

# The Learning Tree

*The Learning Tree is a preschool that nurtures the mind, body, and spirit of your child.*

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## Pre-K Graduation is NEXT WEEK!

What a year it has been. We are SO proud of our Pre-Kers! They have learned so much and we can confidently say your child is READY for KINDERGARTEN!

Our Pre K Graduation will start at 4:00pm or 4:45pm! Teacher's will be ready to celebrate with: caps and gowns, graduation songs, individual child interview questions, diplomas will be handed out and memories will be made!

Make sure your cameras are ready, there will be moments you will want to capture and save forever. We can't wait to celebrate our graduates! We are so proud of each and every one of our LT Pre-K and Young 5 kiddos that they deserve to have the best Graduation Celebration yet.

#### GRADUATION DATES:

Monday, August 8th - LT North - 4:00pm PK & 4:45pm Y5

Tuesday, August 9th - LT South - 4:00pm PK

Wednesday, August 10th - LT West - 4:00pm PK

Thursday, August 11th - LT South Lyon - 4:00pm PK

Friday, August 12 - LT Howell - 4:00pm PK1 & 4:45pm PK2

We can't wait to celebrate with our graduates and families. Please check your email for more information about timing and RSVP!



# LT Gardens are THRIVING!

As one of our Core Values, "Teaching a Green Lifestyle" gardening is a huge part of who we are! Not only do we love teaching the green lifestyle, adding our fresh garden ingredients into our menus... gardening has HUGE benefits in early childhood education.

Gardening in early childhood has amazing benefits for the rest of a child's life. Not only does gardening teach children more about the outdoors it also teaches them math, science, reading, and more. There is also so much sensory output in the garden that stimulates a child's brain connections. Kids breathe in the fresh air, experience weather, practice balance, and develop motor skills when using tools and grasping seeds. You are also encouraging healthy eating habits. Kids are more likely to try and taste what they help grow.

Not only is gardening good for education, gardening is FUN for our teachers and children to enjoy together. When our LT children and teachers head out to the gardens there is nothing but smiles and excitement when it comes to helping our gardens grow!

Check out our blog to learn more about gardening in early childhood education [here](#).

Check out some of our recent pictures of our gardens thriving!!!!



## Ms. Jordyn - LT South Lyon

Ms. Jordyn takes her lesson plans to a whole new level!!! Each week she chooses a theme based on the children's interests and conversations she has had with them in her classroom! She introduces new materials, concepts, and ideas to engage the children! The children have explored early science concepts with DIY sensory bottles, funnels and tubes with water exploration, and even chemical reactions with baking soda and vinegar! Ms. Jordyn is truly above and BEYOND!





Our GSRP teachers are AMAZING... They have a bachelor's degree and experiences that align with developmentally appropriate practices for 4-year-olds as they prepare to transition into Kindergarten. We are so thankful to have one of the best GSRP teacher teams!

If you are interested in seeing if you qualify for our GSRP program this fall, please email our Enrollment Specialist, Kim at [Kim.Avendt@learningtreechildcare.com](mailto:Kim.Avendt@learningtreechildcare.com) to see if you qualify,

## Kindergarten Ready with GSRP!! A few places left in our classroom!

We are passionate about the value of high-quality early education and the benefit this has on children today and for their future. We are so lucky to be able to partner with the State of Michigan to provide our families FREE Pre-K. Michigan's Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) follows the exact same curriculum that we provide our Learning Tree Pre-K classrooms.

We know that getting your child ready for Kindergarten is one of your top priorities and we are proud to say that our GSRP programs will have your child ready to take on Kindergarten!

[So let's take a moment to see why GSRP would be beneficial to your child..](#)

- GSRP is built on a research-based curriculum that is designed to provide the very best early childhood education.
- GSRP classrooms provide 1 adult for every 8 children, while state licensing requires 1 adult for every 12 children.
- GSRP children are provided nutritious meals and snacks throughout the day. Supported by LT's Registered Dietitian
- GSRP also provides transportation, family involvement, parent teacher conferences, home visits, etc. Anything a family needs - the state funding makes these high-quality standards possible.



## Ms. Danelle - LT West!

Ms. Danelle always goes above and beyond when it comes to getting outside and showing her class nature and our gardens! Her passion for the earth and the many creatures on it transfers over to her lesson plans! Her children LOVE learning about the natural science concepts that she introduces! They have found lady bug eggs, cattails, and even created their own pond life sensory bin!



# Music on The Grand!

We had a blast last month at Music on The Grand Summer Concerts in Lyon Township! We had a blast at this local community event. We set up a LT booth and we were able to spread the word about LT, our new building in SL and our building in the works in Lyon Township with a family activity (pet rocks) and adorable photo booth!

