



TLC Learning Center

Nurturing success in ALL kids since 1956.

Caregiver Newsletter
Fall 2023

Dear TLC Families,

Welcome to the new 2023-2024 school year! We are happy to have you here whether you are returning or if you are brand new to TLC. It seems that the children are adjusting to new classrooms, teachers, friends and schedules and enjoying the beginning of a new school year.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Open House on September 5. This year we would like to offer more opportunities for our families to have time to mingle and meet other TLC families at different times and events. If you have any ideas of ways to do this and activities you would like to do, please let me know! We would be happy to incorporate your ideas and thoughts as we offer more opportunities to get to know each other.

With that in mind, if you have any skills, talents, and/or abilities you would like to share with us as a volunteer, please let us know! Anything that can be shared with the children is always welcome, just let me know so we can set it up. Sharing information about your occupation is always a big hit if that pertains, as is sharing information about your culture and community.

We have made some changes to our Family Handbook this year. Each year we ask our families to fill out re-enrollment information so that you have the latest from us and we have up-to-date information on you and your children. Please take a look at that and return it to the front desk as soon as possible.

Thank you for bringing your children to TLC and entrusting them into our care. It is a privilege and honor for us to have them and you here.

Lisa Stratton
Educational Services Manager



ON THE HORIZON...



- Oct. 4** Late Start/Staff Prof. Development (10am)
- Oct. 6** Unity in the Community (4-9pm)
- Oct. 9** Christmas Tree Festival committee mtg. (6pm)
- Oct. 11** TLC Fall Family Event @ Bee Hugger (4-6pm)
- Oct. 21** Costume parade @ Longmont Regent (9-10am)
- Oct. 23** Bingo @ Longmont Bingo Alley (5-9pm)
- Nov. 8** Dinner Out Event @ Chipotle (4-8pm)

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 hats, sunscreen, water bottles, and extra clothes with your child. Fall in Colorado can be unpredictable, so be sure dress your child in layers as temps can be cool in the morning and warm in the afternoon. Thank you!

Unity in the Community Friday, Oct. 6, 4-9pm

Join us for this annual celebration of our fantastic Longmont community! This free, family-friendly event features live music, local food and beverages, and lots of activities for kids of all ages. This year, TLC has been selected as a "Unity Funds the Community" grant recipient, meaning that a portion of the proceeds from all beverage and t-shirt sales will benefit the TLC Scholarship Fund. Bring the family and tell your friends to meet you there! Be sure to stop by the TLC booth and say hi!



**Friday, October 6 from 4-9 pm @
4th & Kimbark, Downtown Longmont**

Admission is FREE and a portion of all beverage and t-shirt sales will benefit the TLC Scholarship Fund!



**A 2023
Unity Funds the Community
Grant Recipient!**

Fall Fun @ the Bee Hugger Farm Wednesday, Oct. 11, 4-6pm

Join your TLC friends after school for fall fun at the Bee Hugger Farm! Admission is \$7 for students and free for caregivers and all CCAP families. Enjoy hay (\$7) and pony (\$10) rides and purchase honey and other local farm products via self-checkout. Cash and Venmo accepted. (12590 Ute Hwy, 80504) thebeehuggerfarm.com



**WE'LL HAVE THE FARM TO OURSELVES!
COME MEET UP WITH YOUR TLC BUDDIES!**

Costume Parade and Trick or Treating @ Longmont Regent Saturday, Oct. 21, 9-10am

Help us bring some Halloween cheer to the residents of Longmont Regent Senior Living! When toddler teacher Ms. Sondee reached out to the folks at LRSL to inquire about potential service projects for our TLC kids, they said that seeing kids on Halloween was one of the things residents missed most about living in their own homes. So, we decided to bring Halloween to them! Wear your costumes and join us as we enjoy trick or treating with the residents at Longmont Regent Senior Living. Don't forget your candy buckets! Students must attend with a family member. Siblings are also encouraged to attend!



**TLC
COSTUME
PARADE**

TRICK OR TREAT WITH YOUR TLC FRIENDS
AND THE RESIDENTS OF
LONGMONT REGENT SENIOR LIVING!

OCT. 21, 9-10 AM

LONGMONT REGENT SENIOR LIVING
2210 MAIN ST LONGMONT, CO 80501

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)
- Landscaping/yard work
- Unity in the Community Booth, Oct. 6--sign up [here!](#)
- Classroom materials prep
- Donations for Christmas Tree Festival trees
- 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!





Welcome Bear Cub Families!

We had a new group of infants and their families join us in August and September and we are so happy to have all of you with us! Welcome to Ada, Charlie, Charlotte, Eleanor, Emmett, Margot, and Sabine! We also want to welcome back Olivia and Rodney. Getting to know all of these new children has been amazing and has really helped us build our "All About Me" curriculum, which we have had over the last couple weeks of August and into September. It has been so awesome to get to know each child's preferences, temperaments, and skills. Having our unit focused on each child really has helped us bond with them and their families. We have had fun mixing colors, exploring our environment, and meeting and getting to know new friends. As we move through September, we will be exploring the jungle and learning about all the different types of animals that live there.

