



Newsletter

**September
2020**

Director's Desk...

Welcome to the Fall Program 2020!

Okay, we're just going to say it, this is the strangest start to the school year we have ever seen! We are very fortunate, because we don't have to deal with alternate days or any of that nonsense. **We are here everyday, same hours, ready to learn, play and grow in God's love!**

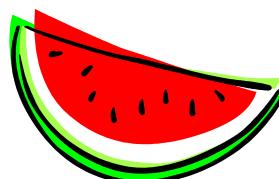
Young 5's/Kindergarten with Mrs. Layer starts up on September 8th! We are so excited to have a class this year. Mrs. Layer's sister, Mrs. Quist will be the before and after school teacher.

Picture Day—Sept. 22, there will be flyers going home soon. This year will be different (big surprise!). All previewing and orders will be done on line. There will be Covid safety practices being done by photographer, sanitizing, masking, etc.

We say goodbye and God's blessings to our school age friends, our kiddos going to other kindergartens and to James and Charlotte who are moving out of state. We have loved having you with us these years—our prayers go with you all.

We also welcome new babies and families to

Amy Bartlett



*Enjoy the last days
of summer!*

our program and hope to make you feel a part of our "Great Beginnings Family"!

Child Care Relief Grant funds have arrived which means anyone who was here during the month of June will be getting 30% of that month's tuition credited to their account. I will send a note home and a statement sheet.

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Happy
September!

Young Infants

Happy September to everyone from the younger infant room. We have a bumper crop of new babies this fall. We welcomed Theodore and Meredith in August.

In September we welcome Ella, Mason and Madelyn. They are all under 5 months old and the most precious little peanuts you can imag-

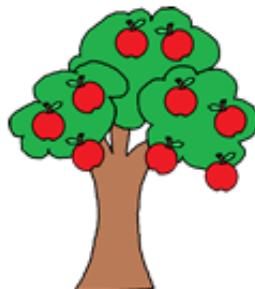
ine. When you look into their sweet faces you know God doesn't make mistakes!

God blessed us by sharing Sloane, Maverick, Kendall, Waverly, Cole and Hussain with us the past few months. They have outgrown the younger infant room and are ready to face the new exciting challenges that

Miss Ann

await them in older infants. It is not farewell but we will see you around as you enter the next phase of development. Their new classroom will be set up to face the new walkers fast crawlers, butt scooters and high climbers. Good luck to you all. You will be missed.

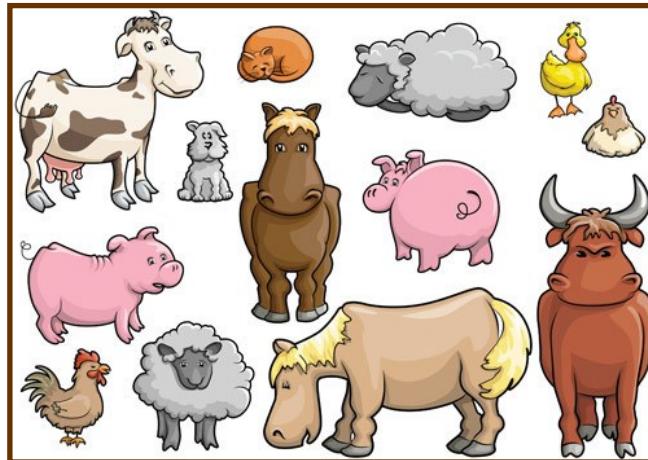
We say farewell and welcome in this note and God bless your month.



Older Infant

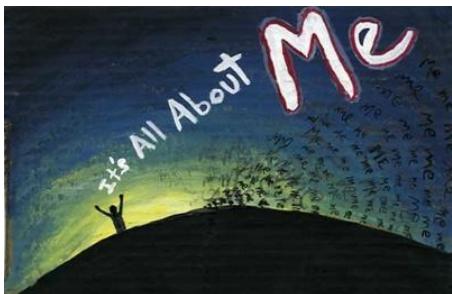
Fall is coming! Warm days, cool nights and new adventures! This month we say goodbye to our friends Wyatt, Jade, Eva, Henry, Reese and Brielle. We wish them the very best on their toddler adventures.

