



Lakeland's Little Learners

News from the 3's Room

September 2019



Introduction:

My name is Patti Berley, and I am looking forward to being your child's teacher. Three's is an age where we see tremendous amounts of growth and development and I am excited to be a part of it. My husband and I moved to Burlington, WI from Big Sky, MT in May 2015 with our ten-year-old son Garrett, eight-year-old son Mason, and six-year-old daughter Olivia. I have a Bachelor's degree in Child and Family Studies from Freed-Hardeman University, and prior to coming to Lakeland's Little Learners, I was the director of Morningstar Learning Center in Big Sky. In our free time we enjoy hiking, swimming, boating, or just spending time with family!



Welcome:

I would like to welcome all of the new families to the "3's Room", as well as welcome back those that are returning. I am excited for a school year filled with fun and learning. A calm, loving environment where the children develop the confidence to express their personalities is an important part of our classroom. They will spend the year getting their hands dirty exploring the outside and creating art projects inside. We will also be cooking, making friends and just having fun. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Remind App:

In addition to email, I would also like to use the remind app to communicate this year. This is an app you can download on your iPhone or Android device that works similar to a text message. This will allow me to send out reminders for field trips, school events, and classroom parties. Attached to this newsletter you will find directions for setting up the remind app and getting connected to the "3's Classroom" I have created.

Things to know:

- Just outside our classroom door you will find our “question of the day” board. Together with your child please read the question, have your child find their name and place it under their answer on the board. We discuss the question each day at circle time and it is a wonderful introduction into the day of learning.
- Once you enter the room look for the cubby with your child’s name on it. Each child has their own square section on either the top or the bottom. The rectangular area in the middle is shared so we ask that each child bring their extra items in a bag to hang on one of the hooks.
- Please make sure you label everything, and send an extra set of clothes with your child. We also ask that each child have a pair of closed toe shoes for the playground.
- As the temperature begins to get cooler, please remember to send a light jacket with your child for outside time.

September Unit:

This month will be all about getting to know ourselves and each other. Making friends, expressing our feelings, sharing and taking turns will be the focus of our activities. We will be creating self portraits, and graphing our hair and eye color. Singing songs, playing games and exploring our new room will allow the children to get to know each other while I model appropriate ways to express feelings, share and take turns. A study of trees and apples, including a field trip to the Apple Barn, will be an exciting way to close out our first month of school. Look for more information to come regarding our field trip. We are looking forward to a great start to the new school year!

Upcoming Events:

September 6 - Back to school coffee and tea 7:00am – 9:00am Grab a cup to enjoy on your way to work!

September 9 - Grandparent’s Day 9:00 am (Each child may invite one grandparent or special person to enjoy a snack and activity with)

September 12 & 13- Student pictures

September 13 - Yankee Candle Fundraiser starts; orders due September 27

September TBD - Apple Barn Field Trip (More info to come)



Ages and Stages Questionnaire:

Along with our newsletter, you will find the Ages and Stages packet. Please take some time at home with your child and answer the questions. Make it a game and have some fun. Remember no one knows your child like you. This will help us to have a complete understanding of your child’s skills and development thereby, helping us to format our lessons and activities individually for them.

Family Connection:

As we begin to get to know one another we would love to have each of the children bring in a family picture to share with the class. Looking at this picture together will give you a chance to discuss how all families are different but yet the same. This is also a great opportunity to talk to your child about the color of their hair and eyes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I can be reached by phone at Lakeland’s Little Learners 262-723-8391 or by email at pberley@lakelandlittlelearners.com.

Thank you,
Ms. Patti