

WELCOME TO ROOM 7!



Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at Lord of Life Preschool! We're very excited to have the opportunity to get to know you and your children and help them lay a strong foundation for the school years ahead.

Our first opportunity to meet each other will be at our **Meet & Greet on Thursday, September 1st from 10am to 11am.** You and your child are invited to come meet us and the other children and see the classroom. We will give you tote bags and be available to answer any questions.

Our Class Orientation will be on Thursday, September 8th from 9am - 10am. This will give the children a short taste of classroom fun while families have an opportunity to meet each other and the Preschool Board to hear about activities planned for the school year.

Below is a short summary of our classroom procedures. Full details and other important information are in the Family Manual posted on the preschool website at www.lordoflifepreschool.org. You are encouraged to read this manual – it should tell you everything you need to know about Lord of Life Preschool.

Class Goals – Our main goal for the year is to instill a love of learning that will set the foundation for future years of learning. We will focus on the children's developing social and emotional abilities. Along the way, we will also work on physical and cognitive abilities.

Morning Drop off - We understand that for many of the children, this is the first time separating from their parents. There may be tears as your child makes this adjustment. We encourage you to make your departure brief and routine. If your child is unhappy when you leave, you can call the office during the day and we will give you an update. We encourage you to use "**Kiss and Ride**" because it fosters independence and can make the morning separation much easier.

Tote Bag – Each child will have a tote bag and a hook. Please keep a complete change of clothes (including socks and underwear) in a Ziploc bag and keep it in the tote bag. Accidents and spills happen and, while we have extra clothes here, the children prefer to have something of their own to put on.

Mail Boxes – Each child will have a slot. Here you will find all sorts of "treasures". Look for monthly newsletters, book orders and other notices. Please empty it every day.

Lunch - We strive to make lunch time is a fun and positive experience for your child and encourages independence. The more self-sufficient your child is at lunch time, the more it will build his/her self-esteem. Lunches should include a protein (e.g. cheese) plus a fruit or vegetable, and a starch (e.g. cracker). Please send a healthy lunch in a lunch box or container labeled with your child's full name and current date. Keep in mind that we cannot

refrigerate lunches, so please use an ice pack in the lunch box if needed. Water is always served with snack and lunch, and children are encouraged to drink it throughout the day.

Playground – We will go outside every day the weather permits. Please have your child wear clothes and shoes that are comfortable and allow them to run and play. Tennis shoes are the best year-round choice for footwear. Mittens and a hat are important for colder months.

Bathroom - We encourage independence in the bathroom. Pull-on pants without zippers and belts are best choice for children who are becoming independent in the bathroom. We have smocks for paint projects, but play clothes that can take splashes and spills are recommended.

Show & Tell - will begin soon and we will send home a schedule. The monthly newsletter will list the show and tell days for each child. They may bring one item from home to share at circle time. Show and Tell is a time for your child to get comfortable sharing in front of a group. Please help them come up with a few facts to share about their item.

Scholastic Book Orders will be distributed monthly. These are optional, but they are an inexpensive way for you to purchase age-appropriate books. Orders may be placed online or by returning the forms to us. Instructions will be sent home with the first orders.

Conferences - Individual conferences will be available in January, but we will be happy to meet with you at any time during the school year.

Birthday Celebrations - We will celebrate birthdays throughout the year. You will be invited to celebrate with us by bringing a special treat and reading your child's favorite story to the class. If your child had a summer birthday, we can talk about celebrating it in September. Cookies, brownies, bars, muffins, ice cream cups or popsicles are examples of fun and easy birthday snacks. Please don't bring cakes, candles or cupcakes.

Communication is an ongoing process. We will strive to maintain open lines of communication throughout the year with monthly newsletters, e-mails, the website (www.lordoflifepreschool.org), Facebook, and occasional notices in the mailboxes and tote bags. Please don't hesitate to contact us with your needs and concerns.

Photos – We take lots of pictures throughout the year and will make these available to you through Walmart.com's photo site. This is a secure site and is only available to current families in our class. Please complete and return the attached form. Once we have all forms, we will provide you with log in instructions.

Thank you for sharing your child with us. We look forward to an exciting school year!

Mrs. Lewis & Mrs. Trupo

PHOTO PERMISSION FORM

Mrs. Lewis will be taking pictures of our T/Th class throughout the school year. We would like to make these pictures available to you by posting them on Walmart.com's secure photo site. The pictures will be shared only with the parents of students currently enrolled in the T/Th 9am – 1pm class for the 2016-2017 school year.

Please complete and return the attached permission form. As soon as we receive all of the forms, we will share the instructions on how to access the pictures.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lewis & Mrs. Trupo

Photo Permission Form
Please return to Mrs. Lewis or Mrs. Trupo

I give Lord of Life Preschool permission to post my child's pictures on Walmart.com to be viewed only by parents of students currently enrolled in the T/Th 9am – 1pm class for the 2016-2017 school year.

Child's Full Name

Parent's Signature

Date