



Dear Preschool Parents,

I would like to start by introducing myself as the new preschool director of Little Lambs. My name is Katie Martinez, and I am so excited to be here and continue with the great things that Little Lambs has been doing. I am well acquainted with the Little Lambs mission as I was a teacher here for 2 years before deciding to stay home with my three young boys. My middle child attended Little Lambs and now my youngest will have the opportunity to be here as well as a student in our 5 day a week program.

As far as my background, in addition to my Bachelors' degree, I currently have 18 hours towards my Master's Degree in Applied Family and Child Studies. I have 15 plus years of experience working with children and families in all types of settings. I've been an infant/toddler teacher, preschool teacher, assistant director, site supervisor, and recently have been working in early intervention as a developmental therapist for children with special needs. My passion is children and families, and how I can make things better for them and for each child with who I have the privilege of working.

I live in Cortland Illinois with my husband, Dennis, and our three boys Isaac (11), Aaron (6), and Michael (4). As a family we enjoy exploring parks and just being outside. This summer our family decided to embark on a 100-Park Challenge. Our goal is to visit 100 new parks by the end of the year. As of now we have been to 15. I'll keep you updated as we go!

My family attends Trinity Lutheran Church in DeKalb and have been members there now for almost 7 years. My husband is on the church council and I teach Sunday School. All three of my children participate in many of the activities that our church offers.

Since August has arrived and school is right around the corner, I wanted to share with you some important information about preschool orientation. I look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) very soon!

**If you are registered for classes:  
Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Monday/Wednesday  
Please attend orientation on  
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**If you are registered for classes:  
Tuesday/Thursday or Monday – Friday or Monday -Thursday  
Please attend orientation on  
Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**THE PRESCHOOL STUDENT IS WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH PARENTS.**

**We would ask that siblings NOT attend, if at all possible.**

**Sanitize your hands or wash your hands upon arrival.**

**Wear a mask for each of you, masks can be removed at your family table.**

**Children will need to wear masks while in the classroom.**

**You will have one table per family to sit at in Fellowship Hall during orientation.**

**You are welcome to grab a snack and have a seat at your table.**

**We will come around to collect paperwork.**

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By attending on the suggested day you will have the opportunity to meet others in your classroom. However, if you are unable to attend the designated orientation, feel free to attend the other session. The information is the same; you will just not be attending with others from your child's class.

**We will be sharing modified changes to the program this year due to Covid-19 precautions.** We are following CDC and DCFS guidelines to ensure the health and safety of each of your children. We ask that everyone make an effort to attend orientation so that we can go over the information. If neither of the orientation dates work for you, please let me know so that we can make arrangements to meet and get the information to you.

Once in the Fellowship Hall (lower level) at Immanuel Lutheran Church, please remain at your table. We will review the preschool handbook and other important information. During this time children will go with their teacher to visit the classroom and meet their classmates. *(No parents in the classrooms, please.)*

**For children new to Little Lambs**, if you have not already turned them in, please bring the following to orientation:

- Your child's physical form with the following information completed:
  - TB skin test (**only** if it is not indicated on the physical form)
  - Immunizations
  - Parent portion of physical form
- Certified copy of your child's birth certificate (we will make a copy and return the original to you)

These items **MUST BE IN** before your child can begin classes.

Students returning to Little Lambs for a second year have already completed these requirements.

**For ALL families: Please have ALL the paperwork filled out completely before arriving at orientation night. Keep your paperwork at your table and we will collect it from you.**

We do have a \$60 supply/music fee. We are excited to once again be able to offer music in the classrooms! Erin Grych will be returning to offer this weekly program. Fifty dollars per child will cover the cost of our music instructor for the year. The remaining ten dollars will go towards school supplies that are needed for the school year. (Please do not combine the \$60 with your tuition payment.) Please place the \$60 in the enclosed envelope and bring it to orientation with you.

September tuition will be due on the first day of class. Those using monthly automatic withdrawal payments (eft) are reminded that a tuition payment will be deducted from your account approximately September 5.

All of us on the staff are eagerly looking forward to this year and wish to thank you for choosing Little Lambs to provide this exciting experience for your family. The first day of classes will be Tuesday and Wednesday, September 7 & 8, 2021.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (815) 756-6669 or [KatieM@ImmanuelDeKalb.com](mailto:KatieM@ImmanuelDeKalb.com).

In His Service,  
Katie Martinez  
Director