

Lakeland's Little Learners Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Back to School Night & Student Pictures Aug. 31 by appointment only
- ◆ 1st Day of 4K Sept. 8
- ◆ No 4K Sept. 16, Oct. 21, 29, 30
- ◆ Grandparent's Day Sept. 21

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MISSION STATEMENT

Lakeland's Little Learners is dedicated to providing a nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for children to grow physically, cognitively, and emotionally, while learning through play. It is our aim to challenge students to continually improve and excel as respectful and responsible members of society.

Back to School Night

We would like to welcome you and your child to a new school year at LLL. We have planned a year full of fun and learning, and are excited you and your student will be a part of it. Back to School Night is August 31. Families will have the opportunity to meet the teacher, drop off school supplies, take your child's school photo, and hand in your child's paperwork that was emailed to you. Please make sure to reserve your time slot via Volunteer Sign Up (e-vites will be sent to you). Student pictures will be taken at Back to School Night. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your appointment time to have your child's photo taken before your classroom tour.

LLL Curriculum

Lakeland's Little Learners has provided an excellent pre-school for children in and around our area since 1985, preparing 4 and 5 year olds to achieve to their highest potential in kindergarten. We have been fortunate to have wonderful, qualified staff working for us throughout the years. In joining with the Elkhorn Area School District to offer 4K, and expanding our preschool area, we are very excited to be able to reach even more children in the Elkhorn area.

Learning through play is the foundation for early childhood education at Lakeland's Little Learners. This approach incorporates interest areas or learning centers along with small and large group instructional times. The children are encouraged to explore, imagine, and discover.

EASD and LLL utilize the Fountas & Pinnell Continuum to provide a literacy driven curriculum for 4K. Our goal is to foster a love for reading through exposure and interaction with engaging, rich literature. Through shared and interactive reading, children learn how print works and develop a strong early reading base. With the teacher guiding students through texts, they are able to process texts that are more complex than their current abilities. It gives the children a step up in the development of the reading process.

The 4K classrooms also use Dr. Heggerty's "Phonemic Awareness" (also known as the Purple Book). Phonemic awareness is being able to hear and manipulate the sounds that make up words. Engaging in sound and word play provides students with an important foundation component in literacy instruction.

Handwriting Without Tears writing immerses students in hands on, multi-sensory learning activities as they work on their fine motor skills.

Bridges in Mathematics Pre-K is a comprehensive mathematics curriculum that implements the newest standards for math in an engaging manner.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) taps into the students' exploratory nature, encouraging them to manipulate the science and math materials to keep discovering, problem solving and collaborating with others.

Teachers provide a variety of strategies and intentionality in setting goals for each child and guiding them in their exciting journey of learning.

These activities encourage children to get along with others and give them the skills they need for success in kindergarten, something local kindergarten teachers have always found in LLL students!

Hours of Four-Year-Old Kindergarten

Morning 4K classes run from 8:45-11:35, M-F. Typically the 3rd Wednesday of each month is a staff in-service day, so there is no 4K. We ask that children not enter the classrooms until shortly before class starts in order to allow the teachers time to prepare the rooms for 4K and that you pick them up promptly at the end of class. The 4K-2 class shares the room with the school-agers and they do not leave in the morning

until 8:30 am or shortly after. Staff need time to set up and take down the room for the children.

Drop Off and Pick Up

All students being dropped off by parents should enter and exit via door 1. If your student rides the bus, a staff member will meet the children at the bus drop off and bring them into school and visa versa. Children will be given a bus tag to put on the inside and outside of their backpack. The tag with their name and address should go on the inside of the backpack. Please make sure to secure it to your child's backpack before they ride the bus.

Dress

Children should come to school dressed to play inside and outside. Please send your child in closed-toed shoes to keep their play safe and comfortable. An extra set of clothes to leave either in your child's backpack or their cubby would be very helpful in case of accidents. Please be sure to label all of your child's belongings and to provide them with outdoor clothing each day as they **will** be going outside.

Outdoor/Extra Clothing

During winter please provide a **recyclable, cloth shopping or similar bag** to store your child's coat, boots, snow pants, hat, and mittens. This helps prevent against misplacing items. Please label your child's belongings with their first and last name.



