintain a clean indoor environment.

Please label all shoes clearly with your child's first and last name, and ensure that indoor shoes remain at school throughout the week.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a clean, safe, and organized learning space!

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- September 2 – Meet the Teacher
- September 3 – First day of school!
- September 9 – T-Shirt Tuesday! Wear your LHUMP shirt to school
- September 18 – LHUMP Open House Night 5:30–6:30

## LOOKING AHEAD

- October 1 – T-Shirt Tuesday! Wear your LHUMP shirt to school
- October 15–17 –MEA Break/No School for non-full time students
- October 20–21 – School pictures
- October 30 –Costume day/Halloween celebration

## COMMUNICATION

One of my favorite parts of teaching is getting to know families! Please do not hesitate to reach out if you ever have questions, concerns, comments, etc. I value working as a partner with parents and caregivers.

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