



**Welcome to
Pre-k at
TLC Merrick Avenue
2025-2026**



Dear Parents,

As we work toward the first day of school we will, as always, communicate with you on the many aspects and changes within our classroom. Our Pre-K orientation will take place on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 from 10:15-11:30am and our Parent Orientation will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 6:00pm. Due to limited space, we ask that only one parent attend.

In the spirit of keeping the lines of communication open, please know that the staff and teachers are here to answer any of your questions or address your concerns. Here are a few guidelines we ask you to review and follow this year:

Backpacks

Backpacks must be school-aged bags. We will be keeping all their personal items in there at all times. They will need to fit their sheets, folders, optional sleeping toy, and their extra clothes in them. Please leave hand sanitizer and chap stick at home. The children have access to their backpacks when they go to the bathroom and often are curious when they see them hanging off the bags. We can provide them with sanitizer when necessary.

******Please hand off medicine, documents, tuition, etc. to personnel.*******We often have the children empty their backpacks and wouldn't want to have anything misplaced.

Sleeping Toys

If your child likes to nap with a toy, it must be small enough to fit in their backpacks but not too small that it can get misplaced. It can only be a soft, plush toy with no hard parts.

Food and Medicine

All food must be labeled and brought in its original packaging. We must be able to see the ingredients. We are a NUT-FREE center. If you feed your child before they come to TLC, please be sure it is nut free as it could affect a child in their class. Medicine should be brought to the office with the appropriate form which can be found at www.tlcmerrick.com/forms.

Curriculum

We utilize an in house curriculum. It contains a multitude of lesson and exercises conducive to meeting New York State standards. We supplement our instruction with *Scholastic News* to support our monthly thematic units.

Please check the TLC website periodically for new information and special events. Information should also be posted in the vestibule. Please make sure to clean out your mailboxes at the end of the week. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a new school year!

Sincerely,

Miss Kathleen, Miss Liz, and Miss Christina

Meet The Teachers

Miss Liz:

My name is Miss Liz and I have been with TLC for over 20 years. I am CDA certified in preschool and also have my certification in MAT, First Aid, CPR and AED. I look forward to helping your children learn and grow in a fun, safe and enriching environment.

Miss Kathleen:

My name is Ms.Kathleen. I have been an employee at TLC for 25 years. I have a son starting 5th grade and a daughter starting 2nd grade at Camp avenue school. I am CPR/AED certified.I have my CDA certification in preschool. I have been in preschool since I began with TLC and I love to see the children grow and mature. I can't wait to get the new year started.

Miss Christina:

I have been working in the Early Childhood field for 15+ years. I hold my Bachelor's of Arts for Children and Master's in Early Childhood Intervention, along with my New York State Teacher Certification, Birth through Grade 2. I enjoy watching children wonder, discover, and experiment. Children are inquisitive, and they always keep a smile on my face. I like to give children open-ended opportunities to learn and discover. I am looking forward to partnering with you to provide your child with the best education. Please do not hesitate to reach out, my door is always open.

7:00 - 8:00am	Morning Arrivals, Table Top Toys
8:00 - 8:30am	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30am	Choice Time
*9:00am	UPK Arrivals
9:30 - 10:00am	Circle Time
10:00 - 10:15am	Morning Snack
10:15 - 10:30am	Transition to Learning Center
10:30 - 11:30am	Learning Centers
11:30am - 12:15pm	Playground/Gross Motor Movement
12:15 - 12:30pm	Transition to Lunch
12:30 - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 - 1:30pm	Circle Time
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1:30 - 2:00pm	UPK Choice Time
*2:00pm	UPK Dismissal
1:30 - 2:30pm	Rest Time
2:30 - 2:45pm	Afternoon Snack
2:45 - 3:30pm	Playground/Gross Motor Movement
3:30 - 4:45pm	Choice Time
4:45 - 6:00pm	Table Top Toys, Dismissal



Pre-k Notes

- Sippy Cups are Not Used in Pre-k
- Clean Sheets/Blankets Come in on Monday and Go Home at the End of Your Week
- All Belongings Must be Labeled with Your Child's First and Last Name
- Please Do Not Send Your Child in with Toys from Home
- If You Know Your Child Does Not Like Something on the Menu, Please Send in an Alternative with their Name and the Date
The Menu can be Found at www.tlcmerrick.com/menus
- If Your Child Comes in After 8:30am, Please Make Sure they Ate Breakfast Before Arriving
- If You Need to Speak to a Teacher or Just Want to Check on Your Child, Please Call Between 12:45 and 2:15
- Do Not Hesitate to Express any Concerns You May Have Directly to a Preschool Teacher. We Will Work Quickly to Rectify or Make Accommodations for the Situation
- Print Out Forms and Look for Special Events at www.tlcmerrick.com



Merrick Ave Pre-K Supply List

All items should be labeled with your child's FIRST and LAST Name.

- ☐ 1- Crib Sheet and Blanket (which will be sent home every Friday)
- ☐ 1- Extra Change of Clothing in a Labeled Ziploc Bag
- ☐ 1- Zip Up Sweatshirt to be left in Your Child's Backpack
- ☐ 1- School-Sized Backpack (All Personal Belongings Must be Kept Together so the Backpack Must be the Appropriate size.)
- ☐ 1- 10 Count Crayola Markers Broad Tip
- ☐ 1- Box Crayola Colored Pencils
- ☐ 1-24 Box Crayola Crayons
- ☐ 1- Box of LARGE Crayola Crayons
- ☐ 1- Bottle of Liquid Elmer's Glue
- ☐ 1-Pack Expo Fine-Tipped Markers
- ☐ 1-Box Dot Markers
- ☐ 1 Red Folder
- ☐ 1- 1" Binder
- ☐ 1- Four Pack of Playdoh
- ☐ 1- Pack of Dry Erase Markers
- ☐ 1- Pair Hard-Soled Slippers (Search 'Daycare Slippers' on Amazon)
- ☐ 1- Family Photo
- ☐ 6- Photos of your Child to be Used Throughout the Year