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Welcome to our School

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 say good-bye quickly and cheerfully. Usually if the goodbye is prolonged it takes your child longer to settle down once you leave.



Jack and Jill Jottings is our monthly newsletter. Newsletters contain important information regarding policies and procedures. You will receive a copy each month in your child's book bag. Also included with your monthly newsletter of upcoming events will 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. Primary snack days are listed under Thursday and Fridays, and Prek families snack days are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. 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 a Birthday cake denotes when we will celebrate that child's birthday, Jack and Jill provides juice, water, and napkins. Please provide enough snacks for the children in your child's class. We will let you know how many students are in your child's class at the beginning of the preschool term. The preschool continues to request snacks from the families; snacks no longer must be in the prepackaged individual snacks. No home-made snacks or snacks that have not come sealed from a manufacturer will be allowed. Donations of these types of snacks are also welcomed. Before they have a snack the children will sanitize their hands. Eating surfaces will be sanitized.



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. 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, shirts, socks, underwear should suffice for your child's needs.



Supplies your child will need to start the preschool term, a backpack large enough to fit an 8.5 x 11in folder, an 8.5 x 11 in folder, plastic pencil case, a pack of 8 primary crayons, a pack of glue sticks, a child sized scissors, and two regular sized play dough, please make sure to mark all items with your child's name.



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 is 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 1:30 pm Monday - Wednesday and Thursday - Friday 8:30am to 12:00pm. Please be aware we have students in class Monday through Friday. 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 contact us with any concerns you have about your child's care.

Each month I will pick one or 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 alphabetic 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 pick-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 goodbyes 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, 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.



Bad weather days. We will follow the Lehighton school district's lead with regard to bad weather days. If Lehighton School District closes school for the day Jack and Jill is closed, there 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.