



TLC Learning Center

Nurturing success in ALL kids since 1956.

Family Newsletter
Winter 2024

Welcome back to TLC! I hope you all enjoyed your time over the Winter Break to enjoy holiday activities, spending time with each other and just relaxing. We are looking forward to the days growing longer again and being able to spend more time outside in the evenings.

In the upcoming months before our next break in the spring, we will be using our Creative Curriculum (CC) and other curriculum pieces to continue your children’s progress in learning and growing. Our staff will compile information on the CC objectives for your children for the winter checkpoint due mid-February. There will be a final checkpoint in May and teachers will be sharing your children’s growth and strengths during the spring conferences (dates TBD).

We are honored that you continue to support us and entrust us with the care and education of your children. May 2024 be a wonderful New Year for you and your family!

Thank you.

Lisa Stratton
Educational Services Manager



ON THE HORIZON...



- **Jan. 22** TLC Bingo Night @ Longmont Bingo Alley
- **Jan. 24** Dental Screening Day for ES students
- **Feb. 7** Late Start/TLC Staff Meeting (10am)
- **Feb. 19** TLC Closed for Presidents' Day
- **Feb. 20** Dinner Out Event @ QDOBA (4-8pm)
- **Feb. 26** TLC Bingo Night @ Longmont Bingo Alley
- **Mar. 18-22** TLC Closed for Spring Break

REMINDERS:

- Please call the front desk if your child will be absent and let us know the reason for the absence.
- Please label all of your child’s belongings before sending them to school.
- Please send water bottles and extra clothes with your child. Be sure to include seasonally appropriate clothing including mittens/gloves, hats, warm coats, and boots when there is snow. Thank you!

WE ♥ OUR TLC FAMILY VOLUNTEERS!

It takes a village and our TLC families have been doing an awesome job of pitching in this year! Following are a few things we need help with around the Center:

- **Parent volunteer for Pyramid Plus leadership team**
- **Thank You notes** (ongoing)
- **Repair ramp in therapy gym**
- **Classroom materials prep**
- **Share your gifts with your child's class**
- **Bingo volunteers** (every 4th Monday, 5-9pm @ the Longmont Bingo Alley)



You can also donate items in lieu of completing service hours. Every \$12 spent equals one hour of service, so save your receipts and share them with Ana at the front desk so they can be added to your family's volunteer log. You can find classroom Amazon wishlists posted at the end of each classroom update in this newsletter or access the Therapy Services wish list [here](#).

Have questions about volunteering? Email [Ana](#) for more information.

THANK YOU!

THANKS TO THE TLC COMMUNITY FOR ALL YOU DO!

SHARE THE LOVE!

Our Google page is in need of some fresh reviews and we'd love your input!

Just Google "TLC Learning Center Longmont" and click on "reviews" in the Google listing that appears on the right side of the page to write your review.

Thanks in advance for your help!

QDOBA IS BRINGING FLAVOR TO OUR COMMUNITY



FUNDRAISER FOR

TLC LEARNING CENTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 4PM-8PM

**2301 CLOVER BASIN DR
LONGMONT, CO 80503**

25% of sales donated

Order online with the digital coupon on this flyer, or show this flyer in restaurant. Also valid on Catering orders.

**SCAN THIS QR CODE
IN RESTAURANT**



**OR ENTER THIS
COUPON CODE ONLINE
QDOBAGIVES**



QDOBA commits to donating 25% of product sales (excluding any tax, delivery, gift card purchases and alcohol purchases) made lawfully and in accordance with this agreement to your organization. In order to receive a donation, your organization must reach the minimum sales amount of \$150. If this amount is not reached, your organization will not receive a check for the fundraiser. QDOBA reserves the right to withhold donations if QDOBA's fundraiser guidelines are violated or if your fundraiser website is abused and/or used in a manner not in accordance with this agreement. QDOBA Mexican Eats is a registered trademark of QDOBA Restaurant Corporation. ©QDOBA Restaurant Corporation 2024.



Turn Your Shopping Dollars into Donations for TLC!

