



# Little Village Preschool

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## September 2020 News from the Office...

And poof! Just like that, we are in the midst of our Fall program! We have been so happy to have all our returning families back, and to have some new faces join us as well.

\*\*\*Some important announcements that everyone should be aware of going into September—

\*On Monday, 9/7, the center will close in honor of the Labor Day holiday. If you have a part time schedule and one of your days is Monday, you will NOT be charged tuition for that day. Enjoy the unofficial end of summer! Seems like it went by way too fast! If you will be missing any additional days over the holiday, please grab a vacation slip from the office and fill it out at least a week prior to the holiday.

\*The following week, we would normally be hosting our annual Meet The Teacher night. This year, we will be doing something a little more COVID friendly. We will be putting together a virtual Meet The Teacher video tour so that you can see into your child's classroom and get to know your child's teacher remotely. Make sure that we have a valid email address for you as there will be a chance to win a free week of tuition (for one child). We will also be sharing a special highlight of all the assistant teachers that make Little Village such a warm and friendly place. We hope that everyone enjoys this little glimpse into our early childhood world.

\*I have scheduled Picture Day for the 24th and 25th this year!! The 24th will be for the infant and toddler room and the 25th will be for preschool and Pre K. Keep in mind that if you have multiple children enrolled at the center and wish to have them photographed together, we can certainly accommodate that. Brian from Studio C has been doing our photography for years, and he really does a phenomenal job. Background choices will be posted very shortly, so keep an eye out for them. Payment is due the day of pictures, cash or check only. Happy September everyone!

## **\*\*September Themes\*\***

Back to School  
Apples  
Harvest  
Bees  
Farm Animals  
Family  
Fall  
Getting to Know You

## September Birthdays

Miss Alice	
Miss Mandy	
Miss Jamee	
Mason R.	4
Jenna K.	4
Jameson O.	5
Weldon D.	2
Spencer B.	3
Leo M.	3



## Miss Cheryl/Miss Tina/Miss Ashley —Infant Room News

Summer is coming to an end and Fall will be here soon. With cooler Fall days approaching, remember to switch out your child's extra clothing.

This month's themes will be Butterflies, Apples and Fall Harvest.

We want to welcome back Brayden! He was just a little guy when he left in March and now he's a big 9 month old!

Congrats to Denver who is walking all over the place now! She can keep up with Mila now! Scarlett isn't quite ready to go it alone, but she sure loves walking behind the push toys.

The little babies: Lincoln, Gatlynn and Skylar are rolling, reaching for toys & working on sitting up. They surprise us every day, with how fast they're growing!

Our student of the month will be Kayd. Kayd loves attention and will easily give the best smiles! Have a great month!

## Miss Lexi —Toddler I News

CONGRATS TO OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH WELLS! HE HAS COME A LONG WAY IN THE SHORT TIME THAT HE HAS BEEN WITH US! HE HAS MADE LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS AND LOVES TO PLAY OUTSIDE.

THIS MONTH A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY GOES OUT TO MISS MANDY, NICKOLAS, AND WELLS!!

ON OUR SEPTEMBER AGENDA, WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON THE "GETTING TO KNOW ME" THEME. THE STUDENTS FAMILIES WILL BE A BIG FOCUS DURING THIS THEME, SO WE ASK THAT YOU BRING A FAMILY PHOTO FOR OUR FAMILY TREE. SOME OF THE FUN ACTIVITIES THAT THE KIDS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO THIS MONTH INCLUDE CHALK OUTLINES, APPLE OUTLINES, APPLE PAINTINGS, FARM ANIMAL BOWLING, ALONG WITH FAMILY PORTRAITS. WE WILL MOST DEFINITELY HAVE LOTS OF FUN AS WE GET READY FOR FALL! AS ALWAYS, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE KIDDOS LEARN THIS MONTH!



Hello Toddler II Families! It's September! Wow, time is flying, back to school and soon Fall!!!

September is going to bring us learning about our family and about ourselves. I still have a fairly new class so I hope to get to know more about your families and the children. We will finish the month with farming, I have a lot in mind with what we can learn and we will have fun as well, when we take a trip to the "farmyard". The last week, we will focus on apples and getting our minds ready for fall and cooler weather.

One of our biggest projects this month is going to be our Grandparents Day gifts—if there is a way that I can get pictures of your child with their grandparents for this project, that would be great. Also, an updated family picture for our family week and family tree.

Congratulations to Leona for being our student of the month for September!

