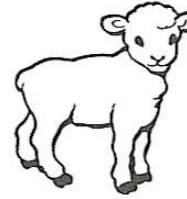


Ewe's News

Little Lambs Parent Cooperative Preschool

A Non-Profit, Christian Preschool * * * * 1977-2011



Welcome Parents and Students

The teachers and the executive board would like to welcome all of you to Little Lambs Preschool. We have great things planned for your children this year.

This newsletter will come home with your child each month. It will help keep you informed about what is going on at Little Lambs. Please remember that this newsletter will have the most up to date information regarding any changes to the school calendar and

events.

We also would like you to know that our board meetings are open to all parents who would like to attend. Please join us to keep up to date on all of the new ideas and changes happening "inside" Little Lambs. We are open to any questions or concerns that parents may have.

Our board meetings are held at the preschool on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend one

or more if you are able. This month's meeting will be on September 12th.



What to Bring on the First Day of School

1. A Large backpack. This backpack will come back and forth to school each day. It should be big enough to hold a 9x12 folder.

2. Your child's "Special Person Poster" and "Apple Project".

3. A gallon size Ziplock bag with a labeled change of clothes. The bag should include: shirt, pants, underwear, and socks for your child.

4. A picture of your child's pet or stuffed animal.

4. A Picture of your house for our block center. The picture should be no bigger than 5x7. It will not be returned to you.

Please keep in mind that it is imperative

to the schedule that you drop off and pick up your child on time. When you do enter the school, please do not allow siblings to be unsupervised while you are getting your child situated for the day.

All students should be signed in on the attendance sheet next to the door. Please let Miss Kathy or Miss Julie know if there will be changes in your child's arrival or departure.

Please remember to call and let the teachers know if your child is going to be absent. Feel free to leave a message.

Please make sure your child enters the classrooms with INDOOR shoes only.

If you would like to bring in a snack for special occasions, please schedule this PRIOR to the date with Miss Kathy.

Any questions? Please contact Miss Kathy or Miss Julie



Dates to Remember:

9/7 School starts for MWF a.m.

9/8 Class starts for TTH a.m. class

9/12 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

9/21&22 Red Day: Wear something red. Bring in something small and red for our red board

10/5&6 Fall Field Trip

September Themes:

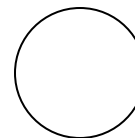
- God's Creation
- All About Me
- All About Our World



Learning Focus for September

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Color: Red Shape: Circle
Letter: A Zoo-phonics: Allie Alligator
Numbers: 0 & 1 Character Counts: Sharing & Listening



Allie Alligator

Your child will be learning his/her letters and sounds the "Zoo-phonics" way. In this approach, each letter of the alphabet and its appropriate letter sound is matched with an animal and hand gesture.

The Zoo-phonics methodology fully involves your child's eyes, ears, mouth, and body as they learn phonemic awareness, the alphabet, how to decode (read), and finally, how to encode (spell/write).

Zoo-phonics is so playful! Watch baby animals as they play. They are in constant motion as they wrestle, jump, roll, snarl,

yip, and growl. This is important preparation for adulthood. The same goes for your child. They are in constant motion and they love to make noise! Zoo-phonics believes in using what's natural for them and channeling it for learning. They will process information well through this important movement and sound production!

If you would like more information on Zoo-phonics, visit: www.zoophonics.com



Songs & Poems to Learn



You Are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray. You'll never know dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away.

Oh What a Beautiful Morning

Oh what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day. I've got a wonderful feeling, everything's going my way.
(...rainy morning)
(...snowy morning)
(...foggy morning)

Little Lambs

(tune: Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear)
Little Lambs, Little Lambs, turn around,
Little Lambs, Little Lambs touch the ground,
Little Lambs, Little Lambs climb the stairs,
Little Lambs, Little Lambs say your prayers. Little
Lambs, Little Lambs turn off the lights,
Little Lambs, Little Lambs say good night.

The Lord is Good to Me

Oh the Lord is good to me and so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need; the sun and the rain and the apple trees. The Lord is so good to me. Amen.

God Bless America

God Bless America, land that I love, Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam. God bless America, my home sweet home.

Apple Tree Poem

Way up high in the apple tree, two red apples smiled at me. I shook that tree as hard as I could. Down they came—
MMmmm they were so good!

Be A Friend

(tune: Row, Row, Row you boat)
Be, be, be a friend, to everyone in school.
We learn, we play, we try each day to follow every rule.

Happy All the Time (2x)

I'm inside, outside, upside, downside, Hap-

The Promise Prayer

I'm promising dear Jesus to follow you today, and to obey your every rule in all I do and say. To always be a loving child; helpful, kind, and sweet. To give the love you give to me, to everyone I meet. But if this promise I should break, or if I bring you sorrow, then help me to begin again and keep my promise tomorrow. Amen

py all the time.

Since Jesus Christ came in and saved us from our sins I'm inside, outside, upside, downside, Happy all the time.