Did you know you can help support the work we do at TLC just by shopping at your favorite retailers? Read on to find out how your everyday shopping can add up to big benefits for nonprofits like TLC.

- The **King Soopers Community Rewards Program** gives money back to schools of your choice for every dollar you spend. Just go to KingSoopers.com, scroll down to the "King Soopers Community Rewards Program" at the bottom of the page, and enter "WW513" in the "Find an Organization" box. Share this info with friends and family and help TLC earn even more!
- **American Furniture Warehouse** will donate 2% of your purchase to a PreK-12 school of your choice. Purchases made in-store, online, and over the phone all count, so tell the cashier you're with TLC and 2% of your purchase will be donated to TLC.
- **Longmont Dairy's Milk Caps for Moola** is a great way to support local nonprofits. Each cap is worth five cents, and they really add up, so collect those milk caps and drop them off at TLC for big rewards. Thanks!





Dear Bear Cub Families,

We hope that you all had a wonderful Fall and are ready for Winter! Now that Fall has come to an end we are saying goodbye to most of our current Bear Cub friends that are transitioning into toddler-land, over the next couple months! It was such a joy to watch your kiddos grow and prosper into the little toddlers that they are! We feel so loved being able to share in all of your child's milestones. We have had so many of our friends start to walk and start to crawl in just the past month and it has been amazing to see each child grow and learn.

As winter approached us, we focused on "Caring Friends." This was a great opportunity for our friends to be able to interact with one another and show that we care about each other's feelings! We also worked on a big toddler skill of using gentle hands and keeping our friends safe. We will be kicking off the New Year welcoming new friends that will be joining Bear Cubs! We are so excited to be able to get to know your little ones and to be able to watch them grow along with getting to know their families.

To start the New Year off right with our new friends, we will be kicking off our unit "Winter Wonderland" as we explore the cold and snow with fun sensory activities and art! Along with all the fun activities we have planned. As Valentine's Day approaches, it's a great opportunity to explore "I Have Feelings," where we will explore emotions along with how our friends might be feeling.

We look forward to meeting the new families and bringing in the New Year together!

Ms. Michelle & Ms. Aaliyah

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Bear Cubs classroom!



.....

Dear Otters families,

Happy New Year! We are excited to welcome in the transitioning toddlers into the Otters class from Bear Cubs this January!

We will be taking the time we need to adjust to the new room and new schedule as we begin on our new toddler adventures. We will be reading Sue Williams's *I Went Walking*, which opens opportunities for us to observe and connect with what we see, introducing animal sounds as we read along, and plenty of movement and walking! We will implement themes of the book into our art as well, painting animals from the book, and footprints for walking, etc.

We will also have some fun with exploring winter-themed sensory activities inside and outside of the classroom, including real snowballs and pretend snowballs. We go outside in the snow as long as it is not too cold, so make sure to bring gloves and other warm winter gear.

Thank you all and cheers to the new year!

Ms. Emma and Ms. Veralinda

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Otters classroom.



Happy new year, Pika Families!

We have started the new year with some new changes with our Pikas and we want to say welcome to Addy and Oliver! We ended 2023 with a lot of exploring light and shadows. This interest was sparked with our new light table and it has been so inspiring to see how the children explore this inside the classroom and out on the playground. We have also been reading a book *Baby be Kind* and *Hot Coa Coa Calm* for social emotional strategies and discussions. Another fun thing we have been seeing in the classroom is the children singing and dancing and making their own music. For the new year we hope to explore more about light and shadows and bringing more opportunities for music and movement.

In 2024, I would also love to find more opportunities to explore more as a community of Pikas. I have already talked to a parent who is a former PE teacher and are thinking about having a fun day where he will come in and teach us some ways to throw balls and play games with balls.

Thank you all!
Ms. Meghan and Ms. Ashlyn



Please reach out if you have a hobby or passion or just have a fun idea to bring to the Pikas classroom!

Reminders: Please check diaper cubbies on top if they are empty we need more diapers. Check extra clothes bin for sizes and the right type of seasonal wear.

