

The Learning Tree

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

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Kicking off 2022- 2023 School Year!

The time is here are we are kicking off our 2022-2023 school year...we are kicking this school year off with the theme "Ready to Grow Together". We are excited and ready to grow with all LT children and see what this year has in store for everyone.

LT families, be sure to stop by our lobby photo booths to take pictures with our fun new school year signs in front of our garden theme back drop! We would love to see your pictures, so be sure to tag us on your social media pages and use our hashtag

[#GrowWithLT](#)

We are looking forward to an awesome new school year and can't wait to grow with all our Learning Tree families.

The Learning Tree is Celebrating 40 YEARS This Month!

We are celebrating 40 Years of the Learning Tree in September and we are excited about this huge accomplishment! For 40 years, we have provided children and families with the best quality care. We have the best team of teachers, administrators, cooks and maintenance crew that share our core values and standards to be the best childcare center. We are so thankful to all of our Learning Tree families who choose us and have supported us over the years to make it to this day.

LT families- be sure to check your email throughout this month as we share with you how we are going to celebrate with YOU and your family at your center this month.

We are so grateful for our team and families for making us who we are today!

Celebrating ROOTS Teachers ONE YEAR Anniversary!

We are so grateful for our partnership with The Roots Teachers and having the BEST substitute teachers at The Learning Tree! Thank you to all our Roots teachers and all that you do for us at The Learning Tree. We are so grateful for each and everyone of you!





LT Gardens Continue to THRIVE!

We cannot stop sharing these beautiful pictures of our gardens that continue to thrive! Our garden Resident Experts are every center have done absolutely amazing keeping up with our gardens and making them as beautiful as you see here! We are so lucky to add our gardens to our classroom lesson plans to teach children young and early about living a green lifestyle!



LT Howell Infant Teachers!

Ms. Emily & Ms. Leisa were soaking up every minute with their babies last week! It was their last week with some of their babies before they moved up to their next adventure in Toddlers! To remember their time in Infants, all of their families received a card with their child's handprint and a loving message from their teachers! Thank you both for going above and beyond in supporting our families through transitions!



WE'RE
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Join our TEAM!

Are you looking for a great place to work or maybe know somebody who is and loves working with children?! As we go into the new school year and with all our new enrollments, we are looking to expand our team! If you are interested or know somebody who is interested in working at The Learning Tree, please email Kim at Kim.Avendt@learningtreechildcare.com



GSRP Enrollment

We are kicking off 2022-2023 school year very soon and we have limited spots available in our GSRP classrooms at our Livonia-South & Livonia-North location. Once our classrooms are full, we will begin our waitlist to provide care to as many families as possible. If you have questions about our GSRP programs, please email Kim at Kim.Avendt@learningtreechildcare.com

Highscope Hats with Ms. Molly at LT South Lyon!

Ms. Molly has led our South Lyon Pre-K classroom this year and has loved celebrating the children with her creative door displays! For small group time each child received paper, glue, scissors, and loose materials. They all got creative, made their own choices, and followed their interests!

Ms. Molly rotates her door displays often and this one truly shows the HighScope way (everyone's is individual and unique just like them)! Way to go Ms. Molly we are BEYOND lucky to have you!



New CDA Graduates!

Congratulations to our recent CDA graduates! We are so proud of our teachers for putting in the hard work to get their CDA and grow in their career!

Congratulations to Ms. Jen at LT North and Ms. Carrie at LT South Lyon!

We are so proud of have an amazing CDA coaching team to help assist our teachers through their CDA program and being able to invest in our teachers futures.



Howell Curriculum Contest Winners!

HUGE congratulations to Miss. Hillary and Miss. Kimmy our TPS teachers at Howell for winning the back to school curriculum contest last week! You both went above and beyond creating an AMAZING lesson plan to go along with your theme: Enchanted Forest

Check out some of the pictures that were captured last week of all their hard work and FUN had by their classroom!



Cheese Spread/Cheese Ball

INGREDIENTS:

8oz Softened Cream Cheese
4oz Finely Chopped Deli
Turkey
2tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
1tbsp Garlic Powder
1tbsp Dry Dill

DIRECTIONS:

Combine all ingredients
Serve with crackers



Yum!

A Dietitian Mom's Top 5 Lunchbox Hacks From Sarah Remmer

Here's how I take the overwhelm and stress out of packing lunches for my kids, without compromising nutrition or fun

With a new school year starting right away, I think most of us parents with school-aged kids can agree: the lunch-packing part is not our favorite task. As a dietitian mom with 7+ years of lunch packing experience on my resume (for my three kids), I am here to share with you some of my favorite lunchbox packing hacks. The goal? To make lunch packing simpler, quicker and less overwhelming for you. Whether you're packing lunches for the first time or you're an experienced lunch packing parent, these hacks will help everyone.

[Check out our blog here for Sarah's Top 5 Lunchbox Hacks!](#)

SPECIAL SHOUT OUTS TO OUR AMAZING TEAM!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Keegan - LT Howell 9/6
Taylor - LT Howell 9/7
Lanae- LT North 9/18
Leighla - LT North 9/19
Michelle - LT North 9/21
Kelly - LT North 9/25
Chantanique - LT North 9/30
Morgan - LT South 9/3
Jessica - LT West 9/13
Mikaylia - LT West 9/24
Savannah - LT West 9/25
Ryann - LT West 9/29
Dawn - Management Team - 9/28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Kim - Regional Team - 21 YEARS!
Bonnie - Regional Team - 4 Years!
Michelle - LT North - 1 Year!
Tay - LT West - 8 Years!
Molly - LT South Lyon- 1 Year!
Jessica - LT South - 1 Year!
Amber - LT South - 1 Year!
Emily - LT South - 9 Years!

Nutrition Tip from Sarah Remmer

We are just about there – back to school and back to routine. I wanted to create a post for you today with a little reminder that EVERY body is a GOOD body, and no matter what size or shape of body your child is living in right now, they deserve to be fed the same way. They also need you to remind them about how they are perfect just the way they are, and that as long as they trust their body, it will do exactly what it needs to.

Regardless of size or shape all kids need:

- Regular eating opportunities every 2-3 hours
- Family meals whenever possible
- The freedom of choosing if and how much they eat at any given eating opportunity
- For the kitchen to be closed in between meals and snacks
- No comments about weight, size or shape
- No diet talk or restrictive eating practices at home

Xo Sarah the Dietitian

If your child lives in a

SMALLER BODY

- Prioritize family meals
- Serve a variety of foods
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@sarahremmer X The Learning Tree

Pre-K Graduation!

A few weeks ago, our Pre-K children graduated and we couldn't be more proud of the Pre-K Class of 2022! There were nothing but smiles and happy tears celebrating a great group of children who are headed off to Kindergarten in the fall! A special thank you to our teachers, directors, curriculum directors and regional directors for putting on such an amazing and memorable event for all our Pre-K families. We are so grateful for our hard working team. Check out some pictures from all five locations.



New Dishes - Plastic Free!

For years now we have been filled with information about a harmful chemical found in many plastics called Bisphenol A or BPA. When BPA is heated in a dishwasher or microwave or used to store hot food, the BPA breaks down and leaks into our food. In many studies, BPA might be linked to causing diabetes, cancer, aggressiveness, heart disease as well as many hormonal abnormalities or sensitivities.

For all these reasons, The Learning Tree eliminated all plastic from our kitchens. During meals and snacks you will see the children eating off of BAMBOO dishes! While other centers may see this as extreme and expensive, we believe that this is the safest option for the children entrusted to our care.



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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