



Newsletter Title

From the Director's Desk...

Amy Bartlett

Back to School Time! It's time for many of our friends to go on to their "Big School". We will miss you and your families very much. We hope that you stop and visit us during the year so we can hear all about it and see how much you've grown! **God bless you in this school year.**

To send all you parents off with a smile, here are some quotes about school:

"Schoolteachers are not fully appreciated by parents until it rains all day Saturday." - E. C. McKenzie

"Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't." - Lydia M. Child

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.. - Mark Twain

"Some students drink at the fountain of knowledge. Others just gargle." - E.C. McKenzie

"Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing; education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance." - Will Durant

On a serious note:

"The important thing is never to stop questioning." - Albert Einstein

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world" - Albert Einstein

To all of our new families, we welcome you to the "Great Beginning's Family". We have a wonderful group of families and staff and we all look forward to getting to know you, and to loving your child. We hope you are all very happy here and that we can support you in this magical journey called childhood.

This Fall will be an exciting time for your little ones. With friends moving up to the next age group there will be new friendships being forged. The ones moving up are the new kids on the block and the ones staying in their room will be the big kids on the block! Lots of fun and learning either way!



Young Infants

Greetings from the Young Infants! It's hard to believe summer is quickly coming to an end and Michigan will soon be blanketed with the vibrant colors of fall. We had to say farewell to our friend Reese, she will begin her adventures in the older infant class. We

all will miss her. We would also like to welcome the DeCarlo family and their beautiful angel Mackenzie. She will be the only girl for now and we can't wait for her to join our class. Our friends have been having lots of fun jumping in our

Miss Jenny

jumpers. They have daily contests to see who can jump the highest. Our oldest friend Dylan is showing all our little ones how cool it is to be mobile. Good luck parents on a blessed and prosperous school year! Until next month God Bless....

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Music Class with Mrs. Deanna begins on Thursday, 9/14/17 for toddlers on up. Cost is \$28.00 for the 10 week class.
- ☺ Picture Day is on Tuesday, 9/26/17 for all with Lifetouch.

Older Infants

Well summer is over and we welcome the fall. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer.

In August we welcomed Jack and Britney to the older infant room. They have settled in nicely and like being big kids. We will welcome Reese in September to join us. Jillian will be returning and joining her friends. She will be turning one in September. Zaylee came back after a fun summer with mom and she is talking, talking, talking. We also welcome a new friend to our program. His name is Lovden, and he will be turning one this

month too. Happy "1st" Birthday Lovden and Jillian!

In September, we will talk and focus on "Me, I am Special!" Each and every one of our babies is unique and a true blessing from God. It is so much fun getting to know them as we spend our days together!

Since we expect the



Time for learning, time for fun, it's so great being 1!

Miss Ann

weather to be a little cooler as the month progresses, please bring in a light jacket and shoes for outside time.

Thank you for all your help and support!

The Older Infant Team
Ann, Loren, Cassidy
and Sam

Young Toddler

August kept up with the other summer months and flew right on by. I'm sure the kids and teachers will miss all of our summer fun, but excited to learn more and really dive into the late summer, early fall atmosphere September can bring. Being a Labor Day baby myself I really love everything about this next month!

This month we will be watching as Carter, Carli, Kian, Morgan and Parker all move up into the older toddler

room with Miss De. We are so excited for them and are sure they will grow even more and really enjoy their new teachers and experiences. We will be welcoming Barrett, Brooklyn, Abraham, James and Teddy into our room also. They've had some sneak peeks into our room, but we can't wait to learn more about them and watch them grow.

Our activities theme this month is "All About Me". The first week we will spend time learning about our

Miss Clancy

body and as long as weather permits we will go trace our bodies with chalk. Week two we will talk about eating healthy and exercising. That'll include a taste test and some morning exercises and stretching. Weeks three and four will be a mix of really just learning our personalities, feelings, likes and dislikes. It will be exciting to see what they think!

