



The Lamb Room

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Thank you for choosing Zion Lutheran ECEC for your child. The classroom that your child will be in is The Lamb Room. I look forward to teaching your child. It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and the school year will begin shortly.

My name is Susan Merkle, and I will be your child's teacher this year. My family lived in Hinsdale for many years and now we live in Willowbrook. I have a daughter who is studying to be a Graphic Designer and is working at a job that will help her out in reaching her goals in this field.

Before the school year starts, our back-to-school procedure is doing Home Visits. This is a wonderful way to meet your child, for the first time in their environment. This will help to lessen the little separation anxiety that they may present during the first days of school. My visits will be for a short time, just to meet your child, to drop off a packet of paper, and to answer any questions that you may have. I have attached a copy of my schedule with your visit time slot. Please email me at smerklezionecec@gmail.com to confirm your scheduled visit or to reschedule the Home Visit. If the time of your visit doesn't work, we will find a convenient time for you and your child.

When I come to your home, I ask that you provide me with a 4x6 family picture to display in our classroom. I would like to laminate the family picture, so they last the school year. A family picture will help your child feel a sense of belonging and help with security. I will also be taking a picture of your child, that will be used to help your child find their cubby.

I look forward to meeting you and your child,

Ms. Merkle

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