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to

PRE-K

2026-2027

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LITTLE CHILDREN

TLC Merrick Ave



Welcome to Pre-K!



Dear Parents,

As we work toward the first day of school, we will, as always, communicate with you about the many aspects and changes within our classroom. Our Parent Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Due to limited space, we ask that only one parent attend.

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

BACKPACKS

Backpacks must be school-aged bags and large enough to hold all of your child's personal belongings. They will need to fit their sheets, folders, optional sleeping stuffy, and extra clothing.

Please leave hand sanitizer and chapstick at home. The children have access to their backpacks when they go to the bathroom and are often curious when they see these items hanging off the bags. We can provide sanitizer when necessary.

Please hand all medicine, documents, tuition payments, etc. directly to Mr. Jon. We often have the children empty their backpacks, and we would not want anything to be misplaced.

SLEEPING TOYS

If your child likes to nap with a toy, it must be small enough to fit inside their backpack, but not so small that it could easily be misplaced. Sleeping toys must be soft, plush toys 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 the food 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 that contains a multitude of lessons and exercises designed to meet 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 event updates. Information will also be posted in the vestibule.

Please make sure to clean out your "mailboxes" at the end of each week.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a wonderful new school year!

Sincerely,
Miss Kathleen, Miss Liz, and Miss Britni





Meet the Teachers

Miss Kathleen

My name is Miss Kathleen, and I have been an employee at TLC for 26 years. I have a son starting 6th grade and a daughter starting 3rd grade at Camp Avenue School. I am CPR/AED and First Aid certified, and I have my CDA certification in Preschool. I have been working in Preschool since I began with TLC, and I love watching the children grow and mature. I can't wait to get the new school year started!

Miss Liz

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

Miss Britni

Hello! My name Miss Britni, and I am excited to be joining your child's classroom as an assistant teacher. I have a daughter in 4th grade and previously worked at TLC Brookside. I am currently working toward my CDA and am looking forward to getting to know your children and their families. I am excited to help make this a fun, positive, and memorable school year for everyone!



Important Information

- Clean sheets/blankets should come in on Monday and go home at the end of the week.
- All belongings must be labeled with your child's first and last name.
- Please do not send your child to school with toys from home.
- If you know your child does not like something on the menu, please send in an alternative labeled with your child's name and the date. The menu can be found at www.tlcmerriick.com/menus.
- If your child arrives after 8:30 AM, please make sure they have eaten breakfast before arriving.
- If you need to speak to a teacher or simply want to check in on your child, please call between 12:45 and 2:15 PM.
- UPK Parents doing standard 9 AM-2 PM- Drop off and pick up will take place in the vestibule every day. Children will be escorted to their room by a teacher each morning.
- Do not hesitate to express any concerns you may have directly to a preschool teacher. We will work quickly to address the situation and make any necessary accommodations.
- Print out forms and check for special events at www.tlcmerriick.com





Pre-K Daily Schedule

7:00–8:00 AM — Morning Arrivals & Tabletop Toys

8:00–8:45 AM — Breakfast

8:45–9:00 AM — Bathroom Break

9:00–9:30 AM — Heggerty

9:30–10:15 AM — Gross Motor / Outdoor Play

10:15–10:30 AM — Snack

10:30–11:00 AM — Circle Time

11:00 AM–12:30 PM — Learning Centers

12:30–1:15 PM — Lunch / Bathroom Break

1:15–2:15 PM — Rest Time

2:15–2:30 PM — Bathroom Break

2:30–3:30 PM — Snack / Gross Motor / Outdoor Play

3:30–4:00 PM — Story Time

4:00–6:00 PM — Free Centers & Dismissal





Pre-K Supply List

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S FIRST AND LAST NAME.

- ☐ 1 Reusable Water bottle
- ☐ Crib sheet and blanket
- ☐ Extra change of clothes in a labeled Ziploc bag
- ☐ Zip-up sweatshirt to be left in your child's backpack
- Extra-large backpack (All personal items must be kept together, so the
- ☐ backpack must be an appropriate size.)
- ☐ 1 3-inch binder
- ☐ 6 large Elmer's glue sticks
- ☐ 2 24-count boxes of Crayola crayons
- ☐ 1 box of large Crayola crayons
- ☐ 1 10-count box of Crayola broad-tip markers
- ☐ 1 box of Crayola colored pencils
- ☐ 1 red folder
- ☐ 1 4-pack of Play-Doh
- ☐ 2 bottles of antibacterial soap
- ☐ 2 packages of baby wipes for hands and faces
- ☐ 1 family photo
- ☐ 6 photos of your child to be used throughout the year
- 1 pair of hard-soled slippers (These can be found on Amazon by searching for
- ☐ "daycare slippers.")
- ☐ 1 3-pack of Clorox wipes
- ☐ 1 box of gallon-size and sandwich-size Ziploc bags

*Some items may need to be replenished throughout the school year.





Parent Questionnaire

Child's Name _____ Nickname _____

Describe your child's personality.

What are some expectations for your child this year?

How does your child feel about school

What are your child's strengths?

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

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

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

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

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

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