

Little Lamb Nursery School

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The Lamb - October 2019

October Birthdays

Lux F. AM

Hayden R. PM

Madison M.

Willow B.

CALENDAR

October 1- tuition due for November.

October 3 - Bern Township playground field trip-Leaving LLNS about 10:45am- see flyer that went home for more information

October 10 - (Thursday) - Rain date Bern Township playground

October 10 - (Thursday) - 911 Day - Today we will begin our fire safety unit by introducing the concept of 911. The Thursday class will have fire safety and general safety concepts as part of their class time for several weeks. After we introduce the use of the telephone and 911 we would appreciate if you would help your child practice dialing 911 on a toy phone or on their craft phone. We will stress the importance of not using a real phone for practice. **It is necessary for your child to learn his/her home address** so that in the event of a home emergency s/he will be able to respond appropriately.



October 14 - (Monday) - classes in session. Fall item show and tell today. Students should bring one item that is related to the fall season.



October 16, 17 - Wednesday, Thursday - Mrs. Lash will be away at a conference.

October 21- (Monday) - Pumpkin Day - a great day to wear something orange or something with pumpkins on it

October 30 - (Wednesday) - Halloween parade for each class.



November 4 - (Monday) - Author Theresa Cocci visits LLNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. We have 12 children in the morning class and 7 in the afternoon class. We have 10 in the Thursday morning class.
- II. There are class snack sign-up sheets on the LLNS hallway bulletin board. The morning information is always on the left side and the afternoon sign-ups are on the right side. We ask that you do not provide gummy snacks or any kind of licorice type sticky food for any morning class. No sports drinks are permitted.
- III. We ask that for Show and Tell days please send only one (1) object. Please have a discussion about the object before your child comes to school. Show and Tell has three purposes. One is to build vocabulary for the students. The second is to give each child a chance to speak to the class, sharing information he/she knows. The third is to help the child connect to the topic of the day. Please have your student place the show and tell item on the toy shelf in the classroom at drop-off time.
- IV. Our Halloween Parades will be Wednesday, October 30, at the beginning of each class. Send your child to school dressed in a costume. After everyone arrives, we will have a short parade outside the church or inside depending on the weather. Parents/Caregivers may stay to watch and take pictures!! After the parades, we would appreciate help in removing costumes. Class will resume once the children are out of their costumes and parents/caregivers have departed. Be sure your child has a bag for his/her costume. If it is a chilly day you may want to put a jacket or sweater under the costume.
- V. Your child should bring a backpack to school every day. Please remove all jackets and sweaters from the backpacks before class begins. You may hang the jackets and sweaters from the hooks in the hallway cubbies. The children have a lot of difficulty putting their papers in their backpacks if the backpacks are full with a coat, sweater or sweatshirt.
- VI. We continue to collect Redner's Tapes. Please put them in the hallway container.
- VII. Please check the LLNS bulletin board and chalkboard for program updates and any other parent/caregiver information. For additional information, please "friend" our Facebook page - Little Lamb Nursery School of Eplers Church
- VIII. Thank you to everyone who so generously donated supplies. The need for any more will be in a future newsletter.

CLASS NOTES

Our students are getting acquainted or reacquainted with their school environment and class routine. We are fortunate to have so many helping hands at clean up time. Since our children must make transitions from upstairs to downstairs and, so forth, in our program, they are doing a good job of learning to line up, stay in line, use the stair railing to hold on to, and use quiet walking feet. Our returning students are such good role models again this year. Important pre-school social skills we all continue to work on throughout the school year include:

- Using "Walking Feet" indoors
- Sitting on your bottom with legs crossed at circle time
- Using "Listening Ears" during circle time
- Sitting still for short periods of time
- Waiting your turn
- Keeping hands in own space and respecting the space of others
- Learning the pledge to the flag
- Learning to recognize his/her name in printed form-this is an important readiness skill that we strive to master by December.



Important skills our Thursday class will be working on:

- Proper grasp of a crayon, marker, or pencil
- Following directions
- Starting letters at the top
- Beginning letter sounds
- Uppercase (capital) and lowercase letters

In September we learned each other's names with the help of Shaggy Sheep and Rosy Raccoon. We enjoyed play time indoors and had fun on the playground. The children were able clearly able to participate in our discussions on woodland/forest animals. They also enjoyed finding the star inside the apples.

In October we will continue our woodlands animal unit. We will be doing fall themed activities throughout the month as well as some things related to Halloween. The teachers like to be surprised by the costumes our students wear to school for the Halloween parade. We try to have them keep the costumes a secret till the big day. However, if it happens that we hear about a costume early, we will still always be excited to see just what each of them has chosen.

Our Thursday has learned about watermelons. They discovered that watermelons can be orange on the inside. The orange ones are as tasty as the red ones. Nine out of ten students were positive that the watermelon would sink in a large tub of water. They were quite surprised to see it float.

If you have any questions about our program or concerns about your child, feel free to contact Mrs. Lash at home 610-926-1135 or ask to see her after class.

Remember, that children participate in MANY different activities during the school day. Please don't expect your child to be able to tell you all she/he does each day. Instead, ask about what snack he/she had, what toy he/she played with or even what song or story he/she enjoyed. As the year progresses and the children feel more comfortable with their surroundings and their routines, it will be easier for them to discuss parts of their school day. Occasionally, but not always, our craft project will directly relate to our theme of the day. However, the staff believes that it is important for the students to have the opportunity to experience lots of different art materials and try different techniques. We feel that the process of creating art is more important than the product at preschool age. Encourage your child to verbally share with you the way he/she did his/her craft. Your child may even want to add to, or change the craft when he/she gets home.

Favorite books from the month of September include:

- An Apple A Day -Melvin Berger
- Forest Animals-
- What is Chasing Duck? - Jan Thomas
- Is Everyone Ready for Fun - Jan Thomas
- From Head to Toe -Eric Carle
- Ten Red Apples: Bartholomew Bear - Virginia Miller
- Daylight, Starlight Wildlife - Wendell Minor
- Welcome Home, Bear - Il Sung Na
- Big Bear Hug - Nicholas Oldland

Books enjoyed by the Thursday class include:

- What Color is Your Underwear? - Sam Lloyd
- Pigeon Has to go to School - Mo Willems
- David Gets in Trouble - David Shannon
- The Forest Habitat - Bobbie Kauffman
- Found - Yoon



Enjoy the beginning of fall,

LLNS STAFF

On Monday, November 4, local author, Theresa Cocci will be coming to LLNS to present her book, Henry the Hungry Hound. Ms.Cocci is a music teacher who is currently providing music activities to the students at Community Preschol in Berks county. The theme of her book is kindness. More information will be coming home with your student along with an advanced order form in case families wish to purchase a signed copy of the book

We will be following the Schuylkill Valley School District weather related school closure procedure again this year. If SVSD is having a two hour ice/snow/hurricane delay Little Lamb will cancel the morning class. If SVSD closes for the mornig due to weather Little Lamb will be closed for the day. If SVSD needs to close due to other emergencies Little Lamb will not be affected. Check out the LLNS Facebook page for updates. School district closings can be found on WFMZ (channel 69) and Channel 6 (WPVI). Of course, SVSD students will receive early morning notification from the district. We will try to make up closures during the school year or at the end of school.