



# ALL ABOUT



# OUR CLASSROOM

Welcome to the Universal Pre-K program! We are so excited to have your child in our class this year. We have such amazing things planned and we can't wait to get started on all of the fun. The Pre-K teachers will be working together to really maximize your child's growth and development as they continue to prepare for kindergarten.

We believe that children learn through play. Therefore, we encourage the children to explore, create, and share the creations they have made with their imaginations. Discovery centers are play areas that have various materials such as blocks, dramatic play, trains, cars, music and art. The children have the freedom to choose centers throughout the day.

We will be focused more on kindergarten readiness and preparation this year. We believe early exposure is best to create a solid foundation and familiarity. We will also be reinforcing skills your child has already mastered.

We believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for school success. Throughout the year, we will send weekly reminders through the Band App.

We would love to know more about your child, and what you as the parents, believe will help us make the most out of this year. Please fill out all the paperwork in the packet and return it on Parent orientation (August 27th)

Thank you for your cooperation, we are looking forward to an amazing year.

Sincerely,  
Miss Taylor (516) 477-3127

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with our website at [www.tlcmerrick.com](http://www.tlcmerrick.com). there you will find our policies, important forms, calendars, menus and other important information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Fran either by text or email at (516) 659-2247 or [TLCMerrick@verizon.net](mailto:TLCMerrick@verizon.net)



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## Birthdays

You are able to send in birthday treats to share with the class! They must be Nut Free!

## Communication

I will send out monthly newsletters, reminders, and classroom photos via Band App. Please make sure you join and check often so you don't miss anything

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Do not hesitate to express any concern you may have directly to a teacher. We will work quickly to address any issue.

## Homework

The best way to help your child grow is to read with them every night. I send home weekly homework on Mondays and due on Fridays. I encourage nightly reading and family time.

## Red Folders

Folders will be filled with work from that day, any important notices from us and are to be emptied and returned daily.

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All medications, documents, tuition or anything important must be handed directly to a teacher. We have the children pack and unpack their backpacks & do not want anything to be misplaced.



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## Bathroom

All children must be fully potty trained upon the first day of school. If your child has an accident you will be contacted to come change them.

## Labeling

All belongings must be labeled with first and last name. This includes water cups, food, lunch boxes/Tupperware and extra clothes.

## Toys from home

Please do NOT send in toys or stuff animals from home. Throughout the year we will have show and tells they can bring their favorite things.

## Snack time

Everyday we will have a snack mid-morning. Please send in a snack daily in a labeled bag. Absolutely NO NUTS!

## Water bottles

Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day that they are able to open themselves.

## Sweatshirt

Please leave an extra labeled sweatshirt in your child's schoolbag.

# MEET THE TEACHER

## ABOUT ME



Hello Parents! My Name is Taylor Giardina. I have been employed at TLC for now 10 years as well as working with children outside of the daycare for 10+ years. I have worked with toddlers, nursery and Pre-K in the past. This is my 5th year as a Pre-K teacher and I love it so much!

I am CPR and First Aid Certified. I have always had a love for children. I truly appreciate their honesty and am so happy to be part of their growth. I believe in a safe environment for the kids where they can be themselves while being aware of the rules of the classroom. We are so looking forward to creating a class to encourage their creativity while preparing them for kindergarten.



## FAVORITES

Color: Blue  
Season: Summer!  
Sports Team: NY Rangers & NY Yankees  
Food: Italian food  
Dessert: Ice Cream  
Hobby: Dance  
Animal: Dog  
Singer: Justin Bieber



## FUN FACTS

I am a dance teacher to all ages at East Coast Dance Force with my youngest being 2.5 years old and sending my seniors off to college. I am also the Head Coach of Grand Middle school's Kickline teams!



## STAY IN TOUCH



Text me your name to join our Band app! (516) 477-3127



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## MEET THE ASSISTANT TEACHERS!

Miss Grace-

Hi Parents! My name is Grace Porti and I am excited to join the TLC community for the second year! I am a nursery school professional, with over 25 years of experience. I am dedicated to helping children and encouraging their creativity to shine in a positive, fun environment. I live on Long Island with my husband, Dennis and I am a proud mother of two beautiful adult daughters, Jennifer and Brittany. When I am not in the classroom, you can find me spending time with family and friends, reading or crafting and drawing. I look forward to meeting you all!

Miss Peggy-

Hi Parents! My name is Peggy and will returning to TLC for my second year. Previously I worked at Merrick Avenue Middle School and Merrick Woods Country Day School. My husband Andy and I have 5 sons, a daughter in law and an almost daughter in law who have all gone through the Bellmore Merrick School system. Both my husband and I grew up in Merrick. Though my degree is in Finance and Accounting, I have always enjoyed working with children and continue to take courses in Early Childhood. I am thrilled to get to work with your children!

Miss Amanda-

Hello everyone! My name is Amanda. I graduated from Farmingdale State College and I am currently pursuing a dual master's degree in special education and early childhood education. I've been here at TLC for three years and in my free time, I enjoy playing sports and spending time with my friends and family. I'm looking forward to a great school year!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nick name: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ★ YOUR CHILD ★

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 thing 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.

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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# Miss Taylor's Pre-K Supply List

Please bring in the  
following items in a  
Sterilite Container by  
August 27th  
(orientation)

## EACH STUDENT NEEDS:

- 2 boxes of Crayola Crayons
  - 1 box of broad tip crayola markers 10 ct (classic colors)
  - 1 box of Crayola colored pencils
  - 5 Extra Large Elmers glue sticks (disappearing purple)
  - 1 RED take home folder
  - 1 pair of child safe scissors
  - 1 sweatshirt (stays in bag)
  - 1 1.5 inch hard white binder
  - 1 pack of 100 sheet protectors
  - 1 labeled water cup that closes. This will be sent home daily to be washed.
- \*\* 1 family photo \*\***  
**\*\* 5 photos of your child \*\***

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

- 2 packages of baby wipes for face and hands.
- 2 boxes of facial tissues
- 4 containers of Lysol/clorox disinfecting wipes
- GIRLS- 1 box of Sandwich size ziplock bags
- BOYS- 1 box of Gallon size ziplock bags

Please let us know if you have any questions! We are looking forward to a successful school year!



# DAILY SCHEDULE

8:50-9:00am- Arrival

9:00am-9:15am - Unpack and get settled

9:15am-9:30am - Morning work

9:30am-10:00am- Circle Time

10:00am-10:15am- Wash hands & Snack Time

10:15am-10:30am- Bathroom & Wash up

10:30am-11:15am- Learning centers

11:15am-12:00pm- Writing centers/Manipulatives

12:00pm-12:30pm- Lunch time

12:30pm-12:40pm- Bathroom

12:40pm-1:00pm- Music and Movement

1:00pm-1:30pm outside playground time

1:30pm-1:45pm- Story time

1:50pm-2:00pm- Pack up and Dismissal

This is our general class schedule, each day is subject to change