

THE LEARNING TREE

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



Happy New Year! Hello 2022!

by: Erin Blatchford, Marketing Director

We are kicking off a new year and it may be that time of year that you're going to need a stash of fun activities for kids! We are here for you and want to provide you with some fun things to do at home with your families for the new year!

1. TRADITION KICK-OFF

2021 has been a memorable year, to say the least. Start an annual tradition by writing letters to open the next year. As the mini-time capsule gets going, you'll have a memorable way to look back and ahead.

2. MAKE A HANDPRINT CALENDAR

Using a printable calendar, you can make a handprint calendar for 2022.

3. BUCKET LIST DÉCOR

The new year is the ultimate opportunity for a fresh start. Keep up that energizing NYE energy with family plans for 2022: a new place to travel, activity or sport to try, an organization to help out. We love the idea of hanging your ideas up on the wall for year-long inspiration. Another great way to display goals for the new year is to create a vision board!

4. OUT WITH THE OLD

You know when all you have to do is move the furniture around to get a brand-new perspective on it all? Show the kids how liberating it can feel to go new. Suggest a bedroom swap, a relief-effort donation round-up of old toys and clothes to make room for everything Santa may have just dropped off, or maybe even a fun (temporary) hair color!

5. PHOTO TIME

No matter what your family does to ring in the New Year, we love the idea of streaming your "Best of 2021" photos on the TV to set the mood. Focusing on the family is what it's all about, after all.

We are ready to kick off 2022 and hope these five ideas may give your family some ideas to make new memories to kick off a brand new year!

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Getting Outside During the Colder Months!

by Amber Sidener, Curriculum Director

HighScope Curriculum supports learning opportunities indoors and outdoors! During outside time in an active learning setting, children extend their indoor play to the outdoors where they have opportunities to learn through healthy energetic activity. Children experience social interaction and problem solving with peers!

Getting outside a couple times a day is not only fun for the children... it is a NEED for the children!

We know that this season of snow gear can bring on some challenges, but look at these challenges as learning opportunities! We would love to share with you some of the things we use to help outside time during the colder days easier.

- Encourage Independence and allow the children the opportunity to put on their own snow gear and place their snow gear in their cubbies.
- Gather anecdotal notes and see if children can follow the order in which they put their snow gear on or if they can problem solve with the materials of gloves, zippers, etc.
- Use language to describe the outdoor elements, cold, freezing, ice, snow, textures, observations of their surroundings.
- HAVE FUN! Build a snowman, roll a snowball, catch a snowflake, measure snow!

We absolutely love all the memories we make with the children while they are outside at LT. We would love to hear about some of the memories you make with your children getting outside at home!

Check out some pictures of our outside time at The Learning Tree!



WHAT PARENTS ARE SAYING:

Ever since we started we had so many positive interactions with the teachers and staff. Miss Emily is always creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere in her preschool classroom. Overall we appreciate the educational curriculum and fun activities - a great balance of outdoor time, learning, and free play - but she's also going the extra mile by taking the kids to the school garden, making drop off easier by engaging them as little helpers, or asking them about weeknight and weekend activities!

-Sabine H.



Top 10 Reasons why Teachers & Families Love LT!

by Erin Blatchford, Marketing Director

We would love to share with you what our families and teachers share with us about why they choose The Learning Tree!

1. We live and breathe by our Core Values. They are in the front of our mind through every decision we make. [Learn more about our 6 Core Values here](#)

2. Highscope Curriculum! We teach a research based curriculum through active learning. We encourage child creativity, confidence, and independence, we take the learning process beyond traditional academic subjects and prepare children for later schooling and future success in life.

3. The best menu that you also get to enjoy! All meals on our menu are prepared daily by our amazing onsite chefs. We take pride in having real chefs, a healthy, organic menu. [Learn more about our menu here](#)

4. Constant training! We have curriculum directors who will provide you with week feedback, online training, in-person monthly training with your entire team and so much more. We are dedicated to providing you with all the materials and training you need to give the best quality of care to your classroom!

5. You are SUPPORTED! Not only do our teachers receive weekly intentional check ins with their director, our families also receive daily pictures and comments on our KidReports app to stay up to date with their child!

6. Our above & beyond Health and Safety Procedures:

- Deep Cleaning & Hand Sanitizer Machines
- ZONO sanitizer use
- Additional handwashing and mask wearing

7. We live and breathe a green lifestyle, which includes:

- Organic homemade meals
- Essential oil diffusers with Young Living oils.
- At least three plants in each classroom to purify the air.
- Recycling programs

8. We have AMAZING & supportive parents for a partnership and that helps us create the family like feel.

9. During the summer, we plant a vegetable and herb garden to help give the children a sense of responsibility in caring for something every day. Our children love this, especially when it comes time to eat them! We also host a Farmers Market every September for parents, children and teachers to enjoy.