We would like to say a big "Thank You!" to all of our families in our classroom. Especially for your patience and flexibility as we are adjusting to such a new group and for supporting us in helping transition your child into our classroom. We are so excited for what this coming school year has in store and are so happy to have you join us.

Thank you,
Ms. Michelle and Ms. Aaliyah

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



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Happy new school year Pika Families!

We started the new school year with some changes to our teaching team and we are excited to welcome Ms. Ashlyn to the Pikas class. We are also lucky to have Mr. Jack on Tuesdays for Ms. Meghan and Ms. Jordain comes in every day for teacher breaks. This fall we are especially excited to have Ms. Mia on Mondays for YogaKids!

We are starting the year with the Storybook Journey for *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?*, where we get to notice sights (colors) and sounds of the animals. We also extended this to introduce the kiddos to each other and the teaching team with a full-sized picture book of everyone which we read as if it was *Brown Bear*. My hope is that *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* will take us on a journey to explore the classroom and the outside world around us and to help us slow down and be more mindful. We also will have the opportunity to do color mixing and use new art materials and collaging inspired by Eric Carle. We are also enjoying singing "ba ba black sheep" and our "Hello song".

We have a lot of busy toddlers, so movement, heavy work, and other gross motor opportunities are offered throughout our day. In October we might move onto *Duck and Goose Find a Pumpkin*, or if you have any favorite fall picture books, please feel free to suggest!

Thank you all!

Ms. Meghan and Ms. Ashlyn



Reminders: Please check diaper cubbies on top--if they are empty we need more diapers. Check ProCare for class updates, as it is how we communicate with families. Be sure to check your child's extra clothes bin to ensure that we have extra clothing that is the correct size and is seasonally appropriate.

Volunteer needs: Help with craft/classroom prep (see Meghan)

Classroom wish list: Click [here](#) to access the wish list for the Pikas classroom!



Hello Chickadees families!

We welcome fall and a new flock of Chickadees! We were sad to see a few Chickadees (Avery, Adelio, Bella, Sophia, and Mason) migrate to preschool, but we are so happy they are thriving there! We are getting to know our new Chickadees, Eleanor, Remy, Sam, Adelynn, and Oliver and they are making new friends with Tres, Elayna, and Ezamay!

To start the new year, we had fun listening to and telling the story of the *Three Little Pigs*. We did lots of fun pig-themed activities and building activities to deepen our learning. Next we read *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn. It is such a sweet little book and has really helped with saying goodbye to Mommies and Daddies in the morning. After reading the book each day, we have been getting a little heart stamp to remind us that Mommies and Daddies love us, and they will come back.

Next, we will be reading *Four Fierce Kittens* by Joyce Dunbar. We will be starting to learn more songs with props such as egg shakers and rhythm sticks for circle time and music and movement. As always, we will be closely observing the children and following their interests as we develop our weekly curriculum.

Thank you for keeping diapers and wipes stocked in cubbies! Please also make sure to keep weather-appropriate clothing stocked as well and to send weather-appropriate outerwear as the weather cools. Playing outside is much more fun when you are dressed for the weather!

Finally, we are attaching our updated Amazon Wish List if you prefer to get something off our wish list in lieu of volunteer hours.

Sondee, Brenda C. & Julisa

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

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



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Hello, Otters families! Happy new school year!

We give Ms. Veralinda and Will a warm welcome to the Otters classroom and TLC. Ms. Julisa is in for Ms. Emma on Wednesdays, and Ms. Jordian is in every day for teacher breaks.

To start off the year we are reading *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr. We get to experience animal sounds and the different colors throughout the book. We're extending our story book journey by introducing our personalized "Otters, Otters, Who Do You See?" classroom picture book with each student's portrait. Our hope is that this story journey will allow us to connect socially with friends and teachers. We are also reading *Farm Animals* and are really focusing on the sounds each animal makes. For art, we will have opportunities to make contact paper art and practice painting with different materials like paint brushes, sponges, and paint dabbers.

We have been enjoying lots of new songs including *Wheels on the Bus*, *Slippery Fish*, *Baaa, Baaa Black Sheep*, and our *Hello Song* at circle time. We have also had a lot fun learning *Sleeping Bunnies*, and *Freeze Dance* for movement activities.

During the month of October, we will introduce more fall themes, sensory opportunities with leaves and pumpkins, and will also talk about the changing of the seasons. If you have any favorite fall books or activities please feel free to share them with us!

Thank you, and here's to an amazing school year!
Ms. Emma and Ms. Veralinda

Reminders: Please check your child's extra clothes bin to make sure their clothing is seasonally appropriate and the correct size. DON'T FORGET to take a look in the Otters lost and found cubby at the end of our cubbies in the hallway for anything that might have been left behind



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



Goodbye summer, hello fall!

