



## OWL NEWSLETTER

“A Five Star, Nationally Accredited Center”

Welcome to our Wee Know Owl classroom! We are excited to meet all the new Owl 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 Owl teaching team includes Lisa Denison (*Mrs. Denison*) and Kerri Harmelink (*Ms. Kerri*).

**Lisa Denison** started teaching at Wee Know in 2016 in the 4K class. She earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood and Special Education at UW-Whitewater, and holds a State of Wisconsin teaching license. Since 2009, she has experience working with children ages birth to ten. Seeing their excitement, creativity and eagerness to learn is why she loves teaching. Lisa lives in Sullivan with her husband and two children. She looks forward to spending the school year with your child and getting to know them!

**Kerri Harmelink** will begin her fifth year at Wee Know. She lives in Hartland with her three children and two dogs. She loves being outdoors, working on her yard or walking her dogs. Kerri has been caring for children for about 30 years and loves to help them grow and learn. She is very excited to start a new school year and looks forward to a wonderful year!

### SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES & THEMES

In September the children will focus on learning the strokes used to form numbers and letters.

#### Sept. 4-6



#### **Getting Acquainted; “Sleepy Line Across” Writing Stroke**

Getting acquainted and becoming familiar with our school environment will be our main goal for the first week. We will discuss classroom rules and become familiar with our daily schedule. Please bring a recent snapshot of your child and a family photo that we can use in a class book. We would appreciate these as soon as possible.

#### Sept. 9 - 13

#### **Owls; “Short Line Down and Tall Line Down” Writing Stroke**

We will spend this week learning about our classroom bird! What do owls like to eat, where they live, and how do they live?

#### Sept. 16-20



#### **All About Me; “Leaning Line and Tall Leaning Line” Writing Stroke**

We will continue to get to know our classmates and teachers through an “All About Me” theme. We will learn about everyone’s family, interests, and favorites. Have your child bring in a box with some of their favorite things, objects that represent them, and/or family photos that they can share with the class this week. Each child may bring 3 items in their box.

#### Sept. 23-27

#### **Community and Classroom Safety; “Circle and Tall Circle” Stroke**

We’ll start this week with a visit from the fire department! This week will be all about fire safety and keeping ourselves safe. We’ll discuss “stranger danger”, and what we should do if someone is lost or hurt.

### OWL FOLDERS

The children will be using the folders that you supply for daily communication between home and school. Please be sure to check them every day. One pocket of the folder will be labeled “Home” for important information that you can keep at home and the other pocket will be labeled “Return” for important information that needs to be returned to school. Please also feel free to send the teachers notes if needed by placing them in the “Return” side of the folder. Thank you!

### 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. 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 19 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.

**CLASSROOM INFORMATION**

**Names** - Please encourage writing an upper case first letter of name and lower case for the rest of the name (ex: David not DAVID).

**Shapes/Colors** - We will be emphasizing a different color and shape each month. This month we will discuss the color, Yellow and the shape, Circle.








**Themes/Numbers/Letters/Sight Words** – In September, our class will have a theme each week and the letter stroke we will be introducing. Beginning in October, we'll include a number, letter, and sight word each week.

**Save the Date....**

Ebert's Pumpkin Farm: Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

*Your Owl Teachers,  
Mrs. Denison and Ms. Kerrí*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Getting Acquainted</b> 	2 <b>Happy Labor Day</b>  Wee Know Closed	3 <b>MEET &amp; GREET</b>	4 <b>WELCOME!</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Day!  School snack	5   School snack	6   School snack	7
8 <b>Owls</b> 	9 Nora	10 <b>Cooking Day</b>	11 Max	12 Xavier	13 Elizabeth	14
15 <b>All About Me "Aa"</b> 	16 Charlie	17 Rorie	18 <b>Cooking Day</b>	19 Brooks W.	20 Ryan	21
22 <b>Community &amp; Classroom Safety</b> 	23 <b>Fire Department Visit</b>	24 Brooks B.	25 Remy	26 Rowan	27 Olivia	28
29 <b>Apples "Aa"</b> 	30 Palmer	Oct. 1 <b>Cooking Day</b>	2 <b>Owl's Apple Fest 10-11:30am</b> 	3 <b>Fire Department Visit</b>	4	5