



Leo, Lily and Zara are coming to Juniper Hill School



Kindness

Enjoyment

Achievement

What happens when I come to school?

When you arrive at school, you will wait in the playground with your grown-ups until the whistle goes and then your friendly teacher will open the classroom door. There are two classrooms, called Robins and Wrens.

When you very first start at Juniper Hill, your grown-ups can come into the classroom with you for a few minutes. After the first week, you will say goodbye to them in the playground and come into the classroom on your own.



You will hang your coats and bags in the cloakroom, just like Leo is doing. Book bags go in the box in the classroom and there is a trolley outside in the playground where you will put your water bottle, snack pot and lunchbox. Lily is having a packed lunch today, so she is putting her lunchbox on the trolley.

Then you go into the classroom where you can do some fun activities such as painting, Duplo and threading. After about 10 minutes, your teacher will call you over to sit on the carpet for the register and then you will start the day with some group learning.



When are you coming to school?

What will I do in school?

You will do lots of fun activities in your classroom and outdoors. Sometimes you will all spend time together on the carpet learning things like phonics and maths or singing songs and rhymes. There is also activity time when you can choose if you want to play inside or outside.

The classroom has lots of different areas for you to explore, including the reading corner, role play area, art and craft area, mark-making area and construction area. Outside there is an outdoor kitchen, ride-on toys, big blocks to build with, a sandpit, footballs, balancing activities, den-making and a loose parts shed.

Leo and Zara are playing together in the craft area, making shapes out of salt dough.



Lily and Leo play in the construction area together.



"Let's use these blocks to make a really tall tower," says Lily.

You will have a PE lesson in the hall once a week and will also go to Forest School.

All the activities are lots of fun and you will learn as you play.

Leo loves playing outside in the playground, his favourite thing is the slide.

"Watch how fast I go down," he calls out to his friends, **"Weeee!"**



You will quickly get to know the other children in your class and make friends.

What happens if I am hungry or thirsty?

In the morning, you can help yourself to fruit or vegetables and pour yourself a cup of milk. A grown up can help you with this if you need it. You can also have a drink from your water bottle if you are thirsty.

Zara and Leo are enjoying a snack together.

"This apple is so crunchy," says Leo.

"I'm going to pour myself some milk," says Zara.

At lunchtime, you will wash your hands and your teacher will give you a coloured wristband to show what you and your grown-ups have chosen for you to eat. Then you will all walk over to the hall with your friends.



If you have brought a packed lunch from home, you will go and sit down straight away. If you are having a cooked lunch, you will line up and a teacher will help you collect your tray before you sit down.

We will be encouraging you to use a knife and fork when you eat your hot lunch. You can practise doing this at home with your grown-ups before you start school.

After you have finished eating, you can go and play outside until the whistle goes and it is time to go back to the classroom.

Zara is talking to her friend Thomas while they wait to get their trays.

"It's my favourite today," she says.
"I love cottage pie!"



What is your favourite meal?

What happens when I need to go to the toilet?



You can go to the toilet whenever you need to. If you are learning on the carpet, you must put your hand up to ask your teacher if you can go. During activity time, you can go when you need to without having to ask. You will go to the toilet by yourself so your grown-ups will make sure that you have lots of practice before you start school.

In Robins the toilets are in the classroom and in Wrens they are in the corridor, just outside the classroom.

Zara has been to the toilet and remembered to flush. She is now washing her hands carefully with soap and warm water.

"I'm washing my hands really well, so I don't spread any germs," she says. Then she makes sure she dries them properly before going back to the classroom.

Tell your teacher if you have an accident or need help. We have lots of spare clothes in school in case you need them.



Can you use the toilet by yourself?

What happens at the end of the school day?

When it is nearly home time, you and your friends will all help to tidy up the classroom. Then you will collect all your belongings together and put them on the tables before sitting on the carpet for story time.



"Who is ready for a story?" asks the teacher.

"We are!" shout Lily, Zara, Leo and their friends.

After story time, you will go and sit at the tables with your belongings. When your teacher sees your grown-ups have arrived in the playground, they will call your name. Then it is time to wave goodbye to your friends and go and meet your grown-ups outside the classroom door to tell them about all the fun you have had that day.

Zara is telling her mummy about a painting she has done.

"I did a beautiful painting today, Mummy. I used all my favourite colours!"

"I can't wait to see it!" Zara's mummy says, smiling.

Lily sees her daddy and waves.

"I've had such a brilliant day!" she says.



Are you excited about starting school?

Lily, Zara and Leo love going to Juniper Hill School, and they think you will too!



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