

Dear parents of preschool age children,

Welcome to Jesus Loves ME Learning Center (JLMLC) – here are a few reminders to help you as your child is in a preschool room.

Please read the Parent Handbook and ask any questions you may have.

Please bring the following labels items for your child here at JLMLC:

1. Rest items- small pillow and blanket
2. Extra clothes ; please keep a seasonally appropriate change of clothes here
3. Labeled outside clothes (note winter gear includes a hat, mittens, snowpants, coat and boots)
4. Shoes with a back on them (no flip flops)
5. Please apply sunscreen in the morning and we will apply our generic sunscreen for the afternoon

Please check the following areas for notes and important information

1. Your email
2. Your child's locker
3. Notes on door or outside white board of your child's classroom
4. Daily Report Binder
5. Bulletin Boards

Please call 507 508 2041 or write in Communication notebook near sign-in computer or email at lingilm@hickorytech.net by 9 am when your child will be absent or with any questions you have.

You may donate school type items of your choice but no specific supplies must be brought by you. Please do not bring toys from home into the classroom unless item (toy) is for the Mystery Box.

Each room has a different schedule in order to share the gym so please pick up a schedule from your child's teacher.

We have breakfast including a grain, fruit and milk at about 8-8:30 and hot lunch from 11:15 – 12 in the preschool rooms. Meals are served family style with children serving themselves as appropriate. If your child brings food due to circumstances – we do thank you for making healthy choices to promote good health for all children. Staff also follows this policy.

When you arrive with your child, please first have them wash their hands, and then sign in and join in scheduled activity. Upon sign in JLMLC staff will know to help your child make a choice as appropriate.

Birthday treats are allowed but we do have peanut and gluten allergies here at JLMLC, so fruits and / or vegetables could be used or please consider a non-food birthday treat.

Mystery boxes (a literacy activity) will come home about once every 10 days or so and instructions are on the box. Every day we will study the Bible in Bible Time as we give children at JLMLC a view of God's Word by studying Old and New Testament lessons each year. We share the Gospel message of God's love for sinners like us by sending Jesus to die for our sins so that we can join him in heaven someday.

We use SPARK curriculum for Movement Time in the gym. This helps children become aware of their body and what it can do with hoops, balloons, scarves, ropes and more. Outside Time is also important and we do go outside unless temperature (above 85 and below 15F) or wind chill do not permit it. Outside large muscle games, wood blocks, nature exploration, gardening, dramatic play and art activities are available to children.

High Scope Preschool Curriculum is used for helping children throughout the day in their work / play to develop spiritually, socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. Teachers scaffold learning as children play/work with their peers. The plan-do-cleanup-review of High Scope Work Time helps children develop school readiness and lifetime skills. Small group activities build skills in the area of science, creative art, large motor, manipulative games, sensory activities, dramatic play, blocks, math and language development. High Scope curriculum supports and assures that the Minnesota early learning core standards called Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (ECIPS) are met.

Quiet Time includes transitioning to cots – children get their rest items and may listen to music or books and teachers create a relaxing environment for children to rest.

Social Skill Learning Circle Time begins with a unit on sharing and many skills are practiced throughout the year ending with problem solving. There are many activities to accomplish learning.

At Literature and Circle Times children review and do activities and songs, practice fingerplays and have class discussions using various literature and more. Music Time gives children experiences with music including instruments.

Transitions happen throughout the day and we use many different ideas to help children move to a new part of their day. These include signal with lights, timers, songs etc.

JLMLC is now part of a program in the state of Minnesota called Parent Aware Quality Rating System.. The staff has: volunteered to do more in-depth training; devoted ourselves to building strong and caring relationships with children; adopted the latest approaches to keep children's learning on track; committed ourselves to daily activities and routines that help children learn and placed a focus on children's health and safety.

Safety is of the utmost importance at JLMLC. The Learning Center and After School programs will not be closed on snow days or early dismissals due to snow. However, preschool only sessions will be canceled on school snow days and families will be contacted by the center. Other announcements will be made via text, phone and/or email. JLMLC practices fire drills (outside near playground fence), tornado drills (big bathrooms near gym) and safety drills (room bathroom or corner) monthly (every other month in winter).

If you have concerns – please do not hesitate to approach your child's teacher. Lead teachers are here from about 7:30-4:30. You may also email at lingjlm@hickorytech.net or call 507 508 2041.

Sincerely with love for the Lord and you children,

Staff at JLMLC