

# THE LEARNING TREE

*THE LEARNING TREE IS A PRESCHOOL THAT NURTURES THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT OF YOUR CHILD.*



## Summer Day Camp Registration is OPEN!

by Andrea Majewski, Regional Director

It feels SO good to announce that SUMMER DAY CAMP Registration is OPEN! Your school agers deserve an amazing summer and we have that covered with The Learning Tree's Summer Day Camp Program.

Our planning team is working hard to prepare and plan summer weeks with:

**FIELD TRIPS!** We continue to be flexible, optimistic and confident that we will be able to schedule several field trips this summer all while implementing above and beyond covid safety guidelines; masks, social distancing, additional handwashing, health screenings, additional cleaning. We are in touch with our favorite trip destinations and plan to schedule as many trips as possible! Additionally, our Livonia- North center is located at a former Elementary School with plenty, and plenty of outdoor space to host our very own Park Trips. We will plan trips here for field days, park days, games and more.

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**STEM ACTIVITIES!** Open ended materials, challenges and learning new concepts with STEM has been a blast. The STEM projects will, of course, continue through the summer with brand new materials to explore and create with.

**COOKING PROJECTS!** Made from scratch meals and snacks prepared 100% by the campers themselves. They will follow along with world famous chef cooking videos to prepare and cook dishes and try new foods.

Our Day Camp Classrooms will be stocked with all of their favorite items; duct tape, art supplies, perler beads, wii games, blocks, books and so much more. Our playgrounds will be ready for them with their own special outdoor toy kits to use while they enjoy water play.

Each week will kick off with a video from Jon, our School Age Program Coordinator. He will introduce the plan for the week including new cooking and stem activities. He will also prepare them with cooking safety videos while they use real utensils to make everything from scratch themselves.

We hope you will enroll your child in our day camp program. We promise they will have an amazing summer!

**Day Camp Starts:**

- South Lyon: Monday, June 21st
- Livonia South, North & West: Monday, June 21st
- Howell: Monday, May 31st

**Promotion\*\*Register between now and April 30th, we will give you FREE registration if you submit the first week tuition payment with your registration form. This is the best registration deal we will have for summer day camp!**

# Spring Picture Day



by Erin Detavernier, Marketing Director

Can you believe it is already Spring?! You know what that means... Spring Picture Day! We are so excited that we are able to bring back Spring Picture Day this year.

The company we partner with, LifeTouch, for pictures is going above and beyond taking precautions to make sure our LT children and employees stay safe. With that being said, LifeTouch employees will be masked at all times, they will be keeping their distance from our employees and your children, and will not be touching any of the children to help position them. We will have an designated LT employee to help with posing the children for their pictures.

**Picture Day Dates:**

- Livonia South: April 15 - 16th
- Livonia West: April 19 - 20th
- Livonia North: April 28 - 29th
- South Lyon: April 30th
- Howell: May 3 - 4th

**Get Ready for Picture Day!**

You know your child best, but just in case you need some ideas, here are our recommendations! Bright spring colors, (denim, blue, yellow, red and green) look best with this background. Adding accessories like hats, shoes, and hair bows can really complete the look and show off your child's personality. Your child will be photographed head to toe so don't forget to plan the entire outfit!

**What To Expect**

- Customize your session by completing the front of this form. Please make sure to complete the front of this form.
- Bring your biggest smile and **Save on Picture Day!** Save 10% on your session when you bring your registration form to the session on the day of your session.
- Review the images sent home with your child and order your favorite pictures! Review the images sent home with your child and order your favorite pictures!

## WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING:

"We have been sending our child to The Learning Tree for just over a year. Our child has been through the Toddler Room, TPS (transitional pre-school) and now pre-school. I have felt safe leaving my child in their care, knowing that she will prosper in a kind environment. Ms. Desiree is currently our child's teacher in pre-school, but also in TPS. She is very kind and genuinely cares for my child (as well as the others in her class). She has been very communicative with my child's development and is happy to answer my questions if I should have any. She really came through for our child when another kid accidentally took her favorite stuffed animal home and offered my child temporarily borrow a "princess dress" from her class. We eventually got her stuffed animal back (thanks to Ms. Mori communicating with the other family) but her ability to help soothe over a somewhat traumatic experience was fantastic. Needless to say, I am so very appreciative of all the efforts to help our child feel safe and cared for."

