

Welcome

to

PRE-K 3

2026-2027



TEACHING

LITTLE CHILDREN

TLC Brookside





Welcome to Universal Pre-K 3!

We are so excited to welcome your child to our class this year! We have so many wonderful activities planned, and we can't wait to begin this exciting journey together. The Pre-K teachers will work collaboratively to support your child's growth and development as they prepare for kindergarten.

We believe children learn best through play. That's why we encourage them to explore, create, and use their imaginations every day. Our classroom is filled with discovery centers featuring a variety of hands-on materials, including blocks, dramatic play, trains, cars, and art activities. Children will have opportunities to engage with these centers throughout the day as they learn through meaningful play.

In addition to play-based learning, we place a strong emphasis on kindergarten readiness. We believe that early exposure to foundational skills helps build confidence, familiarity, and a strong academic foundation. Throughout the year, we will reinforce skills your child has already mastered while introducing new concepts through engaging projects, crafts, books, games, and hands-on activities. We have also implemented the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Program, which has proven to be an invaluable resource in preparing children for kindergarten.

We believe a strong parent-teacher partnership is essential to your child's success. Throughout the school year, we will share daily and weekly updates through the Band App. Please download the app first, then join our class using the invitation link we will provide.

We would love to learn more about your child and hear your thoughts on how we can make this a successful and enjoyable year. Please complete the questionnaire included in this packet and return it to us on Orientation Night, August 19.

We look forward to an amazing year together!

Sincerely,

Miss Gina, 516-369-4306

Miss Lisa





Meet the Teachers

Miss Gina

Hi, families! My name is Gina Weiss. I absolutely love teaching, and I'm thrilled to work with your children. It's going to be an exciting and fun-filled year, and I can't wait to see what it has in store for us! I am also excited to be working alongside Miss Lisa.

I live in North Bellmore with my family and am married with three children—two grown sons and one teenage daughter who attends Mepham High School. Family is very important to me, and I love traveling and making memories with them.

I started teaching Pre-K at TLC Brookside four years ago. Prior to that, I worked in the North Bellmore/North Merrick, Uniondale, and Valley Stream school districts. I hold certifications in CDA Early Childhood Education, CPR, and New York State Education (Nursery-6).

I believe children learn best through hands-on experiences, so we strive to incorporate as many interactive learning opportunities as possible into our classroom.

I am so looking forward to meeting you at Orientation! Thank you in advance for trusting me with your most precious treasures. I promise to treat your child with the same care, kindness, and respect that I would want for my own children. I can't wait to watch them learn, grow, and flourish throughout the year. Most importantly, I am committed to providing your child with a fun, safe, and unforgettable preschool experience!

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at 516-369-4306.

Miss Lisa

Hello, parents and families of our 2026-2027 Pre-K 3 classroom! My name is Miss Lisa, and I am so excited to welcome you to our class. I have a passion for learning and for helping young children discover the joy of learning as I continue my own education in early childhood development. I am honored to be assisting Miss Gina as we welcome and nurture our wonderful new students.

Together, we will encourage your children to be brave, kind, curious, and confident learners. My goal is to help each child build the skills they need while making their preschool year fun, engaging, and memorable.

I look forward to getting to know each of your families and having a wonderful year together!





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!





Pre-K 3 Supply List

The following items should be labeled with your child's first and last name:

- ☐ 1 school-sized backpack
- ☐ All personal belongings must be kept together, so the backpack must be an appropriate size. **Please do not send small-sized backpacks.**
- ☐ 1 red folder
- ☐ 1 1½-inch black or white binder **with a front cover insert**
- ☐ 25 page protectors
- ☐ 4 Expo fine-tip dry-erase markers and 2 wide-tip dry-erase markers
- ☐ 1 box of Crayola colored pencils
- ☐ 1 box of 24-count Crayola crayons
- ☐ 1 pair of child-safe scissors
- ☐ 1 family picture
- ☐ 6 different photos of your child to be used throughout the year
-  ☐ 3 containers of Clorox wipes
- ☐ 5 large packs of baby/hand wipes
- ☐ 6 boxes of tissues
- ☐ 1 extra change of clothing in a labeled Ziploc bag (**changed seasonally**)
- ☐ 1 sleep sack or equivalent — These will be sent home on Fridays for **aftercare children only.**





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?
