



# Newsletter

## From the Director's Desk...

Amy Bartlett



Welcome to the **Fall Program!** It's an exciting time of year for everyone! Children have re-grouped in the classrooms with some moving up to the next age group and others becoming the oldest end of the room—the leaders of the class! Either way they are going to have a lot of fun, learn and develop in tremendous leaps and deepen relationships with teachers and friends. It's sooo cool to watch!

Our **Young 5's/Kindergarten** room is back in action this school year—a joyful time! It's not too late if you know of anyone whose little one is overwhelmed by their large class and would like a small group experience. They can gain school confidence, get a lot of individualized attention and learn at their own pace. Many of our “graduates” are top readers in their first grade class.

**Music with Mrs. Deanna begins Thursday, September 13th** for Toddlers, Preschool and Y5's/Kindergarten. It's every Thursday morning for 10 weeks and the fee is \$28. You can just add it to the next tuition check.

**School Pictures will be Tuesday, Sept. 25th!** For those of you new to the center, we have a company called Life-touch that comes that morning, takes a few poses of each child, and then about 3-4 weeks later you get a pre-printed package of the photos. You can pick as many or as few as you like. There will be a price sheet and payment options included. Keep what you like, return what you don't!

**I pray we have a wonderful school year with many blessings!** Thank you for allowing us to share in your little ones journey in growth and love in the Lord.

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## Young Infant

Hello from the Young Infants! It's a busy time at Great Beginnings, many of our friends throughout the center are transitioning to older classes. It is an exciting time for our friends, each class offers many new adventures for their growing minds to explore. We have several new friends moving up to the older infant class. Daxton and Katee both will have a Birthday in early September and

## Miss Jenny

Henry and Eleanor will celebrate their 1st birthday in a couple months. They have enjoyed visiting their new class and will make their official move after Labor Day. We will miss seeing them everyday but we are excited to see them explore their new surroundings. We recently welcomed the Curtis family and their newest addition Wyatt. He has a smile that will melt your

heart and loves to be cuddled. We will also welcome the Ward family and their handsome little guy Everett. Our class will soon be filled with lots of tiny babies and that makes me so

happy. 😊 Enjoy the rest of your summer, God Bless...

## Older Infants

September is always an exciting time at Great Beginnings. It brings much change to the classrooms as babies are growing and changing. We say congratulations to Dylan, Caleb, Connor, Mackenzie, Austin, Calvin and Camden on their promotion to the toddler department. In their place we welcome Joory, Lily, Daxton, Eleanor and Henry to the older infant room. Zoey is happy to have her younger friends

join her.

In September, we have many great things planned for you and can't wait to get to know you. During the four weeks in September we will focus on four different things. They are: 1) All about Me, 2) My Family, 3) Where I Live, and 4) Apples. Since the children are so young these four topics give the babies an introduction to what they will learn in

## Miss Ann

the coming years. We're just laying the foundation as we have fun exploring. We have busy days ahead.

While September always seems like a new beginning and many firsts in a child's life, for adults it can mean 'The Last Time.' You will understand when you read the following:

From the moment you hold your baby in your arms, you will never be the same. You might long for the person you were before, when you had freedom and time, and nothing in particular to worry about. You will know tiredness like you never knew it before, and days will run into days that are exactly the same. Full of feeding and burping, nappy changes and crying, whining and fighting, naps or a lack of naps, it might seem like a never-ending cycle.

But don't forget....

There is a last time for everything. There will come a time when you will feed your baby for the very last time. They will fall asleep on you after a long day and it will be the last time you ever hold your sleeping child. One day you will carry them on your hip, then set them down, and never pick them up that way again. You will scrub their hair in the bath one night and from that day on they will want to bathe alone. They will hold your hand to cross the road, then never reach for it again. They will creep into your room at midnight for cuddles, and it will be the last night you ever wake to this. One afternoon you will sing 'the wheels on the bus' and do all the actions, then never sing them that song again. They will kiss you goodbye at the gate, the next day they will ask to walk to the gate alone. You will read a final bedtime story and wipe your last dirty face.

They will one day run to you with arms raised, for the very last time.

The thing is, you won't even know it's the last time until there are no more times, and even then it will take you a while to realize.

So while you are living in these times, remember there are only so many of them and when they are gone, you will yearn for just one more day of them.