While we are sad to see them go, we are so very excited to welcome Sloane, Maverick, Riley, Kendall, Waverly, Hussain and Cole



Toddlers

Welcome! Welcome! We want to welcome our new friends to our rooms. We say, "glad you are joining our Toddler family". We hope you enjoy your time with us. This



Threes

I hope that you are all enjoying what is left of the summer! I am disappointed to see it coming to an end because I love it so much. Fall is also one of my favorites and is just around the corner bringing with it so many awesome changes! Some of my favorite things while growing up about Fall were noticing the colorful fall leaves on the trees, drinking hot apple cider and eating donuts! What are some of your favorite things to do and traditions that you carry on with your family?

next year should bring quite a bit of growth in our friends. They will grow in every area, spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Their little personalities will blossom. You will be amazed at how quickly they grow and change in a few short months. We welcome to the center, Cooper. We welcome to the room from the Older infant room, Reese, Henry, Wyatt, Brielle, Jade and Eva. We say goodbye to Henry C., Henry S., and Ava, have fun in the 3

I would love to hear about them. Through the month of September we will be getting to know our friends and families once again. We will also explore some of our friends favorite things. **We ask that you send in a family picture 4x6 during the month of September that we can display through the year.** September means back to school and starting new routines once again. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the families who are going

Miss Loren

to the older infant world! We are looking forward to getting to know each and every different personality!

Our theme this month is going to be animals. We'll sing animal songs, read animal books and make lots of silly animal noises. It's going to be a blast!

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year old room! We will miss you, but we know you are in excellent hands.

In the month of September our theme will be, " Me and my World". If you could bring in a family picture, that you don't need back, we would like to hang it up in the rooms. The friends will be learning about themselves and the world around them.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Miss De at the

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through this difficult time during this pandemic. May God be with us all on this journey! He is in control!!

Sending out September birthday wishes and lots of love to:

Daxton—9/3

Lily—9/8

Caleb—9/11



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, and migration. 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 the "A Beka" curriculum's technique and the emphasis on the vowels. Our letter weeks in September will cover Aa, Bb, Cc and Dd.

We'll begin our fall poetry with "Falling Leaves" and "Gray Squirrel."

In math, we'll be working on patterning (at least 2 or 3 part patterns) sorting, numbers 1-10, graphing and the concept of "temperature."

Many Fall art projects will also be enjoyed, many having to do with the apple.

Special days in September will be days to bring: a baby picture, a bear friend and a show and tell "letter D" item. Donuts & Cider and cooking applesauce will be fun activities to round out our month! Various concepts will also be woven throughout each week with math, science, and social studies activities.

Have a super sensational Septem-

Miss Heidi

ber! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me!



Young 5's/Kindergarten

Welcome to Young 5's/ Kindergarten! We are going to have a wonderful time unfolding the best year ever. Our theme for Sept. will be, "Insects, Bats and other Night Things". The end of summer and early fall are the best times to find grasshoppers, dragonflies, praying mantis, walking sticks to name a few. If you find any cool bugs (dead or alive) please send them in for our science table. As the month goes on we will study nocturnal insects and end Sept. with bats, raccoons and possum. We will do some fun crafts to go along with our



theme too.

Center time is our major work time of the day. We will introduce "Center Cards" and our first work jobs. The boys and girls will do 3 centers, then off to free choice time. You will hear lots more about centers at "Parent Meeting" later this month.

Math centers are so much fun in Young 5's/Kindergarten. We will begin doing patterns with real keys, glass beads, colored cubes, counting bears and more. Center number 1 is the 100 chart. We will begin learning numbers from 1 to 100 and in the thousands before the year ends.

Phonics and writing are such an important part of Young 5's/ Kindergarten! We begin our alphabet with the vowels. They are the subtle sounds in the middle of

Mrs. Layer

words. We will start with Ii, Uu, Aa, Oo and Ee. We learn to recognize each letter, make the sound of the letter and learn to print them in a beautiful way.

Our "Parent Meeting," which is the only group meeting of the year, will be Tues., Sept. 29, at 6:30. Outdoor child care will be provided. This is a very important meeting! Please try to have at least one parent from each family present.

