



LCNS Newsletter

September 2014

Lincolnshire Community Nursery School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 2nd

1st day of school –On My Own, Pre-k 9-10 am or 12:45-1:45 pm

September 3rd

1st day of school 3's am—9-10 am

3's pm—12:45-1:45 pm

September 8th

Lunch Buddies begins

September 9th

Book Club begins

September 10th

Spanish Class begins

September 12th

Eagles Class begins

September 16th

Curriculum Night 7 PM (parents only)

September 18th

No School—Staff Mtg.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

Welcome to LCNS! We are looking forward to a fantastic year of preschool. The teachers, as well as the board of directors, have been very busy cleaning, painting, and setting up for the beginning of school.

During this first week, children will receive a large card with their name for the carpool line. Please display this card in your front windshield so that the teachers can quickly identify your car. If you are forming a carpool with other families, please let us know ahead of time. Remember to hand a note to your child's teacher if they are going home with another student. Also, for safety reasons, if someone is picking up your child that is not designated on your consent form, please have a note with the person's name on it and let your teacher know. Our pick up outdoor service will begin the week of September 8, 2014.

We are excited to start our new Book Club enrichment. Students from both 3's and pre-k can join the club on Tuesdays, starting September 9th while cooking, creating art, or dramatizing parts of the story. We still have a few spots available in both the am/pm classes.

Our other enrichment programs will also begin the week of September 8th. Lunch Buddies will start on Monday along with Spanish on Wednesday the 10th. Our Eagles class will also begin this week on Friday, September 12th. If you would like to find out more about any of our enrichment programs, please feel free to stop by my office or email me any questions you may have. Also, do not forget to **label your child's lunch with his/her name** and leave it in the lunch buddy room when you arrive. We do specify a nut free table so please look for those signs if your child's lunch is nut free.

Please mark you calendars for parent night at LCNS on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 7:00pm. Board members and teachers will get a chance to explain many of the wonderful events at LCNS and give you an idea of the goals and experiences planned for your child throughout the school year. This evening is very informative and set for parents only.

We hope you enjoy the red LCNS drawstring bag all families will receive for being part of our wonderful school. Although we hope it comes in handy for use on the go, we ask that the bag not be used as your child's backpack.

Spirit Fridays are always fun at LCNS and we have new spirit wear for you to purchase. Please take a moment during the first few days to stop by the spirit table and purchase a t-shirt, sweatshirt, fleece zip-up, tote bag, or car decal, and support our school. Don't forget to wear your spirit wear every Friday, or any other day of the week too.

Again, we look forward to an incredible year with each and every child as they grow,

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learn, and discover the world around them. Thank you for being part of the LCNS family. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 847-945-1450 or via e-mail at director@lcns.org.

Warmest Regards,

Amy Morrissey

Director, LCNS

ON MY OWN

Welcome to On My Own! We have an exciting year planned and look forward to getting to know your children. Our main goal this month is to help your child separate from their caregiver smoothly and feel comfortable at school.

Our themes for the month are "All about Me!" and "Shapes." We will be focusing on the children learning each other's names and getting to know each other. We will also be working on recognition of circles, squares, and triangles. Some of the books we will be reading are: Mouse's First Day of School, I Like School, I Like Me, It's Okay to be Different, and My Many Colored Days.

Please have your child come to school every day with a backpack and a change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks) that remain in the pack in case of an accident. Since we play outside, it's also a good idea for your child to wear tennis shoes to school.

Each child is required to wash their hands when they arrive at school. The hand-washing routine that we will use while at school is: water, soap, lather, rinse, and turn off the faucet with the bottom of the fist to avoid germs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We are available at the beginning and end of school, via phone, e-mail, or our open communications box located on the counter next to the door of our classroom.

Thank you!

Important Dates:

9/2 First day of School 9-10 am

Mom's coffee

9/9 Carpool begins

9/11 Full day of class 9-11:30 am

9/11 Music Class and carpool begins

THREES

Welcome to LCNS 3's! The 3's teaching team of Katherine Colbourn, Amy Klein, and Wendy Haller are looking forward to a year of fun, inquisitive, and exciting learning!

Our main goal for September is for every child to feel comfortable in the classroom and love coming to school! It is important for us to take time to get to know one another and develop a sense of community for our class, and to have much time to explore the classroom and the materials. As the children build comfort in the classroom and with the materials they build their confidence and readiness to learn.

A wonderful aspect of preschool is that while we are “playing fun games, with fun materials” we are learning along the way. One of our literacy goals for the 3’s is to recognize and eventually write their name. To promote this aspect of their literacy development we introduce a daily attendance chart where each child will select his/her photo and name and places it on the chart to show that he/she is in school that day. Eventually only the letters for the name will be on the card. We will sing songs with the children’s’ names, like “Hickety Pickety,” and dot paint the first letter of their names. Reading books everyday is one of the most important things we (parents and teachers) can do to build each child’s vocabulary, interest and skill in reading. Some of our book highlights for September are: What Do You Like?, Quick As a Cricket, I Like Me, We Are All Alike, We Are All Different, and Mouse’s First Day. We begin school with an all time favorite, Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?. We will make our own classroom version of this beloved book with all of our friends to enjoy the whole school year. To encourage literacy development we have photos of our classroom materials on tubs so that the children will match the materials to the correct tub at clean-up.