10. We take care of your children, not just watch them.

Everything we do contributes to their continuous growth and development.

We are so thankful to have such amazing teachers and families who make The Learning Tree what it is! Check out some pictures of the memories and growth being made around our centers.



We absolutely love the Learning Tree North and Brenda and Anna. Our son is happy when we drop him off and happy when we pick him up. They keep the kids entertained, involved, moving, and learning. Following along his day with the app is also a great addition and makes us feel involved.

-Megan M.



LT HOMEMADE MENU!

LT Recipe Highlight!

Family Style Dining

by Erin Blatchford, Marketing Director

We believe that eating goes beyond a physical necessity for children. It is also a source of pleasure and well-being; a sensory, social and emotional activity; and a great opportunity for learning.

Instilling healthy eating habits in children goes further than the food they eat, or in many cases don't eat. We understand that giving children healthy choices and positive experiences, when it comes to food, will help them develop and keep a healthy life style as they get older.

You'll notice that all of our meals are fresh and homemade. We serve only the freshest, organic fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs and chicken. Our homemade meals and snacks exceed the requirements dictated by the USAD for child care programs.

We are so happy to provide our families with a menu of two weeks so you are able to see what your children will be eating ahead of time!

Check out our menu [here](#)

VEGGIE QUESADILLAS

INGREDIENTS:

Mixed Bell Peppers
Onion
Cheddar Jack Cheese
Taco Seasoning
Butter
Tortillas

DIRECTIONS:

- Cut peppers into strips and slice onion
- In mixing bowl, season vegetables with taco seasoning and olive oil and mix well.
- Sauté vegetable over medium high heat until tender
- Butter griddle
- Lay as many tortilla's down as will fit on griddle
- Add cheese, pepper and onion and mix to half of the tortilla and fold over.
- Cook until first side is golden brown, flip and cook other half until golden brown and cheese is melted.

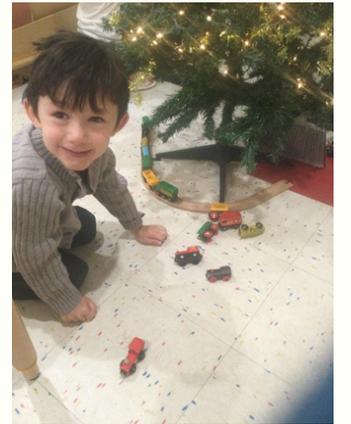
We love The Learning Tree North because we love Ms. Kate and Ms. April! Ms. Kate has been so wonderful with our youngest son who needs a little extra care to feel comfortable at school. She consistently goes above and beyond to make sure that he has a great day. Ms. Kate brings kindness, creativity and compassion to all of the children in her classroom each and everyday. She is an absolute sweetheart and we are so grateful to have her as our son's teacher. Ms. April has been amazing with our older son. She has been so helpful in increasing his independence and confidence at school. Ms. April's childcare experience and classroom routines create a safe and predictable environment that has helped our son thrive in his social/emotional development. We love that The Learning Tree North is always very clean and they serve nutritious and quality food. We have been very happy with the care that our children receive at The Learning Tree North.

-Nicole D.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

by Erin Blatchford, Marketing Director

We had the BEST time celebrating the holidays over the past few weeks and we wanted to share with you some of the fun pictures from all five of our locations!



Happy Holidays!

April is an amazing teacher - so caring, thoughtful, and patient with the Pre-K kids. She's the reason we attend Learning Tree! Thank you, Ms. April, for all of your hard work! We appreciate you :)
-Cortney R.



TEACHER APPERICATION LUNCHES!

by Andrea Majewski, Regional Director

We are so thankful for our team and all that they do for our families that we wanted to find a little extra way to celebrate them over the holidays! Every week of December we spoiled our team with delicious boxed lunches!! We are so grateful to for our team!!

SPECIAL SHOUT OUTS TO OUR AMAZING TEAM!

by Erin Blatchford, Marketing Director

We would love to give a shout out to the following employees to celebrate their Learning Tree anniversaries and their birthdays this month!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Amy Albright - LT West 1.7

Savannah Schick - LT West 1.14

Jennifer Cyb - LT North 1.22

Andrew Persondek - LT North 1.5

Abigail Borries - LT South Lyon 1.27

Tyler McCracken - LT South Lyon 1.31

Jason Verbison -Regional Team 1.26

Stephanie Parks - LT South 1.21

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Valerie Sabo - Regional Team - 7 Years

Jessica Butler - LT South Lyon 1 Year

Ian Jamieson - LT North 12 Years

Dawn Felgar - Regional Team 23 Years

Connie Kovacs - LT West 9 Years



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