

Jack and Jill Jottings

Primaries

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Welcome to our School

New families - we are so happy to have your little ones be a part of our preschool. If there are a few tears in the beginning, please know that this is normal and that our teachers are loving, kind, nurturing, and very patient during this transition time for your children. Usually after 2 weeks of school the tears are replaced with smiles and drop off goes much easier. Please remember it is best to make your good-bye quick and cheerful. Usually if the good-bye is prolonged it takes your child longer to settle down once you leave.



This is Jack and Jill Jottings is our monthly newsletter. You will receive a copy each month in your child's book bag. Also included with your monthly newsletter of upcoming events will also be a copy of the snack/activity calendar and a book order form. Please make sure you read your

child's newsletter as it contains important information regarding your child's monthly activities and important upcoming events.



Snack calendars contain important information as to your child's snack day as well as a handy reference for important dates to remember. Our snack days are listed under Thursday and Fridays, your child will have snack every 6 weeks give or take, so please take note of when your child's snack day will

occur, children's names marked with an " * "denote will when we will celebrate that child's birthday, Jack and Jill provides milk, juice, water, cups, and napkins. Please provide enough snack for the children in your child's class. We have 12 children in our class. If these numbers change we will let you know.



Please mark all your child's coats and jackets with their names, this is especially important when they get new clothing; in the past students have insisted that was not their jacket, sweatshirt, or other belongings. If they are marked clearly we are assured that they belong to your child, we make every effort not to mix up your child's belongings with another child's. Also we recommend that a seasonally appropriate extra set of clothing is placed in your child's book bag, as accidents do occur from time to time.

Not only are bathroom accidents a concern, snack accidents occur as well, we do have extra clothing at the preschool should any accidents occur at school, however if you keep a complete set of clothing in your child's book bag we will utilize those clothing first before using what we keep at the preschool. Pants, shirt, socks, and under ware should suffice for your child's needs.



Parent Teacher Communication

A successful preschool experience for your child depends upon communication between home and school; a

stable quality relationship between a child's family and teacher are essential. We are always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. There are several ways you can contact the preschool to address any concerns or questions you have, one way is through email, you may call the preschool anytime, just be aware that if you call during class times the teachers need to focus on the children that are in our care and may only have a few minutes to talk to you. The teachers are available from 8:30am to 2:30 pm Monday - Wednesday and Thursday - Friday 8:30am to 11:30am. Please be aware we have students in class Monday thru Friday. We can also answer questions briefly when you are dropping off or picking up your child, this is especially important if you are giving us important information regarding your child's care for the day. If there is something you wish to discuss with us in great length we can make arrangements with you for a phone conference or meeting. Please do not hesitate to come speak to us with any concerns you have about your child's care.

Each month starting with October I will pick two children for our "All About Me Posters".



Posters will hang in the preschool for that whole month your child is chosen, every child in the class will have the opportunity to display their poster in the preschool; I will be going in alphabet order according to your child's last name for each month. All the children will have an opportunity to do a poster

and have it displayed. Before we display the poster on the wall each child will have the opportunity to share his/her poster with the class and the teachers.



We have a wonderful fenced in play yard the children love to go outside and play with their friends and enjoy the beautiful weather. Please dress the children accordingly for outside play, Please note that all children play hard and fast on the playground and we recommend that children wear shoes that will not cause an accident. Flip flops, Crocs and flimsy sandals are a danger. Shorts under dresses are a good idea since we have many climbers and slides in the yard the children really enjoy playing on. We will take full advantage of the nice days for as long as we can. When the weather turns cold and snowy we will not be able to go outside and play.