I cannot wait to get this month started! It's going to really be a fun time with all of the friends.

Older Toddler

I have been enjoying the Fall like weather we've been having. It is that time of year when trying to figure out what we should wear can be difficult. I know with toddlers, transitioning them to warmer clothes can be tough, they can have a tough time adjusting, they still want to wear sandals and shorts. I've had friends in the past pull their pant legs up and walk around holding them up because they still

wanted to wear shorts. They do eventually adjust.

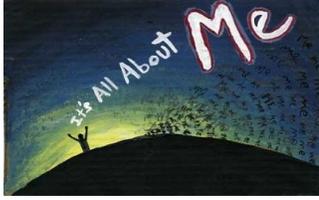
I hope you enjoyed the holiday weekend and you and your family took time to relax. The first week of September was/is our move-up week. We wished Jason, Jaxon, Chase and Logan well in the next step of their journey here at Great Beginnings. We say welcome to Toddler-hood to Brooklyn, James, Teddy and Abe. We are excited to

Miss De

come along side you and help guide you in the next stage of learning and exploring your world.

Our Theme for this month will be "Me and My World", we will be discovering and learning about the world around us through the eyes of toddlers. Our first week we will be learning about our bodies and how they function, we will be doing some exercising along with that week. We will be asking you to

Older Toddler Continued



bring in some pictures of your family so we can post

them in the room, the friends always enjoy looking at pictures of their family and sometimes its help-

ful in making the transitions in the mornings.

We will start back with music on September 14th, Mrs. Deanna does a wonderful job with our friends. She introduces them to different genres of music, she brings different instruments and movement. The

friends always enjoy their 1/2 hour with her.

We are looking forward to another year with your little treasures and I will say if there are any questions or concerns please bring them to my attention, thank you, and God Bless you.

Threes

Welcome to the Fall Program! We are very excited to welcome our new friends and families as well as those who are staying with us yet! Let's work toward making it a successful year together! Please feel free anytime to talk with Miss Jacky or I about any questions, concerns or comments that you may have.

During the month of September, we will be spending a lot of our time

together just getting to know each other and the rules and routines of being in the big room now! Our themes will include ~ Welcome Friends—Getting to Know My Family, Myself and My Friends. Each week we will focus on a theme and include several art projects and special stories to go along with it. We do ask that you try to keep your toys at home as we have plenty of things to

do in the room and outside. A stuffy is welcome as a nap buddy if needed!

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and take the time to enjoy the beautiful season of Fall! ☺

Working Together—

Ms. Di

Happy August Birthdays were Tyler, Grace and Conley!

Fours

I want to WELCOME all the new and returning friends! I am looking forward to the great year we'll have!

September is one of my favorite months. I have many fun activities planned that include all sorts of Fall concepts... apple harvest, fall leaves, colors of fall, hibernation, migration, etc. We'll also be taking a letter a week and identifying the letter,

learning the sound and begin writing the capital and small of each letter. There will be a big focus on the vowels, also. Our letters for September will cover Aa, Bb, Cc, and Dd. We'll begin our Fall poetry with "Falling Leaves" and "Gray Squirrel." In math, we'll begin with simple patterns, sorting, counting, identifying 1-10, one to one correspondence and each day, the

number line.

Many fall art projects will also be enjoyed. Various seasonal concepts will also be woven throughout each week with our math, science and social studies activities.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to stop or call.



A Note from Mrs. Layer

Dear Great Beginnings Family,

I have been praying since January that the Lord would give me another class this year. But as the school year approached it became obvious that the answer was "no". We may not understand the reason, but God always knows what is best. There may be enough boys and girls for a Young 5's/Kindergarten class next year, let's hope that is His plan. Amy said I can still keep my foot in the door—so I'll be closing Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays in the office and doing some vacation days too. Thank you for the wonderful privilege of working with your precious boys and girls for almost 30 years. You will always have a special place in my heart.

In His service, Mrs. Layer ☺