



Lakeland's Little Learners

Ms. Patti's 3K-1 Classroom

September 2021



Introduction:

My name is Patti Berley, and I am looking forward to being your child's teacher. Three's is an age where we see tremendous amounts of growth and development and I am excited to be a part of it. My husband and I live in Burlington with our thirteen-year-old son, Garrett, eleven-year-old son, Mason, and eight-year-old daughter, Olivia. I have a Bachelor's degree in Child and Family Studies from Freed-Hardeman University, and prior to coming to Lakeland's Little Learners, I was the director of Morningstar Learning Center in Big Sky, MT. In our free time we enjoy hiking, swimming, boating, or just spending time with family!



Welcome:

I would like to welcome all of the new families to "3K-1", as well as, welcome back those that are returning. I am excited for a school year filled with fun and learning. A calm, loving environment where the children develop the confidence to express their personalities is an important part of our classroom. They will spend the year getting their hands dirty exploring the outside and creating art projects inside. We will also be spending time making friends and just having fun. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Remind App:

In addition to email, I would also like to use the remind app to communicate 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. Attached to this newsletter you will find directions for setting up the remind app and getting connected to the "3K1 Classroom" I have created.

Drop off and Pick up

- At drop off and pick up, please stop on the outside of the classroom door and I will meet you to take your child. If you see we are not in the room, you may enter the classroom to put their belongings in their cubby and bring them to the playground door. We will meet you on the playground.
- Pick up will be the same. If we are inside, please stop outside the classroom door and I will meet you with your child. If we are on the playground you may walk through the room. We will bring your child to you and you will leave through the building not through the playground gates.

Things to know:

- Each child should have an extra set of clothes or two to be left in their cubbies. Also, please send a light jacket just in case. Please send your child's items in a backpack or reusable bag. Be sure to label everything with your child's first and last name. Your child may bring a water bottle for use in the classroom. It must be taken home and washed every day. We will be offering water frequently while outside and will provide disposable paper cups for drinking.

Naps/Bedding:

- Each child that naps at the center will need to bring bedding with them on their first day at school for the week. Your child's bedding will be moved to a plastic container, labeled with their name, where it will be stored during the week. On your child's last day for the week, we will send bedding home. If your child has a small stuffed item that they absolutely need for nap these will be allowed, but must be kept in their cubby throughout the day and only come out during nap time. No other toys will be allowed from home.

September Unit:

This month will be all about getting to know ourselves and each other. Making friends, expressing our feelings, sharing and taking turns will be the focus of our activities. We will be creating self-portraits, and graphing our hair and eye color. Singing songs, playing games and exploring our new room will allow the children to get to know each other while I model appropriate ways to express feelings, share and take turns. A study of trees and apples, will be an exciting way to close out our first month of school. We are looking forward to a great start to the new school year!

**Ages and Stages Questionnaire:**

Along with our newsletter, you will find 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 Connection:

As we begin to get to know one another I would love to have each of the children bring in a family picture to share with the class. Looking at this picture together will give you a chance to discuss how all families are different but yet the same. This is also a great opportunity to talk to your child about the color of their hair and eyes.

Upcoming Events:

September 6th – Labor Day Center Closed

September 7th – Fall Session Begins

September 29th – Picture Day

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 pberley@lakelandlittlelearners.com.

Thank you,
Ms. Patti