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# **CHICKADEE NEWSLETTER**

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Welcome to our Wee Know Chickadee classroom! We are excited to meet all the new Chickadee 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 Chickadee teaching team includes Heidi Friend, Kristin Field & Cathy Patterson

**Heidi Friend** joined Wee Know School in the fall of 2021. She began as an assistant in the Canary Room and later became the lead teacher in both the Chickadee and Bumblebee classrooms. Mrs. Friend earned her degree from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point. She and her husband, PJ, have two grown children, Lizzy and JP, and a dog named Finn. In her free time, she enjoys sailing, snow skiing, and knitting. Mrs. Friend is excited to spend the year helping your child learn, grow, and blossom in the Chickadee classroom.

<u>Kristin Field</u> is excited to join Wee Know and the Chickadee class. She has 3 kids, Finley, Wyatt & Mila. In her free time, she enjoys being outside and watching her kids play sports!

<u>Cathy Patterson</u> will join us in September following her trip to the Netherlands. She has two grown children. Cathy loves walking her dog, Maggie, and met her husband, Dave, at the dog park. She looks forward to working with and nurturing the Chickadees!

# **SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES & THEMES**

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### September 3 – 11 Getting Acquainted



During the first two weeks of school, we will focus on our new school community. We will get acquainted with new friends, become familiar with classroom routines and dive into the engaging learning centers in our class. The Chickadees will use their imaginations to create artwork to adorn our new classroom.

#### September 15-18 My Family & Me

During this week we are going to learn all about ourselves! We will talk about our bodies, faces, what makes us special and our families. We will share our family pictures with our friends.

## Sept. 22 – 25 All About Apples



We will end this month learning about apples. We will paint, count, and cook with apples to get ready for some fall fun next month. We are looking forward to a visit from the fire department this week also!

Your Chickadee Teachers,

Mrs. Friend, Ms. Kristin, Mrs. Cathy



### **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 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.

