



CANARY NEWSLETTER

"A Five Star, Nationally Accredited Center"

Welcome to our Wee Know Canary classroom! We are excited to meet all the new Canary children and families! This year we plan to introduce our preschoolers to many interesting concepts that help them learn about themselves and the world around them in a supportive and nurturing environment. It is our belief that children learn through play and exploration. Through each topic your child will discover and practice new skills that will ultimately help them grow in social and emotional confidence, giving them a strong foundation for future learning.

Meet the Teachers

The Canary teaching team includes Kris Trainor, Emma Walters & Sam Wittenburg

Kris Trainor is very excited to be teaching in the Canary class this fall. She recently moved to Wisconsin from Flagstaff, Arizona with her husband and 3 children. She is certified in teaching Deaf & Hard of Hearing and has been working in the education field since 1996. Kris enjoys learning with children and helping them develop a strong sense of self and a love of learning!

Emma Walters joined Wee Know in the fall of 2023 as a support teacher and gained experience with all age groups in the classrooms. She is an alumni of Wee Know and attended as a Chickadee when she was 3. She had always had a passion for kids. She has 2 dogs (Murray & Juno) and a cat (Cash) She is looking forward to a great year in the Canary classroom.

Samantha Wittenberg started at Wee Know as a student teacher in the fall of 2023. She is a part of the Dual Enrollment Academy at WCTC for Early Childhood Education and will attend UW-Whitewater in the fall. This will be her second year in the Canary room and is looking forward to a fun year.

We are looking forward to helping your child transition to school and succeed in trying new things. It is our belief that children learn through play and exploration. Super Canaries will learn that it takes superpowers to get through the school day. Those powers include courage, patience, sharing and self-control.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES & THEMES

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Sept 4 – 13

Getting Acquainted & Transitioning

The first weeks of school, we will focus on learning about our school, transitioning between activities, engaging in new experiences and begin to participate in conversations. This includes learning our classroom songs, centers, toys and how to clean up after ourselves. Singing songs, games and movement will help the children learn to follow directions and develop a sense of belonging.

We will learn our classroom name, Super Canaries, and we will use it often. We will have opportunities to spot the Super Canary Mascot throughout the school. Our dress up bin will also include capes for pretend play.

Sept. 16-27

All About Me & Changes in Nature

Next, we will focus on learning and sharing about ourselves. We will learn about our faces, bodies and families. We will sing songs that focus on moving our bodies and use a mirror to make a self-portrait. Children will be able to bring in a special object for "Show and Tell." Families will complete a placemat for their child to use during snack time.

We'll start the week of Sept. 23rd with a visit from the fire department! We will discuss changes in themselves and the world around them. Many of the crafts will focus on nature and be added to our bulletin boards. I love being outside rain or shine, so our bulletin boards will reflect nature in the form of a tree, a garden and a pond. Our overall theme is "Let us Grow Together." Children will be able to bring in a baggie filled with objects they find in nature to be added to our sorting area/sensory bin.









The Canary Teachers

Ms. Kris, Ms. Emma & Ms. Sam

MONTHLY NEWS & SNACK CALENDAR

Each month a “Classroom Newsletter” and “Snack Calendar” will be sent to you via email. You may request a paper copy by contacting our office staff. We ask each family to bring a “morning” snack for our class about once every four to six weeks. Please review the classroom calendar to see if your child has been assigned a snack day. Healthy snacks are recommended and Wee Know will always provide milk and water. A list of snack ideas will be handed out at the “Meet & Greet” for your reference. Please bring 12 snacks on your child’s snack day. Due to NAC (National Accreditation Guidelines) homemade snacks are not allowed. Prepared food being shared among children must be commercially prepared. If fruit or vegetables are sent, please leave in original packaging.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Getting Acquainted  | 2 Happy Labor Day Wee Know Closed | 3 MEET & GREET | 4 WELCOME! 1 st Day! School snack | 5 School snack | 6 School snack | 7 |
| 8 Getting Acquainted  | 9 Leo | 10 Happy Birthday Cecilia & Leo!  Cecilia | 11 Mila | 12 Loys | 13 School snack | 14 |
| 15 All About Me "Aa"  | 16 Charlotte | 17 Braeden | 18 Cooking Day | 19 Elsie | 20 School snack | 21 |
| 22 Changes in Nature  | 23 Fire Department Visit Graham | 24 Auggie | 25 Happy Birthday James!  James | 26 Nevaeh | 27 School snack | 28 |
| 29 Lily | 30 Jordan | Oct. 1 | 2 Cooking Day | 3 Fire Department Visit | 4 School snack | 5 |