



## **Mrs. Brown's Class**

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### **Weekly News**

September 3-6

## **Our First Week!**

What an exciting time it is for the children as they begin their first week of school! The children will be meeting their new class friend, Pip the Pup. Pip will be helping the students learn some of the rules and procedures that the children will follow to make our classroom a safe and fun place to learn. Some of the things she will teach them are how to stand in line and walk quietly in the hallway, how to listen and participate at group times, and how to use the restroom nicely. She will also help teach the students how to use and take care of the materials at each of the centers. This first week, the children will be exploring the block center and creation station. They will be learning about new centers each week, getting "center certified" as they become experts on each of the centers. You will notice that during our first few weeks of school, the children will be learning the expectations for what may seem like very basic things. By teaching these early on, your children are practicing the skills to be successful learners the whole year!

## **Class Groups**

Class Groups are named as follows and will remain the same throughout the year:

M,W,F Mornings – Alligators (A)

T,Th Mornings – Lions (L)

M-F Afternoons – Whales (W)

## **Books / Fingerplays**

Let's Learn 1 by Tara West

Let's Build! by Tara West

Let's Draw! by Tara West

Maisy Goes to Preschool by Lucy Cousins

Line Up Poem

Friend's Name Song

## **Bible Story (from Mrs. Mullen)**

To help you know what topics to discuss, be sure to read the weekly newsletter. It will tell you what our story theme of the week is and what activities we will be doing. This week I will show the children a Bible and explain to them that it has stories about God, that He loves us, and that all of the lessons really happened a long time ago. I will often use different story telling techniques to reiterate our lessons. One time it will be told, another time we might act it out, use a game show format, or use puppets! Variety will keep it interesting for all of us. As we get more comfortable with each other and our schedule we will accomplish more!

Stories for the week:

Lions – Jesus Loves Children (You can find it in your Bible in the book of Mark, chapter 10:13-16.)

Alligators / Whales – God Creates Our Beautiful World

## **Music**

This week during music time the children will learn what is expected of them as they use their voices to praise their Lord! They will also be singing the songs, "This Little Gospel Light of Mine" and "The Wheels on the Bus".

## **Circle Time**

Activities for circle time will be labeled with the group animal names for each class. Please double check your child's group name so you will know which of the circle time activities your child participated in each week. Do not worry if your child is in the two or three day class and it seems he is missing out on an activity. We practice many of these same skills at various times throughout the year, so there will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to learn!

Activities:

- Magic Playdough – Children will strengthen the muscles in their hands as they work with their ball of playdough. If it changes to a different color as they are working with it, they know they will have a wonderful year of preschool! (A, L, W)
- Read Let's Color! By Tara West. Pip will help teach the children about appropriate ways to use the crayons as they color. We want to care for our crayons and other things in our classroom so they can last all year long. They will have a chance to show what they have learned as they color their first week of school crowns! (A, L, W)

- Read Let's Watercolor! by Tara West. The children will practice what they have learned in the book as they use their watercolor paints to make a beautiful picture! (W)
- Popcorn carpet game – The children will practice color recognition as they make guesses about which color popcorn bucket they think the piece of popcorn is hiding behind. (W)

## **Red and Green Choices**

This week the children will be introduced to the concept of red and green choices. Each day we will be talking about a different behavior and the children will try to figure out whether it is a green choice or a red choice. As children make choices in their behavior, they are reminded that green choices are those that show love to God and to one another, while red choices are those that are unkind or unhelpful. We will continue to talk more about letting our lights shine through our actions and our choices in the coming weeks!

## **Newsletters**

You will be receiving our classroom newsletter on a weekly basis. If you would like to read the K-8 school newsletter as well, it will be posted on the school website ([www.stpls.com](http://www.stpls.com)).

## **Seesaw App**

Please make sure you have connected to your child's class in the Seesaw app if you have not already done so. I will be sending out pictures occasionally so you can see what your child is learning. This is also an excellent tool for communicating messages to me about any questions or concerns regarding your child. These are sent directly to my e-mail through Seesaw so I won't miss them. Let me know if you need another QR code paper for your child to get him connected.

## **Husker Watch Party**

The St. Paul's Parent Support Group is inviting all St. Paul's School and Little Lambs Preschool families to watch the Husker game together on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the

school gym. This is an excellent opportunity to have fun while getting to know some of the other families here at school! Please see the flyer for more details.

### **After School Program**

For those with children in the afternoon class, please remember to let us know ahead of time if your child will be using the after school program so you will not be charged a late fee if your child is here past 3:40 p.m.

**Jesus Loves the  
Little Children!**