Pick up/drop off we find that it is easier for the children to transition into the school day if we have drop off and picking up of the children from the porch area. We also find for security reasons and safety of the children this is the most efficient way to dismiss the children in a controlled yet safe manner. We realize that it can be just as emotional for a parent as it is for a child, especially when it is their first school experience. Long good byes and drawn out hugs make the transition more difficult for the child to adapt to their new situation. Know that when you drop your child off to us in our care that they are safe and we will make every effort to make their first preschool experience both a nurturing and positive experience for them.

facebook, Jack and Jill Preschool is currently on facebook, it is a wonderful way to connect with other families in the preschool and keep updated on the latest news from within the preschool, Mrs. Zellner posts regularly updated information about your child's class activities as well as cancelations or changes to any activities surrounding your child's day. Our facebook group is a closed group and open to all preschool families.

JackandJillLehighton.org is the preschools website, each month the snack calendar, the newsletter, and photos from the previous month will be posted on the website. The handbook, yearly calendar, and other important information are up on the site. Check us out.

Jack and Jill's Parents Organization

Jack and Jill's Parent Organization is an organization that provides family oriented activities outside of the preschool setting. Parents of Jack and Jill students get together once a month and plan activities for families and children currently enrolled on the Jack and Jill Program. Some of the wonderful events they have planned in the past include, preschool prom, back yard cook outs, Halloween parties, etc. They are always looking for new parents to get involved and help bring fresh ideas to the activities they plan for the children. There is no fee to join and there is no charge to the families for any of the events they plan. The Parents Organization also has their own Facebook page this is separate from the Preschools Facebook page and many of your questions regarding family fun events can be answered there.



Bad weather days. We will follow the Lehighton school districts lead with regard to bad weather days. If Lehighton School District closes school for the day Jack and Jill is closed their will be no school on that day. If the Lehighton School District has a 2 hour delay we will have a 1 hour delay. (Classes will be from 10 -12) You can tune into your local TV station to get the latest news or go online to wnep.com to check on the latest in school closings and delays. The Lehighton School district has many other days it uses for time off, we do not follow their school schedule, please refer back to the yearly calendar you received at the parents meeting for scheduled days off at the preschool.

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Thursday September 7th Orientation Day

Friday September 8th First full day of classes

Thursday September 14th shapes-circles

Friday September 15th shapes-circles

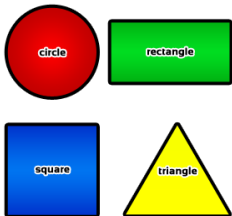
Thursday September 21nd worship, shapes-squares, book orders are due.

Friday September 22nd shapes-squares


Wednesday September 27th Your 2nd tuition installment is due.

Thursday September 28th shapes-triangles, worship

Friday September 29th shapes-triangles



For the month of September the primary focus will be shapes. We will explore shapes through songs, games and interactive play. We will also be taking this time to get to know your child and their individual needs as well as getting them use to their new school environment and new routines.

 Thursday September 21st the scholastic book orders are due back at the preschool on this day. Book orders are not mandatory but are available if you wish to order books for your child each month. There are two ways for you to order books for your child, first you can return your book order to the preschool by the due date with the order form, money, or check, or you can order online via the scholastic website school code is **MKPQL**. Checks can be made out to scholastic.



Thursday September 21st Will be our first worship in the sanctuary of the church, we will walk the children over to the church utilizing our "button string". We will share a story, sing songs, clap our hands and stomp our feet. Worship will continue every Thursday throughout the school year.



Wednesday September 27th Your second tuition installment is due at the preschool, In order to avoid the \$5 late payment fee, all tuition installments must be received at the preschool by this date. Installments may be given to a teacher, mailed to the preschool, or placed in your child's folder in their book bags, we only give receipts for cash installments and these receipts will be placed in your child's folder after your installment has been recorded.



Thank you for choosing Jack and Jill for your child's preschool experience. We, the teachers are looking forward to the upcoming school term. We have many fun and exciting activities planned to help your child learn and grow.

We want preschool to be a place your child looks forward to attending. We respect each child in our care and will spend the first few weeks getting to know them. Just as your child is unique and special to you, we feel each of the children at Jack and Jill are special and unique to us.

