



Lakeland's Little Learners
Infant Room
Ms. Louise and Ms. Krista
September 2024

Introduction:

My name is Louise Patryn and I am the Lead Teacher in the Infant Room. Along with my 31 years of experience working at Lakeland's Little Learners, I also studied special education and early childhood education at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, Gateway Technical College and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. I have two children 26 and 28 . My grandson will be 4 and my granddaughter 1 in October. I enjoy spending time outdoors going on walks and hikes with my family and two pups. I look forward to meeting and getting to know all the families in our Infant/Toddler program, as well as being a part of the growth and development of each child.

My name is Krista Patrick and I am the Assistant teacher in the Infant Room. My husband and I live in Darien, WI with our two wonderful children ages 4 and 6. I have a bachelor's degree from UW-Stout and my last 15+ years of work experience has been in customer service. I have always had a heart to help others, both young and old. After years of trying for a family and now being blessed with two children of my own. I have especially found a passion for loving and educating little ones! I am celebrating my 3rd year anniversary with Lakeland's Little Learners and look forward to growing with them, and your children.

In my free time I value quality time with my husband and children. We love creative play and to explore the outdoors, especially at our family cabin.



Welcome:

We would like to welcome our new and returning families to the Infant Room. Our goal is to provide a safe, loving environment for your child to learn and grow. We will be sending out a newsletter each month with information about what we are working on in the room, reminders, and any new information. Open communication between home and school will help make each day a success. Ms. Krista and I are looking forward to caring for our youngest learners.

ProCare App:

We will be using the ProCare App to help with communications throughout the day. This is an app you can download on your iPhone or Android device that is used for messaging. This will allow me to send out quick reminders and pictures throughout the day.

Drop off and Pick-up:

When dropping off and picking up your child, we welcome you to come into the room. Please fill out your child's daily sheet that will be on the door by the changing table when you enter our room. When picking up we encourage you to come into the room and take whatever you need along with the daily sheet.

Things to Know:

- Please provide a re-usable bag to go back and forth between home and school.
- Diapers and wipes may be stored in the infant room. Wipes must be stored in a hard plastic container. Our health and safety procedures for diapering require us to use a minimum of 3 wipes per diaper change. We will let you know when your child is running low on these items.
- Lotions, powders, and ointments may be stored in the infant room in a locked cabinet. In order for us to apply these items, you must complete a pink medication authorization form. These items may NOT be stored in your child's bag.
- Children under 1 year of age must sleep in a sleep sack. We ask that parents please provide an appropriately sized non-swaddling sleep sack for your child. The sheet for your child's crib will be provided and laundered by the center. Children are required to sleep in a crib under 1 year of age. We are not able to allow them to sleep in bouncy chairs or swings. However, we do ask that you send a crib size blanket for when they are awake and playing in a bouncer or on the floor.
- Please provide two extra sets of clothes to be kept in your child's cubby.
- All food and drink must be labeled with your child's first name, last name and the date.

Ages and Stages Questionnaire:

You will receive an Ages and Stages Packet within a few weeks. 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.

September Happenings:

Our theme for September will be "All About Me". We will spend time looking into the mirror and talking about who we see, as well as pointing out our hair, eyes, fingers and toes. Playing Peek-A-Boo and singing songs like "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and "Where is baby" will be an exciting way to get to know each other. The second half of the month we will be talking about our families and any pets we have. We would love to have a family picture and a picture of your pet to hang on our wall for all the children to look at.

Upcoming Events:

- September 2nd - Labor Day Center Closed
- September 3rd - Fall Session Begins
- September 17th & 18th - Picture Day

**Family Connection:**

This month we will be learning all about ourselves and each other. Use your daily activities as a time to talk about your child's body parts. For example: you can say things like "Sock goes on your foot" or "Shirt goes over your head" as you're getting them dressed. Watch their eyes light up as you sing and help them do the movements to songs like "Clap, Clap, Clap Your Hands" and "If You're Happy and You Know It".

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 lpatryn@lakelandslittlelearners.com.

Thank you,
Ms. Louise and Ms. Krista