

THE LEARNING TREE

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



Virtual Preschool

by Erin Detavernier, Marketing Director

We are so excited to kick off our second summer of offering virtual preschool! This curriculum was developed with 3 goals in mind:

1. Stay connect and engaged with children
2. Support parents while they navigate a new normal
3. A community resource to keep children learning

We are so happy to see our virtual learning program growing and showing that our curriculum has truly helped multiple children become kindergarten ready from the comfort of their own home. Our program includes; weekly lesson plans, full video access, and encourages children/parents to be a partner in play.

With our program growing so fast we are so excited to expand our program with three virtual teachers; Ms. Amber, Ms. Lily & Ms. Natalie. We are enrolling for our summer virtual program now - enroll by June 4th and you will receive 50% off tuition on the last month of every month!

We have so many fun lesson plans planned for the summer and we can't wait grow with your child virtually!

Check out what one of our Virtual Families said about our Virtual Learning Program:

"Thank you so much. We appreciate you more than words can express. You have brought normalcy to our family and have made William part of a classroom community. You made sure that they had time to interact with peers while in a pandemic. Not only did you make sure their social/emotional growth was being fostered but they continued to grow academically too. William learned his sounds through zoophonics and started to teach himself to read. Your sacrifices don't go unnoticed. We know that the caterpillars were a lot of hard work and that they were mailed to your house. This was an amazing opportunity for William. You're making a huge impact and care about your students. William is often sharing Ms. Amber's stories and is very excited when it's show and share day of his turn to read. Thank you for being such a bright light for us to remember the good life has to offer, even during a pandemic."

-Medeiros Family

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Keeping It Clean & Being Green!

by Andrea Majewski, Regional Director

We are all out there trying to stop sickness in its tracks. However, we also need to keep in mind not to start sickness in the process. Some cleaning products release Volatile Organic Compounds into the air you breath and the surfaces they remain on. These pollutants have been linked in numerous studies to increase respiratory illness. YUCK!

Here at LT we figured out a way to keep it clean but still stay green! Teraforé products are made from 100% biodegradable, plant-based materials – which means they not only provide a safer living environment, but they're also more environmentally-friendly. We use teraforé cleaning products daily, hourly, minute by minute in our classrooms. Your kiddos deserve a clean world and a clean classroom to explore and play in, without any harsh chemicals in the air.

When we are spraying our changing tables, food surfaces, sleeping quarters, door knobs, playgrounds, and much more, you can be rest assured that your child is taken care of. Teraforé products are...

- All-natural, plant-based cleaning agents
- 100% natural, biodegradable
- Non-toxic, free of dye, phosphate and chemical preservatives
- No Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's)
- All products contain proprietary hypoallergenic solution
- EPA & EDA registered
- Greatly reduced Carbon Footprint through less packaging, carbon-neutral manufacturing, and products free of VOC's
- Effective, hyper-concentrated green cleaners priced competitively
- Recyclable packing
- 100% Performance guarantee!

With all the illness uncertainty circling around us right now, it can be hard not to worry. We want you to know that we take our cleanliness seriously at LT! Not only now, But each and everyday! And we are here for our families and community through this challenging time. Check out some of the teraforé products we use in our classrooms.

Disinfectant: EPA registered, hospital grade disinfectant has been shown effective against MRSA and many other viruses and bacteria. Not only does this product clean and disinfect, it also deodorizes leaving a light (all-natural) citrus smell.

We are passionate about being green and creating a safe environment and thanks to teraforé they help us do both. To learn more about teraforé cleaning products visit <http://www.terafore.net>

Mother's Day at LT

by Erin Detavernier, Marketing Director

Happy Mother's Day LT Moms! Thank you mom's for being the best! This year the children will be making a gift for their mom and will be taking it home next Friday to give their mom!

We would also love to bring The Learning Tree's celebration to your home! In our Mother's Day Virtual Party you will see:

- Mother's Day Craft for your children to complete together! Materials Needed: Construction paper or tissue paper, scissors & glue or clear tape
- Mother's Day Book to read along with your children!
- Fun videos/messages for our Moms to listen and dance to with your children.
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[Check out our Virtual Mother's Day Celebration Here:](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vRWBBTlio0>



WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING:

Our son has been attending The Learning Tree South for about two years now and we think it's amazing. The food is all organic and cooked in-house, and most times he eats better there than he does at home! Plus they use the KidReports app which lets you see what your kiddo is eating at mealtimes, how long their naps are, and what activities they're doing throughout the day. His preschool teacher, miss Desiree,

-Ian C



Check out some of the amazing memories we have made during LT Summer Day Camp!



Summer Day Camp

by Erin Detavernier, Marketing Director

Summer Day Camp is right around the corner and we can't wait to have the best summer with your family!

Summer at The Learning Tree is one thing families talk about non-stop. Our School Age Director works hard to create a summer the school age children won't forget. As we all know, these past years have not been the easiest on anyone, especially our school age children who are trying to navigate virtual learning.

With that being said, we have created an awesome summer day camp program to help the children de-stress, have an amazing summer, and of course still keep up with their learning!

Our summer day camp program this year will include:

- STEM Experiments
- Cooking Projects
- Field Trips!

We will be taking all the health and safety measures to make sure our families are safe and healthy during all of our summer fun! If you are interested in enrolling in our summer day camp please email our enrollment specialist at:

learningtree.enroll@gmail.com to save your spot!