Actions  
-Lily S.



### Materials Needed:

- Plastic Eggs
- Glue gun or super glue
- Washi tape, electrical tape, or duct tape
- Filler – ideas include: rice, beans (coffee, pinto, black, etc.), popcorn kernels, lentils, small pebbles, pony beads, seed beads, or anything else you'd like to try.

### Directions

1. Play with different fillers to decide which you will use.
2. Remove hinges from plastic eggs.
3. Fill each plastic egg with 1 to 2 teaspoons of filler.
4. Place glue from a glue gun along the inside edge of the top of the egg or quick drying super glue on the "shelf" of the bottom of the egg. Work quickly to glue the eggs shut.
5. Wrap with tape for added security. (Washi tape does not add the most security.)
6. Allow to dry and shake away!

# Happy Earth Day!

by Erin Detavernier, Marketing Director

This month we celebrate Earth Day! With being a Green School, Earth Day is a bid day for us here at The Learning Tree.

Our planet is an amazing place, but it needs our help to thrive! We use this day to reflect on our planet, environment and what we can do to help keep our planet healthy!

We have created an Earth Day video that shows you some ways to help protect the earth, why it is important to protect the earth, and what we teach your children at The Learning Tree about living a green lifestyle!

Check out our Earth Day video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E92FiUGuhWg&feature=youtu.be>

Earth Day is a great time to talk about recycling and reusing (or upcycling) materials. We would love to share with you a fun activity for you do at home to celebrate earth day!

Recycle plastic eggs after Easter and learn how to make upcycled plastic egg music shakers out of them. They are easy to make and you end up with the perfect little instruments for music!

## New LT Recipes!

This month we have added so many new recipes to our our menu and we cannot wait to have all the children try them! Here are some of the new meals that will be added this month!

- **Chicken Garlic Butter Spinach Pasta**
- **Lemon, Herb & Pea Pasta**
- **Spring Time Penne**
- **Southwest Turkey Penne Pasta**

LT Homemade Menu

"We love the learning tree north! Miss Brenda and Miss Adrianna in infant 1 are amazing. From the time our little one was just a few months old, they were always so helpful and responsive to questions and helping us as first time parents making the transition to daycare smooth. They have really helped our little one with all sorts of skills and keeping us informed so we could do the same at home. I love the organic food options and they were FANTASTIC during the everchanging covid situations. Our daughter gets so excited when we say we are going to daycare and just loves all the staff! I highly recommend this daycare. They are always planning fun activities, have an engaging curriculum that really motivated the kiddos. They also made the transition into miss noreens toddler class so smooth! I can't say enough! Thanks for all you do."

Actions

-Katie R.



## Daily Routine

by Erin Detavernier, Marketing Director

The Daily Routine is a framework for the day's events that supports children's security and independence. Our daily routine consist of the following components:

- Message Board
- Planning time
- Work time
- Read Aloud
- Recall time
- Small-group time
- Large-group time
- Outside time
- Transition times
- Eating and rest times

We would love to share with you a little bit of what a day at The Learning Tree looks like:

- Greeting time, breakfast, message board
- Large-group time
- Planning, work, cleanup, recall
- Small-group time
- Outside time
- Lunch
- Books and rest
- Snack
- Outside time and departure

We also love to follow this routine for our virtual learning families who are joining us from home. Sticking to some sort of routine even when at home will truly help your child build that independence.

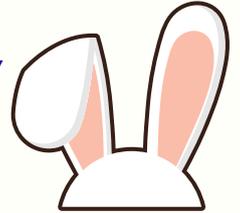


"My son loves being in the toddler room with Miss Alexis and Bre! I really appreciate the communication and attention they provide. They're great about taking pictures, explaining activities, and knowing fun little tidbits about my son. It is clear they love their job and provide a great environment for kiddos to learn and grow. Bless them for working with a group of very busy toddlers!"

-Kelsey J



# Spring Party Highlights!



Last week we celebrated our Spring Parties in all of our classrooms! All of our centers had a visit with the Easter Bunny and it could not have gone better! Check out some of the FUN we had last week!

# St. Patrick's Day Highlights!



by Erin Detavernier, Marketing Director

This past month we celebrated St. Patrick's Day in our classrooms and had the BEST time. We wanted to share some of the pictures with you!



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