



What's in Store for PK4 & More
Mrs. DeMarsh

September 15-19, 2025

This week we will be learning about the letter L and the number 3. We will continue review of our shape the circle, our colors yellow and red, and our ABAB pattern. We have also begun our Heggerty phonological and phonemic awareness curriculum. Students are enjoying this at our circle time. During our table time, we will continue to work in our ABC journals, create our number and letter books, recognize beginning letter sounds, work with manipulatives such as puzzles and peg boards, and create fun letter themed crafts! Each week we will do similar activities with our new letter.

& MORE... This week we will workshop with Light and Heavy objects and work in our writing journals about our favorite weather. Have you heard about our Happy Talks? We will continue with these until all students have had a turn. During centers, we will work with Mat Man, create a letter L page for our alphabet book, work with legos in play-doh, and use a scale comparing objects weight to an apple. We will also create a L is for lizard and lightning bug paper bag craft. We will read *Love You Forever* and *Big Bug, Little Bug*.

IN THE AFTERNOON this week...During fine motor time, we will play with play-doh, foam dough, and gel balls. We will have literature-based projects based on the books *Llama Llama Time to Share*, *Llama Llama Red Pajamas*, *Llama Llama Misses Momma*, and *Llama Llama Likes to Read*. We will work with story sequencing, create a llama in red pajamas, story puppets, and a llama headband, work together to build towers, and play a stop and go game while reading signs. We love to read so check out our reading log going home. ☺

In Jesus Time we will focus on the story of Noah's Ark. We will learn about how God saved Noah and his family from the flood. God saves us and promises to always watch over us. What a blessing!

ME person for the week is Ellison! We can't wait to learn all about her.

Preschool Pictures for our class will be THIS WEDNESDAY, September 17TH. We will take our pictures first thing in the morning. Picture information packets went home Friday. Please send these packets back with your child if you are ordering pictures!

ILS Walkathon is coming on Friday, September 26th. We WILL be walking as a class this year! Donation information went home! Since the school will be walking in the afternoon, this will be for full day students. In order for your child to walk, WE MUST have the permission slip signed and turned in! If your child attends half day and would like to attend, we would love for your child to join us! Also, we will need many parent volunteers for this. Please sign up to volunteer via the school volunteer link. If you would like to walk with our class, please let me know! All funds raised will go to a new picnic bench at the big school playground and new teacher computers.

Volunteers...We are always in need of lunch and recess volunteers! The preschoolers love it when we have special guests join us during this time. We would love to have 2 helpers per day. Also, if you are interested in doing any at home cutting, stapling, etc. we always have plenty. All of your volunteering can be logged into the volunteer hours link. A huge thanks to all who have volunteered and will be!

Fine Motor Skills are an essential part of preschool learning! At home, let your child explore and grow independently. Opening doors, putting on clothes and shoes, using utensils at meal times, cutting and gluing, playing with play-doh, pinch gripping pencils and crayons...these are all ways to help your child strengthen their fine motor skills, which will aid in their classroom success. ☺ **In preschool**, we are working on our writing grip and scissor skills. When we write we use the tripod or pinch grip. With this grip, we are able to control our coloring and writing movements. We also carefully color, filling in and staying in the lines. When we cut, we are always safe because scissors are sharp. We move the paper with one hand and cut with the other, using an 'open/shut' movement. These are some very important skills in preschool. The more we practice, the stronger these skills become!

For additional at home practice...This week, we will be sending home name writing practice sheets for your child. Please feel free to copy extras at home or ask Mrs. DeMarsh for more. I ask that you work on these at home with your child and help them practice writing their name the 'big kid' way. These are not required and do not need to be turned in however, they are encouraged at home practice sheets. There are also multiple optional homework pages sent home and on our class webpage. If your child turns them in, they will receive a prize from our prize box ☺ The more preschoolers practice, the stronger their skills will become!

Weather is Changing... As the weather is changing in our area, please be aware that our class has an early morning recess time. As long as weather and time permits, we will be going outside. Please make sure your child has a coat or sweater/sweatshirt of some kind to wear outside. If the temperature warms up by our play time, we can always 'shed' that extra layer. ☺

Chapel Offering...Please consider donating to the Ruth Project for this quarter's mission! Check out our preschool closet in the front hallway. We have already raised \$80 as a preschool!

Immanuel Kids Sunday Mornings began last Sunday. This begins at 9:15 am for any children PK-5 in the lower level of church. You can register your child on our website, immanuel-ed.org.

Upcoming dates...Picture Day is 9/17. Walkathon is 9/26. No School 10/2-10/3 for teacher LEA Convocation. No School 10/13 in honor of Columbus Day. Picture retakes are 10/28. Early dismissal 10/31 for faculty inservice.

Communication is essential! If at any time you have ANY questions or concerns, please let me know. My email is ademarsh@immanuel-ed.org, cell is 847-975-2079, and school phone is 847-428-1010 ext. 237. If your child is ever absent, please first call the main office (847-428-1010) and let me know, via email or school extension. Thank you for sharing your little ones with us!