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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents:

We had a great time at Let Me Shine's first ice cream social! It was so fun to visit with everyone who attended and the Howdy Homemade ice cream was a hit too. Yum! We are off to a great start and it's wonderful to hear the excitement in the children's voices as they tell stories about their school day and what they've learned. We have a remarkable staff and Board of Trustees and amazing Let Me Shine students and families! It is an honor to serve as director of Let Me Shine!

We have some fun events planned this month! We look forward to our Harvest parties and the children also get to participate in our Annual Pumpkin Hunt. On this day the children hear the Pumpkin Gospel—just as the messy insides of a pumpkin are scooped out and a light shines inside a jack-o-lantern, so are our messes/sins cleaned up and forgiven and God's light shines in us!

This year, each classroom "adopted" a special friend from our community here at Zion. Please watch for one of our special friends to be featured in our newsletter each month. The children will send them occasional notes, birthday wishes and maybe some original artwork for their fridge!

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

In His service,

Barb

Barbara Ballif, Director



Puppet Shows October 7 & 8

Sign up for our Mini Photo Shoot Fundraiser! October 7, 8 or 9

This is an amazing opportunity to have professional photos taken at a great price and help our school out too! Don't miss this chance to get those Holiday Card photos organized for the grandparents.

Check your email for sign up link and further details!

NO SCHOOL for UEA October 17-18

Story Time with Anderson Library October 21

Harvest Parties! October 30 & 31



Halloween Costume Policy
Have fun this Halloween with your class Harvest parties, but remember, absolutely NO masks, face paint, weapons or gory costumes are allowed.

They frighten the little ones!
NO EXCEPTIONS!



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Did you say PIZ-



YES!! For the entire day, **Thursday, October 24 only**, the Pizza Studio in Foothill Village will be sharing a portion of their sales to Let Me Shine! Parents only need to mention Let Me Shine when placing their order and voila!

For our Let Me Shine
Students celebrating
their big day this
month of

October

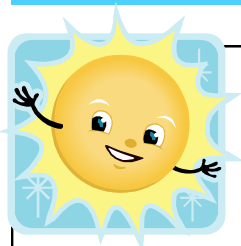
Happy Birthday!

to:

Bode Bench
Beatrice Byron
Jane Denny
Cora Essig
Jaemon Hazel
Chase Howell
Virginia McCormick
George Moore
Winston Moore
Herene Noh
Hannah Parker
Rachel Parker
Harper Presnal
Rosemary Preston
Benjamin Luke Raybould
Michael Skidmore
Landyn Wood
Franklin Wright
Harper Yeates

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Each family at Let Me Shine is required to complete five volunteer hours during the school year. You may "opt out" of volunteering with a \$50 payment to Let Me Shine. We do hope you'll decide to volunteer—it's a great way to meet the kids, parents & staff, and learn about the day-to-day activities at Let Me Shine. **Here are a few ideas to get you started:** Assist in the classroom (with prior arrangement), maintain & straighten storage rooms, at-home projects, book fair volunteers, library maintenance, read to a class, talk about your occupation, etc. Please talk to Barb, Holly, or your child's teacher about additional opportunities or ideas. Your help is always welcome!!



Morning Bunch

Advanced notice is required!

Drop off time is anytime between 8:00am—8:45am.

Please sign your child in as usual on the clip board at the sign-in table and bring him/her down to Miss Sabrina's Room #8. Morning Bunch has story time, color time and game time! Make sure your child has breakfast before they come! Your child will be escorted to their classroom to begin their school day at 9:00am. The cost is \$6.00 per morning and you will be invoiced at the end of each month.

LUNCHBUNCH

Do you need an extra hour after school for a hair appointment, doctor's appointment, etc.? Sign up for the Let Me Shine Lunch Bunch program!



Give it a try! Lunch Bunch is a hit with kids, and is convenient for parents. Sign up at check in, have a lunch packed for your child, and that's it! We'll take care of the rest. Pick up is at 1:00 pm, and the lunch bunch kids will be downstairs in the Terrace Room. Lunch Bunch is a lot of fun! We play games, have interesting activities, and the kids get to eat their lunch together in a social setting! Our fabulous Lunch Bunch staff helps the kids open their lunches, then they get to do floor tumbling, art, fun games, story time, even some science activities! You will be invoiced at the end of each month. The cost is \$7.00 per session.



Miss Chris's Campers

We are entering our fourth week of school and what a wonderful start to a great year! So far, we have worked on the letters "M," and "T." With each letter we incorporate an art project that represents that letter. The children have also started practicing writing their name. Please be sure to work with your child and encourage them as I feel writing one's name is an imperative skill.

Thank you so much for allowing me to teach your children.

Miss Chris



Miss Kristina's Ladybugs



What a fun first month of school we had! We made new friends, learned our classroom routines, and mastered the behavior of preschool scholars. Now as the seasons change, we are ready for even more excitement. In October we are studying insects and spiders and of course exploring pumpkins. We will focus on feelings as we read [This is Not My Hat](#) by Jon Klassen. Watch our classroom transform into a jungle as we sail away with Max in Maurice Sendak's classic book [Where the Wild Things Are](#). This month will conclude with our harvest party on Thursday the 31st. The children are welcome to wear friendly costumes free of weapons, masks or face paint to celebrate. Thank you, as always, for all that you do for your kiddos and for our class!