LT Recipe Highlight!

Oatmeal Craisin Bars

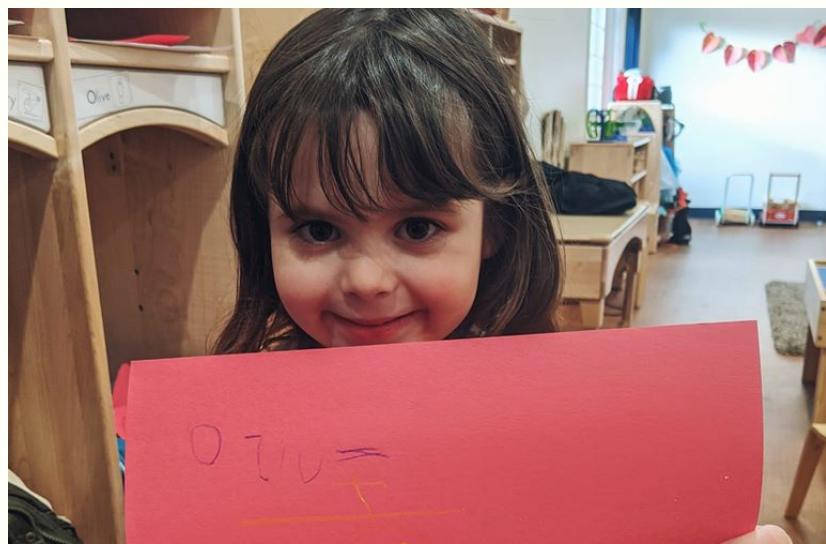
- **½ cup unsalted butter, melted, plus more for pan**
- **¾ cup light brown sugar, packed**
- **¼ cup blue agave**
- **1 large egg**
- **1 cup whole wheat flour, leveled**
- **2 cups old fashioned rolled oats**
- **1 cup craisins**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter an 8 inch square baking dish and line bottom with parchment paper, leaving an overhang on two sides; butter paper. In a large bowl, whisk together butter, sugars and egg until smooth. Add flour, oats and craisins; fold in until combined. Spread batter in buttered pan and bake until a inserted toothpick comes out with moist crumbs attached; 25-30 minutes. Cool completely in pan. Using paper overhang, lift onto a work surface. Cut into 16 bars.

*LT Homemade
Menu!*

"Ms. Richelle is so caring, warm, and affectionate. She was my daughter's teacher in infant 3. It is always hard to leave your infant in someone else's care, but due to covid I had to leave her with a complete stranger. Ms. Richelle always made me feel my daughter was getting love and affection while away from me. Ms. Richelle has since moved up to toddlers, but still comes to visit and love on my daughter. My daughter always lights up when she sees her. ☺"

-Jenny L.



Praise vs. Encouragement

by Amber Costa, Curriculum Director

Praise VS. Encouragement “Good job” VS. “You worked really hard on that” – Creating Lifelong Learners: The Do’s and Don’ts!

It is almost naturally ingrained in us to tell children, “Good job!” or “You’re so smart!” The second you praise a child like that, their face instantly lights up and they smile! The child then wants to do more of the SAME thing to get the SAME immediate praise or reaction. But that’s the thing... they want to do the SAME thing. This type of praise may stop them from challenging themselves further or from trying new things. They may want to “stick to what they’re good at”. It felt great to get that praise, why would they want to try something new that they may fail at?

Okay okay, I know what you’re thinking... “WHAT?!?!” “Don’t praise my child??” Sounds pretty crazy right? I thought so too at first. The general rule of thumb is, praising your child will help build their self-esteem. But saying something like, “good job” focuses on the outcome rather than the process or effort the child put in.

Acknowledging their efforts can help build their self-esteem and promote continuous growth.

Here at LT we recognize the power of praise and use acknowledgment instead. So what does that mean?

1. Describe Children’s Action
2. Encourage Children to Describe Their Own Work
3. Participate in Children’s Play
4. Focus on Children’s Efforts Encourage Children To Follow One Another’s Idea and Help one Another

[Click here](#) to learn LT Do’s and Don’t

This isn’t an easy task, children run up to me 50 times a day saying, “Look at this!” Or “See what I did?” Wanting and begging for that immediate praise. I still catch myself going to say, “good job!” But the proof is in the pudding... our HighScope Curriculum and their research has taught us that acknowledging efforts and describing children’s actions helps promote children’s overall view of themselves, openness to constructive guidance, ability to self-evaluate, and motivation to pursue more difficult or challenging tasks.

If that’s not promoting children’s self-esteem I don’t know what is! We at LT try our best to promote lifelong learners and we do this by allowing the children to make choices, make mistakes, live it, learn it, and be supported through it! This process makes the children excited to learn and to try new things... And that makes me excited to be a teacher!

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.

-Lily S.



Earth Day Highlights

by Erin Detavernier, Marketing Director

As you may know, last month we celebrated Earth Day at all 5 of our centers! Earth Day is one of our favorite days that we celebrate here at The Learning Tree! With living a green lifestyle, we are already teaching your children everyday how we are helping keep our planet healthy. On Earth Day, we love to give a little bit more and create a fun activity that your children get to work together to create while helping our planet thrive!

Each center director picked out a project that their kiddos would complete to celebrate Earth Day. Check out some of the projects are centers created!



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