



## **Welcome to the Ladybug Room!**

We are pleased to welcome you to the Ladybug Room! We would like to introduce ourselves and let you know a little about our room.

The two full time lead teachers are Miss Nicki and Miss Lisa. Miss Tasha helps out two days a week when Miss Nicki and Miss Lisa are off.

Miss Nicki has been working at Little Folks since 1997. She has an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education from Moraine Park Technical College. In her spare time she likes to bake, read, go shopping, and spend time with her dog, Bailey. Her dedication and commitment to your child is demonstrated each and every day.

Miss Lisa has been working at Little Folks since 2013. She has an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education from Moraine Park Technical College. In her spare time she loves to take weekend trips with her husband, driving through and exploring Wisconsin as well as hiking.

Miss Tasha joined Little Folks in May of 2017. She is currently studying at Moraine Park Technical College, majoring in Early Childhood Education. In her free time she enjoys camping, biking, and long car rides.

Here in the Ladybug Room we believe that children learn best through play. We encourage them to decide what toys they want to use but we guide them along the way. We believe that when children learn through play and exploring, they learn useful life and developmental skills. We work around their schedule but try to incorporate routine.

Part of incorporating a routine would mean that we work towards wrapping up breakfast by 8:00am. Parents supply breakfast and Little Folks supplies milk and nutritious snacks at 9:00am and 3:00pm. Lunch is served at approximately 11:00am. There is an option of either purchasing hot lunch (that we will cut up) or packing and bringing a cold lunch. Every day at lunch and one snack, the children are served whole milk. At the other snack time, children are served 100% juice (diluted  $\frac{1}{2}$  with water). We also take water breaks throughout the day. By the time they leave our room to go to the Turtle Room, they have gotten used to our schedule; one nap, two snacks, and lunch.

Every day we read stories, sing songs, incorporate small and large motor skills, and sensory play. We encourage social skills such as being nice to friends and sharing. We also work on building their verbal skills. We go outside daily (weather permitting) which would consist of a buggy ride, sandbox play, or just having fun on the playground. Parents can read about their child's day on the daily sheet that gets sent home.

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Every month we introduce a basic theme that we learn about through our special activities such as art or special stories or songs. We love doing art and sensory activities revolving around our theme!

We change diapers every two hours in the Ladybug Room. We will work with you and your child on potty training when you choose after your child reaches 18 months. We would appreciate you sending extra clothes and weather appropriate outdoor clothes. Please also supply a blanket, crib sheet, and nuk (if needed) for naptime. The sheet and blanket will be sent home periodically to get washed. Please supply us with diapers, wipes, and any diaper creams and lotions your child needs.

We also ask that you bring in pictures of your family so we can put them up around the room for your toddler to look at. This includes family pets and your extended family.

Please let us know if you have any questions and/or concerns. Feel free to call anytime or email us at [littlefolks.schoolhouse@gmail.com](mailto:littlefolks.schoolhouse@gmail.com) and be assured that any messages will be given to us. We want to have open lines of communication with all families.