

Tuesday / Thursday Class

September 3, 2019

Dear Parents,

Wow! The 1ST day of school! We are beginning a brand new adventure for both you and your child. This may be a difficult time as you send your little one off to school; they are taking a big step into a *much larger world*. We are going to be working together to benefit your child. Thank you for allowing me to share this great responsibility with you!

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These are significant days for your child. Most children experience a mixture of happy and fearful feelings as they think about going to school for the first time. Give your child a chance to talk about these feelings and new experiences with you. They will feel grown up; important and **very special** as you listen carefully to them tell you about their day or week. Please be sure to keep me informed about significant events in your child's life. The arrival of grandparents for a visit, the death of a pet, a special weekend trip - events like these almost always affect your child's feelings and behavior. Being aware of anxiety or excitement will allow me to better help the student cope with classroom activities and friends.

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 first week our story is **Jesus Loves Children**. You can find it in your Bible in the book of Mark, chapter 10:13-16. I will show the children a Bible and explain to them that it has stories about God, how he loves us, and that all of the lessons really happened a long, 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!

You received a calendar for the entire school year at the open house that tells you our days off of school. If you were not there, please ask for one. Another extremely important item from our open house is tuition. If you had any difficulty signing up for FACTS please let me know as soon as possible. Another very important detail is immunization records! They need to be at school by our first day.

Each student will bring their own personal snack and drink to school every day. It may help to have a small lunch box for them to keep it in. I will send home a calendar for each month to remind you of special events and days off. This will also state who my line leader and helper is for that day.

The other newsletter you receive each week is the K-8 letter that tells about activities offered at St. Paul's. Please know that you are always welcome to attend all events that may be talked about in that publication. There are a lot of fun things going on in the other classrooms and it is helpful to keep up with their news as well! I will try to highlight certain events in our preschool letter if I think it's something you might really enjoy.

Show and Tell will be divided up in two groups. Next week on Thursday we will have group #1 bring one item to show. Keep it on your book bag until show and tell time. Items have been misplaced if not kept secure.

Our sign in and sign out procedure is new this year. When you bring you child to class please sign in on the desk near my door. When the door opens at the end of our day feel free to pop in and help your child get ready to leave. This will be a good time to ask questions you may have. I will unlock the outside door about 5 min. prior to the end of our day.

The first couple of weeks will be spent getting used to each other and learning our routine. Don't be alarmed if initially you don't get much information out of your child about particulars, it's a lot to absorb! Hopefully those lines of communication will open up after they adjust to this new chapter in their life. Be sure to speak with me if you have any questions at all.

Kristin Bauer is my aid and right hand in this class! She is marvelous with the children, you will love her too!

I guess that's enough for the first letter! They won't all be this long....I promise.

Until next time,
Mrs. Linda Mullen

'Show and Tell'

Group #1

Norah

Finley

Irelynd

Leo

Brecken

Braxton

Group #2

Hadley

Noe

Cutter

Sloane

Willow

Avery

Harlee

Bring one item on Thursday when it is your week.

Group #1 will have Show & Tell on September 12!

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If drop off is difficult for your child assure them that you will be back at the end of the school day, that you love them, and then please leave quickly! **The longer you stay, the harder it is for both of you.** I'm happy to send a text update to let you know how things are going for us at school!!

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Again this year I am dedicating the hall bulletin board to learning about students in the 3 & 5 day classes. Our theme 'Picture Yourself in Preschool' will be the background for our first day of school photos. There is a schedule coming home today that tells when your child is featured. Next week is Andi Anderson, the week after is Rehgan Anderson. Be sure to grab an information sheet to fill out and mark on your calendar when it is your turn. Have fun with this!

If you missed the open house, be sure to pick up a calendar for the school year. It will tell you all of our scheduled days off. Snow days....as always are never planned, so for those events listen to the local radio stations, and expect a school wide text from Mr. Paulsen.

An extra copy of the calendar is posted in the hall by our door for quick reference.

All of the children are to bring their own food and a drink for our snack time. We have food allergies posted in the hall by our door if you are bringing a group snack for a birthday. We are fortunate that the allergies are such that other students can still eat those items in their personal snack. If you have questions please ask!

We have a class Face Book page where I will post pictures. Because this is a private group for parents, you need to look for Little Lambs Preschool (Mrs. Mullen) and ask to join. I will post photos often of our daily activities.

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