



# MICHIGAN'S GREAT START TO QUALITY

We have GREAT news to share with you. The Learning Tree- Livonia West and The Learning-Tree- Livonia South both recently went through the process of the state of Michigan's Great Start to Quality and the results are in!

In case you didn't know, Great Start to Quality is Michigan's quality recognition and improvement system that evaluates the quality of licensed programs. Children learn so much in their first five years. Quality licensed programs, for children 0-12, help children learn, grow, and develop. The foundation is set for children to be successful in school, work, and life when they have a safe place to learn, explore their world, and build relationships. The Learning Tree is committed to partnering with the state of Michigan in its quality rating system.

## Congratulations West!

West recently through the observation process and their results are in! West was awarded the HIGHEST level of quality...again! A huge accomplishment and achievement. We are so proud to communicate that children enrolled at LT-West are getting a GREAT START with Highest Awarded Quality Care and Education. A Pop-Up Party Celebration will be at your center next Tuesday, June 11th to celebrate this accomplishment!

## Congratulations South!

South also went through the observation process of Michigan's Great Start to Quality and we are so excited to announce to that the results are in and HIGH QUALITY was awarded!! South INCREASED their quality rating from their previous rating. We are SO proud of everyone and can confidently say children enrolled at LT-South are getting a GREAT START with High Quality Care and Early Education! We celebrated with a Pop-Up party last Friday with delicious drinks in the morning, flowers for teachers, charm bracelets for the team and lunch from Chick-fil-A!



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# Water Play is *HERE!*

Have you ever wondered why children are so drawn to the sink, or why your water table is always so popular!? Children are naturally interested in this area and it is important to remember that engaging with water is essential to the classroom and higher level thinking! 5 BENEFITS OF ENGAGING WITH WATER PLAY!

**Sensory exploration:** allows children to learn with hands-on materials and take in new information through their senses. These sensory experiences can assist some children with calming down their bodies. Sensory play is soothing play.

**Mathematical learning:** water centers are introductions to higher-level thinking concepts like volume. When children empty two pails of sand into one larger pail, they begin to learn about which pail has more and which pail has less. They have the opportunity to see how many cups it takes to fill the largest bucket. They can also see how one tall pail of sand also equals a short, large bucket. Children can use the sand to create shapes and structures.

**Language Development:** water areas of the classroom are wonderful environments to create conversations. Young children typically play together in these areas, develop intricate pretend play ideas, and ask one another questions. These areas also give the teachers plenty of opportunities to talk to students about their creations and pretend play.

**Scientific concepts:** The water table introduces children to early physics concepts like motion and flowing water. Children have the opportunity to make predictions about what objects will sink in the water and which items will float. Sand and water areas introduce discussions about living and non-living items, as well as animal habitats.

**Social Skills:** Since so many children want to play in these areas of the classroom, children must learn how to take turns and share the classroom materials. Children are encouraged and challenged to work together to execute concepts. AND young children play together to make their sea animals talk to each other in the water table.



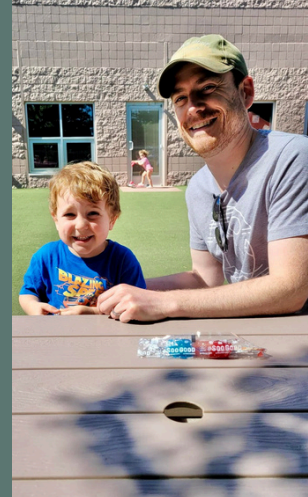
## Father's Day

### CELEBRATING THIS FRIDAY!

We want to take a moment to express our gratitude to all the incredible dads in our center. We are excited to invite LT dads to a special Father's Day event during pickup THIS FRIDAY! To honor and celebrate all the wonderful dads in our center, we will be hosting a COOLEST. DAD. EVER Popsicle Party!