Oh Let the Sunshine In (2x)

Oh, let the sunshine in and face it with a grin. Open up your heart and let the sunshine in!

Pay Attention to Your Preschooler's Good Behavior

Source: Elizabeth Crary, *Love & Limits Guidance*

Children want the attention of their parents and other adults they love. They will behave in the ways that gain them the most attention.

So when your child is behaving the way you want him to, be sure to give him lots of attention.

Here are some ways to do this:

- **Notice his efforts:** "You al-

ready have your coat on. How helpful!"

- **Reward good behavior** by spending extra time. "You were quiet while mommy talked on the telephone. Now that I'm free, let's read your favorite book."
- **Put his actions** into words. "You shared your truck with Eric. I bet that made him feel

great."

- **Thank him** for picking up his toys.

Learning to Share

Sharing is an important skill youngsters need to master. And parents sometimes worry that their children won't learn how. Here are some tips to encourage sharing:

- When friends come to play, help your child put away the special toy she doesn't want to share.

- Help your child select "share toys" that won't break or get used up.
- Buy or collect toys that are good for sharing, such as construction sets and outdoor play equipment.
- **Model sharing.** Show your child how to share by your example. You might say, "This apple is

good. Would you like some of mine?" Or ask your child to share and then say, "Thank you for being such a good sharer."

- Play games that require taking turns.
- Don't expect perfection. Learning to share takes time . . . and practice.

Teach Your Preschooler Listening Skills That Are Needed For School

Sandra F. Rief, *Ready Start School!*

By the end of kindergarten, children are expected to have certain listening skills. For example, they should take turns speaking and listening be able to follow simple two-step directions and tell the difference between a statement and a question. To help your child learn to listen more and pay attention:

- **Get his attention first.** Say his name at the start of your sentence. Touch his shoulder.
- **Reduce distractions.** Turn off

the TV so you don't have to talk over the noise.

- **Gently encourage** him to look you in the eyes.
- **Be brief.** Say what you want him to do in as few words as possible. "Toys way now, please."
- **Give simple directions.** Not more than two or three steps at a time.
- **Stop talking** after you make a request. Give your child time to

think or comply.

- **Model how to be a good listener.** Be patient while your child tries to express himself. Don't interrupt or complete his sentences. Show interest by paraphrasing what the says and asking questions.
- **Praise your child** when he listens and attempts to follow directions.

Please remember that children attending Little Lambs must be potty trained. Teachers cannot change pull-ups. It is essential that each child is dressed in underwear!
PLEASE TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE BATHROOM BEFORE CLASS!

Contact Miss Kathy or Miss Julie with any questions!



SNACK TIME!

You will find the weekly snack schedule on the volunteer calendar. On your scheduled work day, please bring the corresponding snack listed. Miss Kathy and Miss Julie incorporate the snack into their lessons on many occasions.
Also, please bring in a jug of 100% juice. Please no red juice!

Please keep in mind that the menu is very strict due to children with certain food allergies. It is very important that you bring exactly what you are assigned. Thank you!!!!

We're on the web!

www.littlelambscaledonia.org

Miss Kathy's Wish List:

Donations to Little Lambs

Paint sticks

White Chinette paper plates

Fine tip markers

Water Color Paints

Colored buttons

Paper (white & colored)

Gluesticks

Baby Wipes

Tacky glue

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great."

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Are You Helping Your Child Learn Good Manners?

Being polite and getting along are important social skills your child will need to succeed in school. Take this quiz to see if you're instilling good manners in your preschooler. Answer *yes* or *no* to the following statements:

1. **I model polite talk.** I say, *please, thank you, and excuse me.*
2. **I teach my child** how to answer the phone. We practice saying, "Hello.

Who's calling, please?"

3. **I help my child** send thank you notes. She draws a picture and I help her sign her name.
4. **I sometimes make dinner** a formal occasion. I show my child how to use the correct fork and place a napkin in her lap.
5. **I teach my child** not to interrupt others when they are talking. We practice waiting until it is our turn to

talk.

How well are you doing? Each *yes* answer means you are teaching your child to be polite. For each *no* answer, try that idea from the quiz.

4 Year Olds Should Be Taught to Mind Their Manners

Source: Peggy Post and Cindy Post Senning, *"Raising Polite Preschoolers", Parents, 2002*

Teach your child to respect the needs and feelings of others now. This will build the skills and confidence she'll need to handle social situations in school. Be sure to:

- **Set clear rules** about considerate behavior. "We don't talk when someone else is speaking."
- **Use words** your child can understand. "It's not nice to point at a person." "say, 'Excuse me,' when you bump into someone."

- **Build empathy.** Point out the thoughtful actions of others. Say how these make you feel.
- **Encourage sharing.** Explain that taking turns will help your child make friends.
- **Say, "please," thank you** and "you're welcome." When your child forgets, ask, "What's the magic word?" or "What do you say?"
- **Teach your child to meet** others.

Teach her to say, "Hello," and to look straight at the person.

- **Point out when** it's proper to use a loud "big voice," or a softer "little voice."