



Jack and Jill Jottings for:

I cannot believe that this is the last newsletter for the 2016-17 pre-kindergarten term! Where did the year go? The children in the class have grown and changed so much since September. They have worked hard to learn new skills, and had so much fun with their classmates and friends.

May will be a very busy and active month for the children, so please make a note of everything that will be going on. As usual, there is also a separate paper that outlines each day's topics, books, etc. that we will be using to enrich the themes for each day. Be sure to also check the May snack calendar because it also points out some of the important events that will be going on this month.



Our final All About Me friends will be **Colby, Gianna and Roman!** Please complete the posters and return them to school as soon as possible. As I stated, waaaaay back in September, we have kept all of the posters and we will be using them to decorate for our Closing Program. At the end of the program, families can take the posters down from the walls of the sanctuary and take them home. Thanks for your help in letting everyone get to know more about the children during the past term.



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On **Wednesday, May 3rd**, we will have a very special tradition at Jack and Jill-**NIGHT DAY!** Night day is the time when the children can come to school and we pretend that it is nighttime. **Instead of regular school**

clothes, the children may wear their pajamas to school. They may bring their slippers and change into them while at preschool and can also bring a sleeping bag, or blanket, and a pillow to be comfortable because we will be laying down on the floor for circle time. If they would

like, they may bring the buddy or friend that they take to bed with them. Please make sure that you have marked everything with your child's name. A good idea is to put all of your child's items into a big tote bag so that they keep everything together. They will not need their separate bookbags that day. We'll be enjoying a bedtime snack, and other nighttime activities on that day.

Your last Scholastic book order is due at the preschool by Thursday, May 11. Due to the term ending, and to allow for delivery time, no orders can be accepted after the 11th. Thank you to everyone who has purchased books throughout the term. Not only are you enriching your children's lives through literacy, but the bonus points that the school receives from your orders has allowed us to purchase many new and special toys and supplies for the children.



On Monday, May 15, the pre-k's have been invited to become Kindergarteners for a day! This is a really special and fun event for the pre-k's.

We must thank the kindergarten teachers at Mahoning and Shull David elementary schools along with Mr. Aaron Sebelin, principal of those schools for allowing us to come into the buildings and to learn about the next big step in your children's lives. teachers are willing to adapt and adjust their schedules to allow the preschoolers to share in some of the fun and exciting things that kindergarteners do.



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The morning pre-k class has been invited to go to Mahoning Elementary school. Mahoning Elementary school is located at 2466 Mahoning Drive East, Leighton. The afternoon pre-k. Class has been invited to go to Shull David Elementary school. Shull David school is located at 200 Beaver Run Road, Leighton. Jack and Jill does not provide transportation, so families must drop off and pick up their children at the elementary schools.

Morning pre-k's should be dropped off at Mahoning by 8:50 am. Pick up at Mahoning for the am class will be 11:15. Afternoon pre-k's should be dropped off at Shull David by 11:50 am. Pick up at Shull David for the pm class will be 2:15. Since we are working around the public school schedules, please be prompt in both drop off and pick up times.

Mrs. Howells and I will be on the front porch of both schools to welcome the children to kindergarten. When everyone has arrived, we will go into the school and meet the principal, Mr. Sebelin. After that, the preschoolers will go into the classrooms to learn all about kindergarten. Mrs. Howells and I will also be in the classrooms to be sure that our preschoolers aren't overwhelmed with the experience. The children will sit with the kindergarteners for circle time, we'll hear a story and probably do a craft with our new kindergarten friends. The children will even get to out to the playground for recess! We'll also get a tour of the school and see many of the special things that come with going to kindergarten.

I realize that not all of our preschoolers will go to either of these schools for kindergarten, but we cannot visit all of the kindergartens that the children in the class will be attending. Most of the things that they will see in the kindergarten classroom will be the same as what they will experience in their own kindergarten classrooms in the fall.

Mrs. Howells and I will bring the children out to the porch and dismiss them to their families at the end of our visits to the schools. For safety and security reasons, parents and families of the preschoolers will not be going into the elementary school to drop off or pick up their children. We have been invited into the elementary schools for several years, and it is always a fun and exciting day for the preschoolers, we are grateful for the Leighton School District for allowing our preschool children to come and have this experience. **The children do NOT need their bookbags for is trip.**

If you have any questions about this field trip, please get in touch with me.

Wednesday, May 17th will be our Unbirthday Party Day! This is the day that we will celebrate the birthdays for all of our friends who either have summer birthdays or birthdays that we missed celebrating during the term. We have a lot of people celebrating this year, there are: Castiel, Dean, Mallory, and Roman in the morning class and Kyra, Alexis, Chase and Jimmy in the afternoon class. With so many children in each class who will have their unbirthday party that day, it sometimes is easier for the families involved to coordinate what they would like to bring. I will be putting a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those families to list what they will send in for that day. Although is is up to each family to decide what they would like to contribute to the celebration, some ideas might be: cupcakes, ice cream cups, chips, veggies, dips, fruit, etc.

On Monday, May 22nd, we will stomp and roar like dinosaurs! Children love the idea of these amazing beasts that lived millions of years ago, and we like to take a day to explore some things about them. If your child has any special dinosaur clothing, or items that they would like to bring to preschool to show to their friends, this will be the day to do it! Just be sure that any items are marked with their name.



All good things are coming to an end, and Wednesday, May 24 will be our last Show and tell for the term.

Jack and Jill Preschool will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of



We will have our **family picnic on Tuesday, May 30** at the Phifer Ice Dam park. This is a casual day for the preschool children and their families to get together and enjoy some time together before the end of the term. There is no set agenda for the day, families may arrive and leave the park whenever it suits their schedules. The teachers will

be at the park from 10:00-1:00. Each family is responsible for providing their own food and drinks while they are there. Children **must** have a responsible adult with them the entire time that they are at the park. Sibings, and others are welcome, but each family is responsible for the children that they bring.



Wednesday, May 31 will be the last day of classes for the pre-k's and that means it's time for another Jack and Jill tradition-ice cream sundae party! A sign up sheet will be posted on the porch bulletin board on Monday, May 22nd for families to volunteer to send in the ingredients for these yummy treats! The last snack of the term deserves to be wonderful. Of course, that means that the teachers get to send the children off into your care after they are all hyper from the sugar! Thank you to everyone for all of the wonderful snacks that you have provided throughout the past term.



Please make a note that **Friday, June 2nd will be our Closing Program.** It will be held in the sanctuary at Trinity at **6:30.** All of the preschool children will participate in the program by reciting songs and rhymes. Their artwork and the All About Me posters will be on display for everyone to see. Family members are all welcome and invited to attend this event. You will receive more information about the program in a separate special note in a few weeks. If your child will not be participating in the Closing Program, please let the teachers know as soon as possible, so that we can make arrangements. Thank you.