We are so thankful for our regional team; Karen, Andrea, Kim, Amber & Erin for putting together such a fun and great booth for families to stop by to learn about LT and for the kids to create a fun activity.

We can't wait to go back to continue spreading the word about our Learning Tree locations!

We will have another booth set up on August 10th from 6-8PM. We hope to see you there!!!



## Outstanding Procure Updates!

The Learning Tree uses a program called Procure to send parents updates throughout the day! Our classrooms are equip with tablets for teachers to take pictures and send you information about your child's day. The best part of this, is that parents can choose how they want to receive updates!

That's right- you choose your form of communication: text message, email or push notifications from the app Procure to check in on your little one!

### CHECK OUT HOW OUR FAMILIES FEEL ABOUT OUR COMMUNICATION APP:

"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 throughout the day. 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



# Investing in our Teachers Futures!

We are always looking for new ways to make sure we are always investing in our teachers, their career and their future. On top of investing in our teachers, we always want to make sure our teachers are the best of the best to provide high quality care to our families.

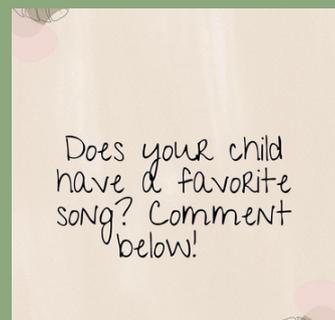
Every month our teachers attend a meeting that is lead by our two Curriculum Directors. During this time our Curriculum Directors will bring all the teachers together to learn, refresh, celebrate milestones, and team build. Each month is a new topic of training and new milestones to celebrate.

Outside of our monthly trainings, our Curriculum Directors are a HUGE resource for all of our teachers at all FIVE locations. We are so grateful to have such an amazing team and to be able to provide the best possible care and education to all of our Learning Tree Families.



## Ms. Kayla- LT North

Ms. Kayla is our social media resident expert at our North Livonia location! She loves to posting pictures of our North teachers engaging with their children throughout key parts of the HighScope daily routine! Ms. Kayla thank you for being a key part of bridging the gap between school and home! Your posts are fun, engaging, and truly highlight your center! You're a shining star!



# Cheese, Turkey & Rice!

Serves 4

## INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Pound Turkey
- 1 ½ Cups Dry Rice
- 3 Cups Cheddar Jack
- 2 Cups Heavy Cream
- 1 Pound Frozen Mix Veggies
- 1 Pinches Montreal Steak Seasoning
- 1 Pinches Dried Onion Flakes
- 1 Pinches Salt
- 1 Pinches Pepper
- 1 Pinches Garlic

## DIRECTIONS:

- Cook rice according to direction on package
- Sautee in olive oil minced garlic and onion flakes until golden brown
- Add turkey and montreal steak seasoning
- Cook until internal temperature hits 165 degrees
- Drain turkey and cool
- Mix all ingredients together
- Pre heat over to 350 degrees
- Bake until internal temperature hits 165 degrees (about 45 minutes – 1 hour)

*Yum!*

## Sarah, Registered Dietitian!

We are very proud to be partnered with Sarah, Registered Dietitian. Sarah has been working hard to provide us with the best possible menu and nutrition plan for our families. We are so thankful to have Sarah as a great resource for our families when it comes to nutrition.

Sarah shares weekly on our social media pages, creates blog posts, quarterly workshops, private resource page on her website for LT families only, and so much more.

One topic that Sarah recently touched on really stuck out to us and we would love to share it more with you! Sarah took the time to give us all the tips on everything summer snacks and hydration! As temperatures rise on these beautiful summer days, it is important to make sure children are staying hydrated.

### HERE ARE A FEW WAYS TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HYDRATED ON HOT SUMMER DAYS:

- Make fruit and veggie smoothies!
- Make homemade popsicles!
- Homemade ice cream or sorbet
- Adding in more hydrating fruits & Veggies into meals and snacks
- Juice Water - water with a splash of your child's favorite fresh fruit or fruit juice

LT FAMILIES - to access all of Sarah's private resources for Learning Tree families, please check your email for the login and password!

