

Lancaster Monthly Meeting First Day School (FDS) and Child Care

August 29, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers who lovingly bring children to Lancaster Monthly Meeting,

Greetings from the First Day School (FDS) Committee! We look forward to welcoming you and your child(ren) to FDS this year. *Please complete the enclosed registration form by the end of September so that we can ensure safety, communicate with you, and welcome everyone.*

Our 2018-2019 Schedule

Infants and toddlers are welcome in Meeting for Worship, but please note that Childcare providers are available in the basement nursery from 9:45 am – 12:45 pm.

- 10:00 - 10:40 am: First Day School Classes for pre-K through high school.
- 10:40 – 11:00 am: Teachers bring children to Meeting Room to rejoin parents in Meeting for Worship.
- 11:30 am: Child Care and snack provided in the basement. Parents and caregivers are welcome to bring children (all ages) to childcare in the basement nursery. Communicate with the childcare providers when you drop off your child so they know your child is now in their care. Child care is also provided for after-worship activities such as forums and business meeting.*

*After worship may be a time of joyful activity, so please be mindful of the following guidelines:

- ✓ Children must be supervised inside and outside the Meetinghouse at all times, either by parents, child care personnel, or another adult designated by the parent/guardian.
- ✓ If children need to leave childcare for any reason, they must ask child care providers first.
- ✓ For everyone's safety, please ask children to walk (not run) inside the Meeting House.
- ✓ If children have snack in the Community room, they should finish snacks there.
- ✓ Children who use the outdoor slide need parental permission. If you give permission, please make sure another adult is available to supervise, mindful that this is in a different area from the other play equipment.

Our Classrooms & Teachers

- Nursery (birth-3 yrs.): Basement, main area. Childcare Staff: Ally Reitzel and Katelyn Duvall
- Primary (pre-K - Kindergarten): Basement classroom. Teachers: Kay Lahr and Peggy Bright with assistance from Ursula
- Early Elementary (1st-3rd grade) classroom 5-6 (farthest from community room). Teachers: Heather Kline with assistance from Anna Moore and Michelle Newman
- Upper Elementary (4th-6th grade): Classroom 1 (nearest Community Room). Teachers: Caleb Corkery with Tabea Fitz
- Young Friends (junior and senior high): youth classroom (with couches). Teachers: Michelle Spitko-Lind, Cindy Herr, and assistance from Chris Fitz

*Godly Play lessons taught several Sundays by Donna Scanlon with Peggy Bright and Christie Crumpler, in Early Elementary room for Primary and Early Elementary Friends

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Curriculum

This year the First Day School Curriculum is focused on learning about the New Testament.

The First Day School Committee has been working hard to provide programs that nurture our children in a safe and caring environment. We welcome regular, ongoing communication with you about the needs of your children and family. Please contact your child's teachers or any other member of the FDS Committee with any questions or concerns. We are once again very excited about the new First Day school year and look forward to working with you and your children in nurturing the spirit within and around our community of little, growing-up, and big Friends!

Sincerely,

The First Day School Committee:

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Erika Fitz

Heather Kline

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Please **fill out the enclosed registration form for each child who will participate in First Day School and/or Child Care**. This needs to be done each year. The form can be left in the box on the greeting room table, or sent to Anna Brendle Kennedy at annabrendle@gmail.com or 60 Jackson Drive, Lancaster PA 17603. Registration forms are **due by September 30**. Thank you!