The Hummingbirds class has been having so much fun learning about pond life, transportation and community jobs. We loved looking at a real dragonfly and building beaver dams! We started our *Handwriting Without Tears* workbooks and made alligators and apples for our letter of the month, "A." As we head into October, we look forward to exploring fall themes such as the farm, harvesting, pumpkins, and spiders. As a reminder, please bring in a water cup as well as milk cup every day for your child. We ask that no items that might be considered choking hazards be sent to school such as, hair barrettes, toys, or flossing sticks. Also, please label EVERYTHING with your child's first name and last initial. As the weather gets cooler, please send a light jacket and appropriate shoes. Our doors are always open for any concerns, advice you may need, or questions you may have!

Thank you so much!

Ms. Lupe and Ms. Shawna

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





Roll into Fall after school YogaKids!

- YogaKids classes combine storytelling, art, games & music to engage the whole child in learning through yoga.
- Focused on building self-regulation skills; energizing & calming through yoga.
- In-person, small (8 students max), and now open to current TLC students and children in the community.
- Each class is centered around a theme, includes a story, yoga game/activities, handouts, and art project.
- Caregivers should plan on attending with their child if they require additional supports or if they feel it would enrich their child's experience.
- Children cannot exceed 9 hours max/day at TLC.

DATES: 4:15-5:15pm, Thursdays from September 15th to December 1st (excluding 9/29 and 11/24)

TUITION: \$150 for 10 weeks for 1 child, plus \$20 annual registration fee. Scholarships and sibling/refer-a-friend discounts available.

REGISTRATION: Email YogaKids teacher Mia Girard at mgirard@learningwithtlc.org to register. Students must register by 9/12 to attend our first class on September 15^h.



Parents Say!

"My daughter was always excited for (yoga on) Thursday!"

"We couldn't be happier with this program! We have no doubt it will have a lifelong impact."

"Mia's pretty much the ideal teacher: sincere, experienced with kids, enthusiastic."

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Hello Swallowtails Families,

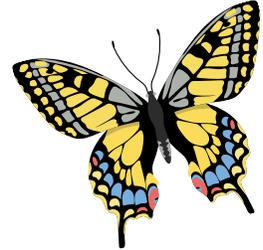
We are so excited to welcome Theodore to our class. We are going to have so much fun together!

This month we will be learning about families and making friends. We will be reading and doing projects around the books *The Family Book* by Todd Parr and *I Can be a Super Friend* by Lisa Grant and Rochelle Lentini. We will also be making books about our own families using pictures you send in. You can email them to me at ljohnsen@learningwithTLC.org!

We can't wait to make this the best school year ever!

Amazon Wish List:

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



Hello Marmot families!

Exploration and adventure will be ongoing themes this year. At the beginning of the year, our room transformed into a camping oasis, and the students enjoyed lounging in the tent, cooking on the grill, and roasting marshmallows around the campfire. Recently, they've been making meals and setting the table in our kitchen area.

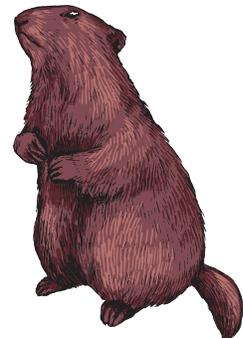
Our adventures extend beyond camping and cooking as we embrace the adventures of letter and number recognition, handwriting skills, number sense, becoming more independent with jackets, lunch containers, and backpacks, and learning about our class namesake, marmots. Art is also a big focus of our class, and one of our favorite ways of exploring is with different art media including acrylics, watercolors, mosaics, and clay. We have a lot of budding artists in our group!

In August, we were blessed with many wonderful additions to our class. Our older students are learning valuable lessons of being leaders and mentors, and our younger additions have transitioned easily into the new routine. We've seen a lot of beautiful growth in both age groups already this year.

Cheers to an adventurous year!

Ms. Emily and Ms. Brenda

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



Dear Owl families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Our class is off to a great start! The children are happily settling into the classroom routine. They are learning the schedule of our day and following through well with transitions. It is so wonderful to already see the connections and friendships beginning to form with the kiddos! ❤️ We started out our school year with a focus on friends, getting to know each other and what we can learn from each other.

In September, our Story Book Journey will focus on transportation. We have a sweet class of boys who LOVE all types of vehicles! 😊 Stories we will choose from are *Freight Train*, *Wheels on the Bus*, *Flashing Fire Engines*, and *Dazzling Diggers*. Activities will include using shapes to create vehicles, painting with cars, sorting various vehicles and sharing/talking about our favorite vehicles.

Thank you for all you have done to make the start of our school year so great!



The Owls class gets their class photo taken on picture day.



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!



SAVE-THE-DATE!

33% of all sales will benefit the TLC Scholarship Fund!!!

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