



## **OWL NEWSLETTER**

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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 second year at Wee Know. She and her husband have lived in Hartland with their three children for eleven years. 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 Themes & Activities**

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

#### **Sept. 1 - 10**



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

Getting acquainted and becoming familiar with our school environment will be our main goal for the first two weeks. 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. 13-17**

#### **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. 20-24**



#### **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 3 of their favorite things to school in a sealed bag, objects that represent them, and/or family photos that they can show our class this week. Each child will share information about these “favorites” and answer questions their classmates may have. However, to keep the spread of germs to a minimum, we will not be passing them around the class.

#### **Sept. 27- Oct.1**

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

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!

**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: Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Getting Acquainted 	30	31 <b>MEET &amp; GREET</b>	1 <b>WELCOME! 1<sup>st</sup> Day!</b>  School snack	2  School snack	3 <b>Happy Birthday Brayden!</b>  School snack	4
5 <b>Getting Acquainted</b> 	6 <b>Happy Labor Day</b> Wee Know Closed	7 Brayden	8 Halle	9 Thomas	10 Mila & Hanley	11
12 <b>Owls</b> 	13 Autumn	14 <b>Cooking: Trail Mix</b>	15 Cameron	16 Ramzi	17 Griffin	18
19 <b>All About Me</b> 	20 Rowen	21 Christian	22 <b>Cooking: Fruit Salad</b>	23 Blake	24 Finley	25
26 <b>Community &amp; Classroom Safety</b> 	27 James	28 Sophie	29 Maggie	30 Nolan	Oct. 1	