-Miss Mandy



## Miss Jamee— Preschool 3's

Hello September and impending Fall season. We had a lot of fun in August, and squeezed out as much learning as we could!

I was very sad to say goodbye to Lincoln, Mason, Penny, Ellis, Kaynen, and Corah! I am grateful that I still get to see all your smiling faces across the wall in Ms. Mickey's class.

Welcome Back, Spencer B. I am excited to get to know you better and welcome you to all our crazy adventures!

Leo M. has transitioned to our class also! Welcome, Leo. You are already a bright spot in my day, and are adjusting swimmingly.

In September, we will be switching gears. We will start the month off discussing 'Farm'. The kids will have fun focusing on a different animal each day. We will incorporate fun centers such as, pigs in the 'Mud', building farms with blocks, counting animals in math, and feeding animals in the kitchen. Be on the lookout for artwork, as well as the continued use of parent-guided questions!

The artist of the month is Georgia O'Keefe. The class will watch a child-friendly video about her, and then we will make our very own replicas of her 1958 painting 'Ladder to the Moon', using teal paint for the background and popsicle sticks to make the ladder.

While discussing the country of the month, France, we will have fun exploring different ways to construct the Eiffel Tower using vanilla wafers, straws, and toothpicks. We will explore French culture with our creative cooking making crepes! YUMMY!

We will close the month out with introducing Fall! Yay! We will discuss a variety of areas as we do so. We will learn about why leaves fall and change colors. We will go on a Fall scavenger hunt, an complete crafts based on the things that we find in nature. There are a myriad of books to explore such as 'Leaf Man', by Lois Ehlert, and 'Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn', by Kenard Park. We will discuss apples and go 'apple picking' outside., as well as conducting an apple science experience. We will soak cut-up apples in different liquids, such as, coffee, milk, water, and vinegar, to test which liquid best prevents browning. We will also conduct a taste test to determine whether green apples taste better than red!

Our student of the month is Lainey K. Lainey is very smart and has the best outfits! Lainey enjoys playing with her friends and is learning to write her name. Congrats Lainey!





## MISS MICKEY—PRESCHOOL 4'S

Hello Fall! Welcome to September! We learned so much about dinosaurs in August. We really enjoyed learning about how big some of the dinosaurs were! We were so excited when our dinosaurs finally hatched out of their eggs!

In September, we will do a little study on farm animals. We will learn what animals live on a farm, what they eat, and how they help us (cognitive/science). We will learn what farmers do. In our math center, we'll create patterns as well as counting and grouping animals. In our dramatic play area, we will make a pretend farm. We will be building a pretend chicken coop—this will be fun!

The last two weeks of September, we will learn about Fall and apples. We will discuss what happens in fall and how the leaves change color. We will go on a fall scavenger hunt outside and collect fall items. We will taste different apples and make a graph to see which apples we like the best. We will also make our own applesauce. Yummy! We will also investigate an apple and learn the parts and the cycle of an apple.

We will be starting our monthly study of an artist again this month. This month, our first artist will be Mary Cassatt. We will be creating our own teapot pictures.

We will do a lesson on our country of the month, France. We will create our own French flags. Then we will create our own Eiffel Tower using straws. We will even try building one with blocks. We will also be learning some words in French.

I would like to say "Adieu" (goodbye) to Camryn, Kael, Morgan and Jax. I'm so proud of all of you! You have grown up so fast and I know you're ready for Miss Sarah's class. I am sure going to miss you! As I am sad to say goodbye, I would like to welcome Savannah, Penny, Kaynen, Ellis, Mylah, Lincoln, Mason and Corah to our class! I am excited to have you guys in my room, we are going to have lots of fun!

Our student of the month is Mylah. Mylah is a very smart girl. She likes to sing and dance and likes painting pictures. Mylah is a very loveable sweet girl and I'm glad to have her in my room.

Happy 4th Birthday wishes to Jenna and Mason!



## Miss Sarah & Miss Elaine's Pre K News

WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER! IT IS A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS, NEW EXPERIENCES, NEW CHALLENGES AND NEW FRIENDS AS WE START OUR PRE K READINESS PROGRAM.