For one last time.



OXOXOX  
The Older Infants

## Toddlers

Happy Fall Ya'll, almost, just a little while longer till Autumn is officially here. We started our Fall programming on Sept. 4th. Welcome back to all our families that were off this summer. We welcome to our family of happy, energetic toddlers, Austin, Calvin, Camden, Mackenzie, Dylan, Caleb and Connor who all moved from the older infant room. We will look forward to getting to know them and watching them grow in the next year.

This month our theme is "Me! Wonderful Me!" and we will

be learning all about ourselves and the world around us. Toddlers are mini teenagers, it really is all about them and what they want. They are egocentric little people and they do have a difficult time seeing outside themselves. They are curious sponges, they love to explore and discover new things. They start out with few or little language skills, but that is soon to change. Hopefully by Christmas their language will explode, but then you may be wishing for quieter times. We are looking forward to getting

## Miss De

to know you parents better too. Please bring in a family picture that we can display in our room.

Please parents if you have any questions or concerns please direct them to myself, Miss De. The sooner I know the quicker I am able to answer your questions or concerns. Thank you ahead of time and I look forward to walking alongside you and your child in this next step on their journey. God Bless you and your families.

## Threes

Welcome to September! It is a time of many changes~ the beautiful season of summer will soon be making it's change to the FALL TIME. What a great time of the year and so many awesome things to notice outside at this time. It is exciting for the kids to see the changes in the leaves and the trees.

Changes in our room will take place also as we say Good Luck to Jaxon, Chase & Logan as they make the move to Ms. Heidi's room. We welcome new friends and families to join our room as they move up from the toddlers ~Kian, Teddy, James and Abe. We

are so glad that you are here and happy to have you join our group. Welcome also to our new friend Hailey and family to Great Beginnings! If you ever have any comments, concerns or questions, please feel free to let Ms. Jacky or I know so that we can all work together to make a great year.

In September, we will be spending time Getting to Know Each Other. Our theme will focus on learning how we are alike and different. We will make a chart of our eye and hair colors and talk about the people in our families.

Please bring in a special

## Miss Di

picture of your family that we can use to display in the room.

Getting to Know Our Friends & Family will also be a part of our month as we become familiar with our new group.

Take some time to enjoy the rest of the summer weather while you can.

Happy September

Ms. Di

Happy Birthday~

Kian—Sept. 14

Emma—Sept. 20



## Fours

I want to WELCOME all the new friends and returning friends also! We are going to have so much fun!

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 will also be taking one letter a week and focusing on the look and sound of that letter. We will be basing our phonics on "A Beka" curriculum's technique and emphasis on vowels. Our letter weeks for September will cover: Aa, Bb, Cc and Dd. We'll begin our Fall poetry with "Falling Leaves, Gray Squirrel, and 5 Little Apples. "

- In Math we'll be working on patterning (at least 2 or 3 part patterns), sorting, numbers 1-10 and temperature. Many Fall art projects will also be enjoyed and appreciated. Various seasonal concepts will also be woven throughout each week with our math, science and social studies activities. FUN, FUN, FUN!

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

Thank you to Hannah and her family for sharing markers!  
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## Miss Heidi



## Young5's/Kindergarten

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven." Now is the time for kindergarten to begin again! This is going to be a wonderful year. I thank the Lord that I have the privilege of teaching your boys and girls this year—we will partner together for a "Great Beginning".

Our theme for September will be "Bugs, Bats and Night Things". We will be reading a lot about cool bugs and interesting bats and nocturnal animals. Our very beautiful art work will reflect the theme.



## Mrs. Layer

During our writing and phonics time we will introduce the vowels. The letters this month will be li, Uu and Oo. We will learn the short sounds of the letters and how to write them in a beautiful way.

Math centers are really fun in kindergarten. We will begin with 2 and 3 part patterns. Some of the objects we use to make our patterns with are real keys, buttons, counting bears, lacing beads and more. The first day of school we will start our number line that goes all the way to 180 by the end of the year. This gives us a lot of counting practice. The calendar is another opportunity to read numerals.

Our first field trip will be to Sky Zone. Watch for details on my "Parent Wall" just to the left of the kindergarten door.

Our one and only "Parent Meeting" will be Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30pm. Child Care will be provided so everyone can attend. Hope to see you there!