*The world is
but a canvas to
the imagination.
-Henry David
Thoreau*

Communication

You can reach your child's teacher at the center by calling 262-723-8391 or using the emails provided. If she is in the middle of class at a point where she can't be interrupted, you can leave a message and she will return your call. We want to communicate about your child's day and keep you well informed.

Teachers use our Facebook page, our website, and the Procure family engagement app or myprocure.com to share what's happening at school. You will receive an email to invite you to use the app. The Procure: Childcare App can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Make sure to check your email or your child's take home folder on Fridays for the end of the week news!



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be offered 3 times per year. If you are in need of an additional meeting, please call your child's teacher to set one up.

Field Trips & Family Connection Activities

Our four-year-old kindergarten students have several field trips planned for this coming school year. In September, children will have the opportunity to visit an apple orchard where they will tour the apple

orchard in a wagon, pick apples, learn how the apples are processed, and eat a snack of delicious apple cider doughnuts.

LLL hosts in house events for our 4K students including, Grandparents Day, Octoberfest, and Holiday Parties.

Please complete the enclosed **Field Trip Permission Slip** and return it at the Open House. Most field trips will require a small fee due at the time of the trip.



Read-At-Home Bags

The Elkhorn Area School District will purchase a "book bag" for the "Read-At-Home – RAH" books to go to and from school in. The book bag will follow your child to be used throughout their elementary school years. Your child will receive a book in the bag, to take home to share with you. You then return the book in the bag, where it will be exchanged for another one. More information regarding this program will come in October.



Take Home Folders

Lakeland's Little Learners will provide your child with a vinyl folder that will travel from home to school in your child's backpack. In this folder your child's teacher will send home school communication such as fundraiser or event information, and artwork. Please check these folders daily for new information. Your child's teacher will check these folders daily as well for any communication from you.

Absences

Please call the office at (262) 723-8391 by 8:45 a.m. if your child will not be in attendance. We ask that you monitor your child's health closely. If your child has any symptoms of illness, please keep your child at home and contact the school nurse, Abby Adams, at 262-723-8391. Full illness guidelines can be found on our website. Thank you for keeping everyone's health in mind.

If your child is absent more than 3 days, the school district asks for a doctor's excuse when your child returns.

*The more that you read, The more things you will know.
The more that you learn, The more places you'll go.*

-Dr. Seuss

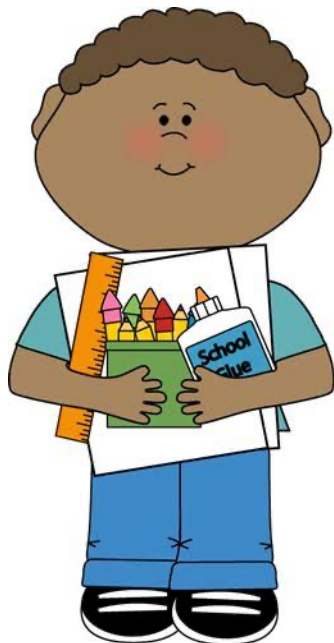
4K School Supply List

- Backpack that is large enough to fit a 2 pocket folder
- 2 boxes of washable markers
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of washable glue
- 2 boxes of facial tissues
- 1 ream of white copy paper (500 sheets)
- 2 containers of disinfecting wipes
- 1 watercolor set

Please label your child's backpack with their name.
Other items will be combined for classroom use.
Parents are welcome to drop off school supplies on August 31 or before.

*"Play
is the
highest
form
of
research."*

-Albert Einstein



The items below are not required school supplies, but they are extras that help support our classrooms throughout the school year. If you would like to purchase or donate any of these items, we would greatly appreciate your generosity. Thank you for helping us create a fun, engaging, and well-stocked learning environment for our children!

- Crayola Write Start colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Washable glue
- Watercolor set
- White copy paper
- Crayola Model Magic
- Googly eyes
- Cotton balls
- Pompoms
- Craft sticks
- Sequins
- Buttons
- Feathers
- Scratch paper
- Brown or white paper lunch bags

PLEASE RETURN ON OR BEFORE BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

- 4K Family Questionnaire
- Field Trip Permission Slip
- Transportation Form
- Directory Data Notice