THIS MONTH, WE WILL FOCUS ON THE CHILDREN'S AUTHOR, LAURA NUMEROFF. SHE HAS A VARIETY OF BOOKS THAT INVOLVE DIFFERENT KINDS OF ANIMALS WITH ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE A SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THAT LEAD TO MAKING A MESS! THE BOOK, "IF YOU TAKE A MOUSE TO SCHOOL", WE WILL LEARN HOW TO USE OUR SCIENTIFIC SKILLS TO MAKE A PURPLE VOLCANO! THEN IN DRAMATIC PLAY, WE WILL ENJOY A PARTY THEME WITH "IF YOU GIVE A PIG A PARTY". FINALLY, WE WILL HAVE A YUMMY SNACK OF DONUTS WHEN WE READ THE BOOK "IF YOU GIVE A DOG A DONUT".

THIS MONTH, WE WILL ALSO FOCUS ON APPLE WEEK. WE WILL EXPLORE THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF AN APPLE, THE DIFFERENT COLORS OF APPLES, THE DIFFERENT TASTES OF AN APPLE (SWEET/SOUR). WE WILL INCORPORATE MATH SKILLS ALSO AS WE FIND OUT WHAT SHAPE IS THE IN THE MIDDLE OF AN APPLE AND HOW TO COUNT THE APPLE SEEDS. WE WILL LEARN HOW TO MAKE APPLESAUCE WITH A SCIENCE LESSON ON HOW TO MAKE APPLESAUCE WITH A SCIENCE LESSON ON HOW THE PROCESS OF CONVERTING A SOLID INTO A LIQUID. WE WILL CELEBRATE JOHNNY APPLESEED'S BIRTHDAY, WITH A YUMMY SNACK OF APPLE SMILES!

ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, THE PRE K CLASS WILL HAVE PICTURE DAY, MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AT A LATER DATE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO SAMUEL AND JAMESON WHO WILL TURN THE BIG 5 IN SEPTEMBER!

OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH WILL BE ALEXA R. ALEXA IS A SWEET GIRL AND ENJOYS PLAYING IN THE DRAMATIC PLAY AREA WITH THE BABY DOLLS. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE ALEXA IN OUR CLASSROOM THIS YEAR. SEVERAL OF ALEXA'S RELATIVES HAVE ATTENDED LVP AND GRADUATED FROM OUR PRE K CLASS!



## **\*\*September Points of Focus\*\***

Letters of the Month: A & N

Color: Red

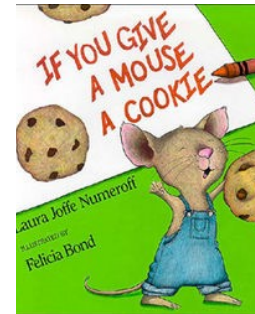
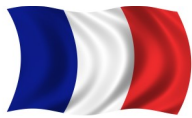
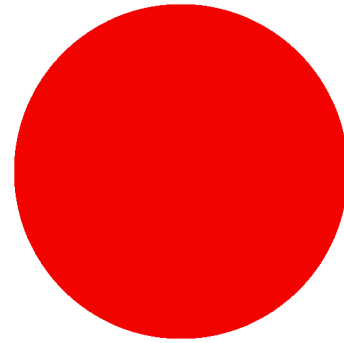
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Author: Laura Numeroff

Artist of the Month: Georgia O'Keefe or Mary Cassatt



### SEPTEMBER 2020 HEALTH & CHILD DEVELOPMENTAL NEWS

#### THIS MONTH

#### **9 COMMON PARENTING MISTAKES MADE WITH TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS**



1. **Being inconsistent**—Children do best when they know what to expect. Establish and keep routines as much as possible.
2. **Too much family time**—Family time is great, but sometimes children need that one on one with their parent.
3. **Offering too much help**—Parents who offer too much help can sabotage their child's ability to become self-reliant. Teach children to tolerate struggles, and be their biggest cheerleader.
4. **Talking too much**—Your child does not care what your explanations are. Establish a consequence and stick with it. End of story.
5. **Serving only kiddie food**—Most children are picky eaters, but as the adult, we need to encourage them to try new foods. Encourage "No thank you" bites!
6. **Getting rid of the crib too early**—Cribs promote good sleep habits. A toddler bed should only be given when the child starts climbing out of the crib.
7. **Starting potty training too early**—Some parents begin potty training when THEY think it's time. This can lead to an unnecessary power struggle. Children learn to use the toilet when they are ready.
8. **Allowing too much screen time**—You know this is true! Too much screen time can lead to troubles learning later on.
9. **Trying to stop a temper tantrum**—Yes, it's embarrassing, but the fact is, the best thing to do is let the child finish the tantrum, then simply move on.

## SEPTEMBER 2020 HEALTH DEVELOPMENT



