



**Welcome to  
Pre-k 2 at  
TLC Brookside  
2021-2022**





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 Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 6:00pm. Please limit attendance to one parent/guardian.

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. Our graduating preschoolers will also participate in our Kindergarten Readiness Program for extra enrichment starting in October.

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 Farah  
Mr Dustin



# Meet the Teachers

## Miss Farah

Hi! I'm Miss Farah Chowdhury. Teaching is an absolute passion of mine and I am so excited to work with your child! It's going to be a year full of fun and lots of adventure. I can't wait to see what this year has in store for us. I thought you might like to know a little bit about myself.

I'm married to my wonderful husband, Ryan Desantos and we have three beautiful children. John who is in college, Samantha who is in seventh grade, and my youngest, Synthia, who is in fifth grade. They take up most of my free time but some hobbies I enjoy are hiking, traveling, photography, and reading.

This will be my first year teaching Pre-K at TLC Brookside. Before that I taught two years in Nursery and one year in the Toddler class at the Merrick Avenue location. I am CDA, CPR, and First Aid certified.

I look forward to meeting you during our orientation. Thank you in advance for trusting me with your most precious possessions. I promise to treat your child the way I would want my child to be treated. Lastly, I will use all my resources and expertise to make this an amazing experience for your child.

## Mr Dustin

Hello! My name is Dustin Feynman and I have been at TLC since March 2021. I have enjoyed primarily working in Pre-k classrooms while also assisting in nursery and toddler classrooms as well. My favorite activities include playing sports and games along with reading. I love implementing interactive learning styles that allow all to share wonderful ideas with each other. Prior to my current position, I was a Direct Support Professional at AHRC happily helping adults with special needs live their best healthy lives. I aim to use my passion for both adult and child care in my future career as a Registered Nurse.



## Pre-k 2 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)



# Brookside Pre-k 2 Supply List

**The Following 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- 24 Count Crayola Crayons
- 1- 10 Count Crayola Markers Broad Tip
- 1- Box Crayola Colored Pencils
- 1- Water Color Paint Set
- 8- Elmer's Extra Large Glue Sticks
- 2- Folders- 1 Red and 1 Blue
- 1- Pair Child-Safe Scissors
- 1- Four Pack of Playdoh
- 1- Box of Sharpened Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
- 1- Family Photo
- 6- 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
- 2- Boxes of Gallon-Sized Ziploc Bags

***Please bring all items in by Tuesday, September 7, 2021.***



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

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