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Pikas classroom.



Hello Chickadee families!

Winter is here and so are all the fun holiday festivities! The Chickadees started December by reading *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, they loved watching the animals squeeze into the mitten! Next, we read *Spot's First Christmas*, a book about a silly puppy who just can't wait to open presents. To finish December off we read *Gingerbread Baby*, pairing our food project with this book and decorating cookies!

Big changes are ahead as we say goodbye to our current class. We are sad to see our Chickadees go but excited for the adventures that lay before them in their new rooms! And we can't wait to welcome our new Chickadee friends this January!

Happy new year!
Brenda C and Sondee



Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Chickadees classroom!

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Toddler playground!



Hello Swallowtails!

We are so excited to welcome Remy and Elayna to our class. Our little family here at school feels so much more complete with you in it. We are also just as excited to see the familiar faces from the beginning of the year, we missed you all during break!

Currently in our curriculum we have been learning about the different routines we follow, both at school and at home, as well as how to identify and manage different emotions using emotional literacy. Right now, we are reading *Wemberly Worried* and *Sheila Rae, the Brave* by Kevin Henkes. Both are great stories about characters who have to face new things even when they can be overwhelming or a little scary.

Moving to preschool is a fun and exciting experience, but we can understand how big a change it can be. We are so proud of our new and not so new friends. You have all been superstars when it comes to the changes happening in our room.

Love,
Teacher Layla and Ms. Kat

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Hummingbirds classroom!



Welcome back Hummingbirds!

We hope everyone had an awesome holiday break and are very excited to have Ms. Lupe back! We had so much fun learning about Diwali, Hanukkah and Kwanza. Spirit week was super exciting along with The Grinch Day and Polar Express day (we wish we could stay in our pajamas all the time!).

Looking forward, we will begin learning about arctic lands and animals, hibernation and migration, as well as ice and shadows during the winter months. Please check out our Lost and Found bin just outside the classroom and take home any items belonging to your child. Please! label all of your child's belongings including water bottles and shoes with your child's first name and last initial. And with the colder weather coming, please provide an appropriate coat, warm hat and gloves, as well as boots for playing in the snow.

We are so incredibly thankful to all our amazing families and look forward to a new year! Please don't hesitate to contact with any concerns or questions as our door is always open!

Ms. Shawna or Ms. Lupe

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Swallowtails Classroom!

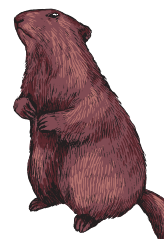


.....
Happy new year from the Marmot Room!

We hope everyone had a great winter break and are excited for our new friends moving into our room. December was filled with all things holiday! We explored with pour painting to make ornaments, we sang fun winter songs for the Christmas Tree Festival, we enjoyed playing in our North Pole themed dramatic play area, and had such a great time at our Marmot Movie Night. We look forward to learning about winter activities, snow, and animals in January! Thank you in advance for sending all of your child's snow gear when needed. 😊

-Ms. Emily and Ms. Brenda

Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Marmots classroom!



.....
Happy 2024 from the Owls classroom!!

Hope you all had a special holiday season and break! It was so much fun to have your child be a part of the choir for the Christmas Tree Festival! They all did amazing! Thank you all for your support with that event! As we begin the New Year, our Storybook Journey will focus on snow and snowmen. We will be reading Snowmen At Night, Snowmen At Work, and Snowmen All Year. These are wonderful stories that are fun for the children to use their imagination and share ideas about what they think snowmen might do if they were like people at play and work! Activities will include "surprise" snow pictures, making melting snowmen, playing with cloud dough "snow" and decorating and painting on an ice snowman. We will be incorporating more zoo phonics and letter sounds within our day and work on "signing in" in our classroom. Every day we are amazed by all the wonderful things your children are learning and doing! They have so much to share with us! It makes my heart so happy to see all the love, caring, concern and friendship they share with each other!

Hope you all have a great start to the New Year and thanks for all you do!

Mary Beth

