



**Welcome to  
Pre-k at  
TLC Merrick Avenue  
2023-2024**



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 Parent Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 31, 2023 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](http://www.tlcmerrick.com/forms).

### **Curriculum**

We use *The Learning Box Curriculum*. It contains a multitude of lesson and exercises conducive to making STEM connections. 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 Stephanie



## 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](http://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](http://www.tlcmerrick.com)



# Merrick Ave Pre-K Supply List

**Please bring in the following items in by Thursday, August 31st (Orientation).**

**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 Cubby
- 1- School-Sized Backpack (All Personal Belongings Must be Kept Together so the Backpack Must be the Appropriate size.)
- 1- Box Large Crayola Crayons- 16 Count
- 1- 10 Count Crayola Markers Broad Tip
- 1- Box Crayola Colored Pencils
- 1-24 Box Crayola Crayons
- 1- Bottle of Liquid Elmer's Glue
- 1- Box Ticonderoga #2 Pencils- Pre Sharpened (My First Pencil)
- 1 Red Folder
- 1- 1.5" Binder
- 1- Pair Child-Safe Scissors
- 1- Four Pack of Playdoh
- 1- Pack of Dry Erase Markers
- 1- Family Photo
- 8- Photos of your Child to be Used Throughout the Year

**The Following Will be Shared with the Class and May Need to be Replenished**

**During the Year:**

- 3- Containers of Clorox Wipes
- 3- Containers of Baby Wipes
- 3- Containers of Flushable Wipes
- 3- Boxes of Tissues
- 1- Box of Sandwich-Sized Ziploc Bags
- 1- Box of Gallon-Sized Ziploc Bags