The 3’s year of math is based on exploration, investigation and problem solving. Children need to have awareness and experiences with materials and concepts before they are ready for the more goal directed learning they will do in math as they get older. Playing and building with blocks in our classroom provides our 3 year olds with opportunities to use different shapes and see how shapes and sizes fit together, which is providing a base for their sense of space and shape in geometry. Clean-up in the block area helps as well, as the children observe the differences in the block shapes and put them away on the shelf to match the block picture. We will be introducing the four basic shapes throughout the fall. During the first few weeks we focus on the circle, so watch for all different kinds of circles in our classroom and in your child’s backpack.

A few reminders for the beginning of the year:

- please keep a complete change of clothes in your child’s school bag because in the excitement of a new school experience accidents can happen
- upon arrival please hang your child’s backpack in his/her cubby and then wash hands in the bathroom before playing in the classroom
- we will end our day outdoors, running, climbing, riding bikes and having lots of fun, this type of play is safest with athletic shoes

We are so excited for school to begin and we look forward to meeting all of our

parents on Tuesday, September 16th at Curriculum Night!

PRE-K

Monthly Themes:

Sept . 2-12: All about Me

Sept. 15- 26: Circus and Shapes

Sept. 29- Oct. 3: Apples, Apples, Apples!

Parent Information:

Welcome to the Pre-K class! We are excited to get to know your children and you! These beginning two weeks will be spent acquainting the children with each other and our classroom activities. If you ever have any questions throughout the year, feel free to contact any one of us. You are welcome to visit our classroom any time! Please leave siblings at home.

During the year the children will have opportunities to use their creative expression at the easel and at the Make it Take it center. Here there are all sorts of art supplies that the children are free to use to create their unique art creations. The water table lends itself to lots of pouring and measuring. Lots of building and dramatic play can take place in the housekeeping and block area. The science table has our class pets! Be sure to check it out.

Beginning Sept.15th, we will be introducing letters and the beginning sounds. Help your child think of words that begin with the letter of the week. The letters this month are L and F. We will also do our Jolly Phonics program daily where the children sing a song to go along with the letter of the week. The songs reinforce the letter sounds and are accompanied by a hand motion to help them remember the letter.

There will be no school on Thurs. Sept. 18 (staff meeting) and Thurs. Sept. 25th (Rosh Hashanah).

Student News:

Beginning Sept. 15th, the circus will be coming to our classroom! The children will have fun being tigers, clowns, dogs, and ringmasters while putting on their own circus acts! They will have fun drawing print painting, and roller painting all sorts of shapes!

The week of Sept .26th will be filled with lots of apple activities! We will be counting, sorting, weighing, and measuring apples to help reinforce math readiness skills. We will use our math and fine motor skills to make apple pizzas as well as enjoy eating them! We will print paint and draw apples, cutout apples for our tree, and learn apples songs and finger plays. These activities all reinforce fine motor, creative expression, and reading readiness skills.

Fine Motor Skills:

Easel painting, Heart cutting, Play dough, puzzles, tracing, ABC books and Make it/Take it.

Math Skills:

Calendar, Graphing, shape identification, geo boards, Trilogy

Creative skills:

Self portraits, create a T-shirt, clown using shapes, plunger painting

Reading/writing readiness:

Book corner, writing center, story time at the rug, listening center

Culinary skills:

Make a fruit clown face for snack! Bake and enjoy apple pizzas!

Stories Include:

The Kissing hand

We all sing with the same Voice

Chocolate Me

The Dot

Curious George at the Circus

Put me in the Zoo

Circus

What's so terrible about swallowing an Apple Seed

Apple Man's Secret

Real Stuck Way Up

BOOK CLUB

We are so excited to launch this new enrichment program!! We will be exploring wonderful works of literature through drama, cooking and art. Literacy skills such as vocabulary, sequencing, retelling, and comprehension will be introduced and practiced through centers and group activities. Writing will also be practiced weekly in "book diaries" and at center time. Our first book is "The Gingerbread Man." We will be making a yummy treat, going on a scavenger hunt, and working on rhyming skills. Besides our book for the day, we will end book club with a read aloud, which will be picked by one of the teachers or one of the students! We can't wait to share our love of literature with the children!!

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We are in our second year of Eagles!! This enrichment program focuses on units that

we will explore through math, literature, and science. All of our units will be different from the three and four year old curriculum. Journal writing, cooking, art, and centers that focus on math and literacy skills will be some of our weekly activities. If your child was in Eagles last year, we will be introducing all new units.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1 st day of school—On My Own/Pre-k 9-10 am or 12:45-1:45 pm	3 1 st day of school 3's—9-10 am	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Curriculum Night (parents only)	17	18 No School- -Staff meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 No School- Rosh Hashanah	26	27
28	29	30				