



# Lakeland's Little Learners September News 2023



3K-2 Classroom  
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## Our 3K-2 Room!

We are very excited to have your child with us this year. This will be a year filled with exploration, friendship, discovery and growth.

Our curriculum is based on helping children, in the early years, to acquire social competence and skills they will need to become successful, life-long learners. Our room is set up into a variety of learning areas. These areas include; math, science, art, music, dramatic play, small manipulative, sensory and blocks. Your child will have the opportunity each day to explore all the areas of interest.

Our first unit will be "All About Me", while we are getting to know our room and each other. We will then move into our study of trees, which will include, foods grown on a tree, animals that live in a tree and things that we make from a tree.

## Question of the Day?

Each day we will have a new question on the dry erase board, which is located outside our classroom door. Please read it with your child each morning and have them place their name under their answer. The question and responses are discussed every day during our "Morning Meeting".

## Apple Basket

The apple basket is located on the outside of our classroom door. Every morning your child can find the apple with their name on it and place it in the basket. This is a fun way to welcome your child and promote name recognition.

## Our ProCare App:

In addition to email, I will also be using the ProCare app to share information 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 quick reminders throughout the day as needed.

## Reminders

Grandparent's Day - 9/21

We will be enjoying a variety of activities to do outside and each child may invite one special adult to join them.





## Star of the Week!

Beginning in October, one child will be chosen each week to be the STAR! When it is your child's turn, they will bring in our special poster decorated by them and filled with things all about them. Look for the special STAR BAG when it is your child's turn.



### Ages and Stages

Be on the look out for 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 Picture

With your child, please choose a picture of your family to add to our "Family Tree" in the classroom. Your child will have the opportunity to tell their friends all about who is in the picture before placing it on our tree.

This is a wonderful way for your child to have a little piece of their family in our room every day. Also, it allows the children to see all the different kinds of families there are in the world.

### Song To Share At Home "APPLE SONG"

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little apple, short and round,  
I make a munchy, crunchy sound.  
If you take a bite into me, you will  
see - I'm delicious as can be!!

Time to learn and discover many  
things new, right here in 3K-2.

Ms. Kathy Jo & Ms. Emily

### Newsletters!

Every month I will be sending out a newsletter to keep you updated on what we are learning and upcoming events. This news will come via email unless you would like to receive it differently, just let me know.

### Your Teachers

**Kathy Jo Rekasius** - I have my Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education. I have worked at Lakeland's Little Learners for over 13 years now and have taught 4K and 3K for the last 10 years. I find true joy working with ages 3-5. I live in Lake Zurich, Illinois with my husband, Vydas. I have three children of my own ages 31, 28, and 24. My oldest son will be getting married next summer, so maybe grand babies in the future. ☺ I enjoy reading, singing, a good movie and sometimes popcorn for dinner.

**Emily Hass** - I have my Teacher, Assistant Teacher and Infant/Toddler courses through the State of Wisconsin. I have worked in the childcare field since 2019 and have been at Lakeland's Little Learners since February 2022. I love working in childcare and building bonds with the children and encouraging their love for learning every day. In my spare time, I love relaxing and spending time with my family.

We want to "Thank You" ahead of time for sharing your child with us and we cannot wait to get to know them.