# SPECIAL SHOUT OUTS TO OUR AMAZING TEAM!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Erin - Regional Team 8/8  
Ian - Regional Team 8/14  
Alexis - Regional Team 8/15  
Leisa - LT Howell 8/12  
Mackenzie - LT Howell 8/13  
Kayla - LT North 8/28  
David - LT North 8/29  
Jessica - LT South Lyon 8/3  
Brianna - LT South Lyon 8/22  
Rania - LT West 8/2  
Jamal - LT West 8/7

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Karen - Regional Team - 24 years!!  
Jason - Regional Team - 5 years!  
Brooklynn - LT Howell - 1 year  
Kayla - LT North - 1 year  
Shannon - LT North - 1 year  
Jordyn - LT South Lyon - 1 year  
Matt - LT South - 9 years!!  
Rania - LT West - 2 years

## Nutrition Tip from Sarah Remmer

Summer is a fun time of celebration, and our kiddos will be exposed to lots of different foods. It can be tempting to micromanage or try to limit our kids to certain foods or certain portions. Lean in and let them explore, learn and create memories. Know that sugar doesn't actually cause hyperactivity (that's a myth!) and that the energy is coming more from the excitement around them.

### Food and body messages your kids should hear on holidays

That's too much candy - have some veggies!

No more sugar - you'll be up all night!

I'm on a diet - no ice cream for me!



I love trying different foods on holidays - it's fun!

Your body will tell you when you're done

It's not ok to comment on someone else's body

# Endless Memories... Summer 2022!

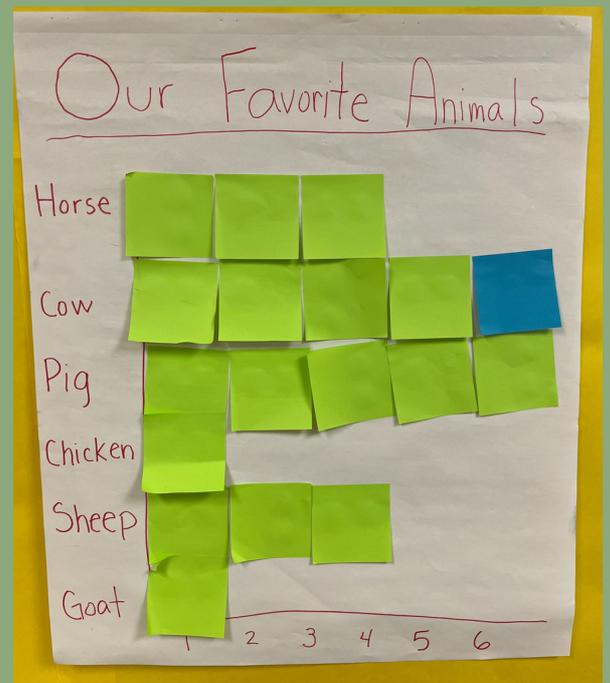
Thank you to our Summer Day Camp Teachers! Our Day Campers are having the BEST SUMMER EVER! Check out some pictures of what they have been up to:



## Data Analysis!

### Growing Little Scientists!

Ms. Jessie's Pre-K class at our North Livonia location loves engaging in early science concepts! Their theme was all about animals! During Large Group time the children each got a turn to chart their favorite animals! When they were done they did some group data analysis to see what animal got the most likes, which animals got the least likes, and which ones got the same likes! Thank you Ms. Jessie for going above and beyond by planning great lessons that promote growth in Key Developmental Indicators!



# Parent Testimonials

We love The Learning Tree! Miss Taylor and Miss Emily in Infant 1 are amazing - our daughter lights up every day when she sees them! The teachers are so thoughtful with activities for the kids each day and we love getting updates and pictures. We could not be happier with enrolling our daughter at The Learning Tree, it makes us so happy that she looks forward to daycare each day.

-Andrea J

We love the Learning Tree North! Their COVID protocol is second to none and I feel safe sending my kids into their care. I love the hand sanitizer available at various touch points. All of the staff at the Tree are friendly and make my 2 year old son feel like a rockstar when he walks through the hallways. Our son is a high spirited and determined little one and Noreen, along with her team, have been incredible. Her humor and grace have helped my son (and us) get through the mornings. I am beyond impressed what Noreen and her team have taught our son. He continues to surprise me with everything he has learned at his age. I appreciate the thought that goes into the curriculum and how it is posted on a weekly basis so we can enforce what he's learning at home. I appreciate the daily updates (and pictures!) on what the kids are doing and why because 1. I love knowing what they are doing and 2. I have learned about different skills that I can help develop. Noreen is an incredible teacher who's passion for teaching young children is undeniable. I am thankful beyond words for how she has helped shape our son's foundation in life.

-Becky E.

We absolutely love the Learning Tree. April is especially so caring and patient with our daughter. We love the different activities and themes in the classrooms each week and all of the art projects. April is always willing to go out of her way to chat for a few extra minutes each day about how our daughter was doing and we always got to know her on a personal level too. Teachers like April are why we have been going to Learning Tree North for over 6 years between our two kids!

-Chelsea M.

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