

# Little Lambs Newsletter Toddler Room

**FALL 2019**

## *Introductions & Welcome*

### **Mrs. Michelle**

I started my childcare career in 1994. I became an ECE II in 2001 after acquiring a Psychology degree (B.A.) from U of M and a Theology degree (B.Th.) from CMBC/CMU. My husband, Conrad, and I have been married for 20 years. We have two children who are in their teens I have a love for music and a passion for sharing the Bible with the children.

### **Ms. Judy**

I have my B. Ed and am an ECE II. Before I had my children I worked in a childcare setting and then taught Kindergarten. I have three adult children who were home educated. After my children were finished their schooling I returned to working with younger children. I love reading, spending time outdoors and enjoy time with family and friends. I am excited to have the opportunity to share God's love with the children at Little Lambs.



## **What to expect from us**

- Respect
- Honesty
- Silliness; fun
- A listening ear
- We will pray daily with your children
- We will love and cuddle your children
- We may even kiss a hurt!
- Safety trumps all else
- We presume you are doing the best you can
- We may offer to pray for you or with you too, and we will cherish each

## What to bring:

Each day ensure that your child has:

- A **labeled spill proof cup** filled with water, that they can operate themselves.
- A **labeled lunch kit** with their lunch and afternoon snack. (30 second heat up is ok) Food should come precut/ fully prepared please.

Morning snack is provided to the group on a rotation by each family.

- **Diapers** or pull ups (SIDE OPENING only please)
- A labeled sweater.
- A labeled **jacket** (no buttons)
- Labeled **Velcro** or elastic slip on **indoor shoes** to stay at school (No laces please)
- Labeled **outdoor footwear**
- Labeled stuffie for naptime (optional)
- Labeled naptime **blanket** (bigger than a receiving blanket but smaller than a twin sized). Please bring it at the start of each week and take it home on weekends to launder.
- One or more labeled **changes of clothes** to stay in their locker. Include socks (and underwear if they wear them.)
- **Plan for us to go outside each day**, just in case the weather changes after you leave home. Labeled mittens, toque, ski pants, splash pants, boots, etc. should accompany your child each day, depending on the season.
- **\*\*\*Clipped fingernails**
- **Wipe refills** on day one and upon request

## Snack Time:

Some of you have been asking us about ideas for lunches and snacks. It has been quite interesting to watch what the children are enjoying. We have noticed that their favourite snacks have included:

- Cucumbers
- Raspberries
- Strawberries
- Watermelon
- Cheddar cheese cubes
- Crackers
- Cereal trail mix
- Bananas
- Garlic sausage/Kielbasa

Thank you for remembering to bring snacks in at least one day prior to your day, precut and ready to go, and for always including one fruit/vegetable.

## Other things to consider:

- Expect that as your child experiences art, the outdoors, and their food, they are going to get messy. Please dress them accordingly, and feel free to save their nicest outfits for other places.
- Your child is possibly going to be sick several times this year. Please review our policy guidelines on fevers, etc. and always have a backup plan so that they can stay at home when needed. We do sanitize the entire room daily but the reality is that they sometimes cough and sneeze into the faces of others. Please join us in teaching them to cough into their elbows, it's never too early!
- Pushing, biting and scratching happens in group care at this age. We do our best to watch for it. Ensuring that everything you need to bring is here and labelled helps us keep our attention on the children. Vigilant nail clipping at home means less scratching that breaks the skin.
- Expect that toys from home may go missing and get broken. Staff will not have time to help locate lost toys from home.
- While we ask for a change of shoes to be at daycare, we may not change into them if the play yard is dry



