

Welcome

to

PRE-K 4

2026-2027



TEACHING

LITTLE CHILDREN

TLC Brookside





## Welcome to Pre-K 4!

Welcome to the Universal Pre-K program! We are so excited to have your child in our class this year. We have so many amazing things planned, and we can't wait to get started on all the fun!

The Pre-K teachers will be working together to maximize your child's growth and development as they continue to prepare for Kindergarten.

We believe that children learn through play. Therefore, we encourage children to explore, create, and share the creations they make through their imaginations. Our Discovery Centers are play-based areas that offer a variety of materials and activities, including blocks, dramatic play, trains, cars, music, and art. Children have the freedom to choose their centers throughout the day, allowing them to explore their interests and develop important social, emotional, and academic skills.

This year, we will place an increased focus on Kindergarten readiness and preparation. We believe that early exposure to Kindergarten skills and routines helps children build a strong foundation and become familiar and comfortable with what to expect in Kindergarten.

We also believe that a strong parent-teacher relationship is essential for school success. Throughout the year, we will send weekly reminders and updates through the Band App to help keep families informed and connected.

We are looking forward to an amazing year filled with learning, growing, exploring, and fun!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Christine  
Ms. Emily  
Ms. Nancy





## Meet the Teachers

### **Ms. Christine**

Hi, Families! My name is Christine Schultheiss. I grew up in New Hyde Park and have been living in Valley Stream for the past 21 years. I am married and have two children. This will be my third year at TLC, and I am very excited to meet all of you!

Previously, I was an assistant teacher at Grace Methodist Nursery School in Valley Stream, where I worked with children ages 2½–5 years old. Before that, I was a stay-at-home mom. I am also an amateur photographer, and I love Legos and puzzles.

I love working with children and am a certified New York State Assistant Teacher. I look forward to meeting and working with your children, and I know we are going to have a fantastic year!

### **Ms. Emily**

Hi! I'm Emily O'Neill. I have been with TLC for eight years and have worked with every age group, from infants to Pre-K. I am CPR and First Aid trained, and I have a Bachelor's Degree.

I am also a mother of an almost three-year-old little girl who attends TLC. I am so excited to see what this year will bring!

We are so excited to be your child's teachers and look forward to getting to know your family!

### **Ms. Nancy**

Hi, I'm Ms. Nancy! I have been teaching at TLC for three years, and I'm excited to continue my journey this September. I previously worked with our younger children, and now I'm excited to be joining your children in Pre-K.

As a mother of two girls, I bring my personal experience and love of children into the classroom. I am also bilingual, which helps me connect with and support diverse groups of students and families.

In my free time, I enjoy traveling and exploring new cultures. I look forward to meeting your little ones and having a wonderful year together!





# Pre-K 4 Supply List



Please bring the following items, labeled with your child's first and last name,  
by Wednesday, August 19th (Orientation).

## Individual Supplies

- ☐ 2 boxes of Crayola crayons (16-count)
- ☐ 1 box of broad-tip Crayola washable markers (10-count, classic colors)
- ☐ 8 extra-large Elmer's glue sticks (disappearing purple)
- ☐ 1 4-pack of black Expo fine-tip dry-erase markers
- ☐ 1 red plastic folder with pockets
- ☐ 1 pair of child-safe scissors
- ☐ 1 plastic pencil box
- ☐ 2 bottles of Elmer's washable glue (4 oz.)
- ☐ 1 container of Lysol/Clorox disinfecting wipes
- ☐ 1 4-pack of Play-Doh (4 oz.)
- ☐ 1 box of sharpened Ticonderoga #2 pencils
- ☐ 1 white, hard 1.5-inch binder
- ☐ 1 pack of 100 sheet protectors
- ☐ 1 labeled reusable water bottle with a secure lid
- ☐ Water bottles will be sent home daily to be washed.
- ☐ 1 4×6 family photo
- ☐ 1 labeled Ziploc bag containing an extra change of clothes

## Classroom Supplies

The following items will be shared among the class and may need to be replenished throughout the school year:

- ☐ 2 packages of baby wipes for face and hands
- ☐ 2 boxes of facial tissues
- ☐ 1 box of sandwich-size Ziploc bags
- ☐ 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags





## Important Information

- All belongings must be labeled with your child's first and last name. This includes water bottles, snack/lunch boxes, extra clothes, jackets, and any other personal items.
- All children must be fully potty trained by the first day of school.
- Please **do not** send your child to school with toys or stuffed animals. We have had instances where sentimental items have been misplaced or lost.
- We are a **peanut-free facility**. Please be mindful of this when packing food from home.
- Red folders will be sent home daily. Please check and empty your child's folder each day for homework, notices, important papers, and notes from us.
- Homework will be sent home on Mondays and is due on Fridays.
- Our monthly Snapshot, calendar, and lunch menu will be sent home with important notices and information about upcoming activities. **Please review the menu each month.** If you know your child will not eat a particular lunch being served, you are welcome to send an alternate lunch from home for that day.
- Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. We will work promptly to address any issues that may arise and are always happy to help.
- We will be sending an invitation to join the Band App. This is our primary form of communication with families. Please accept the invitation as soon as possible. When creating your profile, please include your child's name in parentheses after your name (for example: Jane Smith (Emma)) so we can quickly identify and communicate with the correct family.
- We look forward to a wonderful year with your family!





# Parent Questionnaire

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your child's personality.

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What are some expectations for your child this year?

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How does your child feel about school

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What are your child's strengths?

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What area would you like to see the most improvement for your child?

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What are your child's hobbies/ favorite things to do?

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Is your child a good eater? Picky eater? Allergies or intolerances we should know about?

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Please include any other information you would like me to know about your child.

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What kinds of rewards/reinforcements work best for your child?

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About your family: What activities do you enjoy as a family? What holidays do you celebrate? Other important things?

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