

# Lakeland's Little Learners Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Open House & Pictures  
Aug. 27 5:30-7:00
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 4K Sept. 3
- ◆ Grandparents Day  
Sept. 9
- ◆ Apple Barn Field Trip (TBA in Sept.)
- ◆ No 4K Sept. 18, Sept. 30 & Oct. 16

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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.

## Open House

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. School pictures will be taken at the **Open House** on Aug. 27. If you cannot attend, pictures will also be taken on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> during the school day. At the Open House, families will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and staff, take a tour of our school, get your child's school picture taken, purchase your child's RAH bag, hand in your child's field trip permission slip and more.

## 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 and math programs immerse students in hands on, multi-sensory learning activities as they



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

work on their fine motor skills and mathematical understanding.

The newest addition to the 4K curriculum is 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 8:35-11:20 and afternoon classes run from 12:30-3:15, M-F with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month off.

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. Two classes share their rooms with the school-agers and they do not leave in the morning until 8:15 am or shortly after and they arrive back by 3:30 pm. Staff need time to set up and take down the room for the children. You are welcome to wait in our entrance area or in the large group room if you arrive early. All children need to be signed in and out on the time-clock by a parent or guardian. Children riding the bus will be signed in and out by a teacher.

Those children attending care before and/or after 4K should be checked in and out on the center's time-clock within the times they are scheduled. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

## 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, and snow pants, hat, and mittens. This helps prevent against misplacing items.

## Communication

You can reach your child's teacher at the center by calling 262-723-8391 or using the e-mails provided. If they are in the middle of class at a point where they can't be interrupted, you can leave a message and they will return your call as soon as possible.

We want to communicate about your child's day and keep you well informed. There is a parent bulletin board in every room where your child's daily schedule and the specific week's lesson plans are posted.

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Teachers use our Facebook page, our website, and the “Remind” text messaging app to share what’s happening at school. Make extra 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.

## Grandparents Day

On September 9 each 4K student may invite one grandparent or other special guest to join your child for a Grandparents Day Event. If your child attends morning 4K, the special guest may come at 9:00 am. If your child attends afternoon 4K, the special guest may come at 1:00 pm.

## Field Trips



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 the **Apple Barn** 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. In October, they will visit **Pearce’s Pumpkin Patch**. Students will tour the pumpkin patch in a wagon, play in the hay bale maze, and pick a pumpkin to take home. In

November, children will visit **Matheson Memorial Library** to see a **Kohl’s Wild Theatre** performance.

Please complete the enclosed **Field Trip Permission Slip** and return it at the Open House.

## Read-At-Home Bags

The Elkhorn Area School District asks families to 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 to exchange it 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, as well as Family Connection Activities. These activities will be related to what your child is learning. Please check these folders daily for new information. Your child’s teacher will check these folders daily as well for any communication from you.

## Field Trip & RAH Bag Charge

There is no charge for your child to attend Four-Year-Old Kindergarten. However, to cover the cost of field trips and your child’s RAH bag the charge is \$30.00. We have found that it is easier for parents to pay once for the year, and not have to worry about sending money in your child’s backpack throughout the year. Please pay with cash or check payable to LLL at the Open House.

If you are not able to afford these charges, please let us know as we do not want this to be a financial hardship for any family. The school district can help in some of these situations. If you feel you need assistance, please contact the Lakeland’s Little Learners Office.

## Absences

**Please call the office at (262) 723-8391 by 8:45 a.m. for 4K morning classes OR by 12:45 pm for 4K afternoon classes if your child will not be in attendance.** Children should remain home for 24 hours after a fever has broken or after vomiting. Use good judgment in deciding when your child is well enough to be at school with other children. Children should not attend if they have diarrhea, yellow or green drainage from the eyes or nose, unidentified rashes or if they are just not well enough to participate. 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*

## Supplies

- Backpack large enough to fit a 2-pocket folder (no rolling or wheels please)
- 1 box of washable markers
- 1 watercolor paint set
- 3 - 4 oz. bottles of washable glue
- 3 boxes of facial tissues
- A ½ inch white 3 ring binder with clear slip-cover
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 1 box of Crayola Write Start colored pencils

Items other than a backpack do not need to be labeled as they will be used by the whole class.

Extra items not required but always appreciated:

- An extra ream of white copy paper
- Pipe cleaners
- Cotton balls
- Feathers
- Googly eyes
- Tissue paper
- 1 package of disinfecting wipes

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 at the Open House on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

*-Albert Einstein*



## PLEASE RETURN TO LLL'S 4K OPEN HOUSE

- 4K Family Questionnaire
- Field Trip Permission Slip
- Transportation Form
- Field Trip & RAH Bag Money (\$30.00)