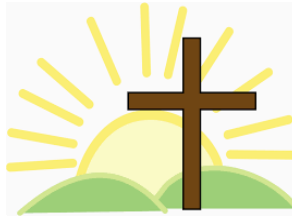
Miss Kristina



Miss Adair's Stars

We are a month into school and already I can tell you that I have 20 of the brightest little lights in my class. Getting to know these children has truly been a gift to me. We have focused on God's love for them, on making friends and what a good friend looks like. It's so fun to see little friendships emerge. My hope is to create a classroom environment where each of my little stars understand their great worth. In October, we will focus on the beauty of God's earth and all the changes that happen with the coming of fall. We will also learn about insects and spiders, pumpkins and of course celebrate with our Harvest Party! Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered in making play dough, cutting projects and reading with the class. We will continue to have opportunities for parents to help, including some parent nature walkers!

Love, Miss Adair



Miss Lezlie's Sunshines

Dear Families,

What a wonderful first month of school it has been here at LMS. In the sunshine class the children are having so much fun getting to know each other, playing together in our classroom, having our first music class together and enjoying the beautiful fall weather outside on the playground as well. The kiddos are enjoying getting to know their friends and learning the expectations in our classrooms and how to socialize altogether as a class! This has been a pure blessing to watch, as the kindness they show to one another fills my heart with joy.

In October we will have class parties celebrating Harvest and the changing of colors outside as fall appears. We will make some super cool art projects for the holiday, going trick or treating and show off our costumes to everyone! We will also go on pumpkin hunts and making fall glitter trees!

Parents, please keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities for our classroom, as many are needed for the upcoming activities. Thank you in advance for your kindness and willingness to join in on our fun and make these parties the very best they can be.

It is a blessing and privilege to be your child's teacher, thank you for entrusting your precious angels with us here at LMS. My heart is so full.

On a personal note, I want to thank you all for the hugs and beautiful cards and sweet words during the past two weeks as I was saying goodbye to my grandfather. He was like a father to me and his passing has been so difficult, but you all have eased my heartache and I want to send love and gratitude to you all. Thank you! God is good, all the time!

Sincerely with love,

Miss Lezlie

Miss Laken's Llamas

Hello Parents!

It has been a GREAT first month at Let Me Shine! Our children are learning about how God made everything, and most importantly, that God made ME! Our students are still getting their routines down and are all so happy and excited to be at school. In the October, we will start learning how God makes us grow, how He cares for us, and He is always with us. We will also enjoy our Fall Festival at LMS! One last note; I'm looking for some parents help making playdoh for both MWF and TH class. If you're interested, please let me know!



Love, Miss Laken

Miss Sabrina's Sweeties Special Friend

Verna Hanson

My name is Verna Hanson. I was born in my parent's home in Minnesota on June 2, 1930. I am 89 years old. We lived on a farm and had all kinds of animals... cows, horses, chickens, sheep, pigs, turkeys, geese and, of course, dogs and cats! I went to the Lutheran church in the country and was baptized and confirmed there. I went to Sunday school and Bible school. I was even married in that church. I was a Sunday school teacher and sang in the church choir. I went to a one-room schoolhouse. In the winter, we went to school in a little red sleigh pulled by a white horse named Birdie! One teacher taught everyone from the 1st to the 8th grade. I moved to Salt Lake because of my husband's job. He's in Heaven now. I have four married children, 12 grandchildren who have families of their own totaling 22 great grand children with one more on the way! I have been a member of Zion Lutheran church for many years. I work in the church library and tidy up the sanctuary each week. And I love to be the greeter at the Sunday morning services. I love to crochet afgans and make quilts. I like to scrapebook and I love to write cards and letters and send them to people for their birthdays, or if they are sick, or if I'm just thinking of them. I think everyone loves to get a card or letter in the mail! I love all people especial children and teenagers.



Miss Aliq's Music Class

Dear Let Me Shine Family,



We have had a great first month of singing, dancing and praising the Lord in music class! One of our favorite rhymes has been:

"The gate swings open and the cows run free!
They climb the branches of the apple tree.
They fall asleep from the apples they ate,
So carry them home and shut the gate!"

We change the animals as we go along. I encourage you to take time and say this fingerplay with your kids, they'll probably show you all the actions!

Thank you always for sharing your children with me.

"Sing"cerely, Miss Aliq



Miss Denet's Little Birds

Dear Families-

Both classes are doing better than I would have ever dreamed. Everyone seems to be doing great at drop off, making friends with their classmates, and feeling safe to explore their new surroundings. To be your child's teacher and to witness their weekly progress in speech, movement, and cognitive development is such a joy. I'm really looking forward to this school year and getting to know your child and your families better.

God Bless, Miss Denet

Miss Cherry's Busy Bees



Dear Busy Bee Families,

Dear Families,

It has been a great first month. I can't believe it's already October! The children are settling into their new routine and starting to form friendships. Fall has arrived! October is a great time of the year for wagon rides and watching the leaves change colors. This month, we will learn about autumn, harvest, farms and animals. Your children are a delight and I am enjoying this group so much! Each day with them is a great blessing.

Love and Blessings, Miss Cherry



Miss Sabrina's Sweeties

Hi Parents!

Our first month of school has come and gone. We have gotten to know each other. We have started our letters. Our first letter was "M." We talked about mosquitos and unlike how they hurt us, we don't want to hurt anyone with our words. We also made muffins! Next, we learned the letter "T" and talked about turtles and how they always have their shell with them, just like God is always with us. We celebrated "Taco Tuesday" with tacos! Thank you Sarah for helping! Lastly, we learned about the letter "A" and ants. As in, ants are always busy working and how we shouldn't be lazy. We made apple cake and tasted so many types of apples. I love being a part of your children's lives. Thank you for blessing me!

Blessings to you and yours, Miss Sabrina