We will be sharing refreshing popsicles with our dads and create some COOL memories together. It's a small gesture to show our appreciation for the love and support that fathers bring to their children's lives every da

*HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!*





## Recipe to Try at Home!

### TROPICAL GREEN SMOOTHIE



#### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cup frozen tropical fruit (pineapple, mango, etc.)
- 4 banana
- 4 cups fresh spinach
- 1 cup coconut
- 3/4 cup hemp hearts of flax
- 4.5 cups Greek yogurt
- 4.5 cups milk of choice

#### DIRECTIONS:

- Throw all ingredients into a good quality blender and blend until smooth! Add more milk if needed (smoothie bowls are better with a thicker consistency)
- To drink as a smoothie, pour into a large cup and add a straw! For a smoothie bowl, pour into a bowl and add toppings of choice (raspberries, banana, chia seeds and shredded coconut).

## Parent Workshop NEXT WEEK!

It's Dietitian Sarah here. I'm thrilled to announce our next Parent Nutrition Workshop on June 17th at 7 PM!

We'll be diving into summer nutrition for kids, discussing changes in routine, meal & snack schedules, hydration, managing summer treats, and tips for road trips and picnics!

LT FAMILIES! A link will be provided for you in your email soon!



#### Summer Nutrition Tips: Routines, Road Trips and More

Summer Parent Workshop  
Join us on June 17th at 7 PM with  
dietitian Sarah!

# *LT Gardens are THRIVING*

LT Gardens are THRIVING and we LOVE seeing all the children involved in the process around all our centers. We are so happy to have gardens at our centers where children can actively participate in planting, nurturing, and harvesting a variety of plants.

Gardening in early childhood is immensely valuable as it fosters a hands-on learning experience, teaching kids about the life cycle of plants, the importance of nature, and where food comes from. It also enhances their sensory development, fine motor skills, and patience, while instilling a sense of responsibility and accomplishment. Through gardening, children develop a deeper connection to the environment, encouraging healthy eating habits and an appreciation for the natural world.

Be sure to check out our social media pages throughout the summer to see all the process and how our gardens continue to THRIVE!



# *Music on the Grand!*

## **LYON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY EVENTS!**

We are so excited to share that we will be participating in the Lyon Township Music on the Grand events this summer! This will be our third year participating and we absolutely LOVE connecting with our community and providing a fun activity for families to enjoy together on a summer evening!

Join us Wednesday, June 12th or Wednesday June 26th from 6:00-8:00pm at Inspiration Park in New Hudson for the Music on the Grand events!

We are so grateful to be a part of such a fun and welcoming community!



# Lyon Township Grand Opening Event!

We are beyond grateful for our community and everyone who showed up to our grand opening on Sunday, June 9th! It was so much fun showing families around our new center and welcoming everyone in our doors!

Huge thank you to our regional team and teachers for putting together such an amazing event for the community!

If you were unable to attend and would like to learn more about The Learning Tree, please click the link [here](#) and we will reach out to you soon!



## Ribbon Cutting

We are thrilled to share that The Learning Tree- Lyon Township recently held a joyous ribbon-cutting ceremony, marking the official opening of our new facility.

The event was a wonderful celebration of community spirit, attended by local township officials, community members, and excited members of our team. The ribbon-cutting symbolizes not only the beginning of a new chapter for our center but also the collaborative effort and support from our community that made this possible. We are deeply grateful for the community's involvement and look forward to many years of growth and partnership.





# FOAM PARTIES!

We are kicking off Day Camp 2.0 with FOAM parties! We have been having a blast kicking off so far at North and Howell and can't wait to bring the Foam machine to all other centers soon!

We are excited to kick off our Summer Day Camp Program, promising a season filled with adventure, learning, and fun! Our dedicated team has planned an array of exciting activities, from outdoor sports and nature exploration to creative arts and science experiments, ensuring every child has an unforgettable summer. As we launch this vibrant program, we look forward to fostering new friendships, discovering new interests, and creating lasting memories. Join us for a fantastic summer where each day is packed with opportunities for growth, joy, and endless fun!

Be sure to check out our social media pages throughout the summer to see all the fun new activities our day campers will be doing this summer!



## Pre-K Graduation

### SAVE THE DATES

We're excited to announce that our Pre-K graduation ceremony is just around the corner! It's hard to believe how quickly time has flown by, and we're incredibly proud of all the growth and accomplishments our Pre-K children have achieved this year.

As they prepare to embark on the next chapter of their educational journey, we look forward to celebrating their achievements and sending them off with love, pride, and best wishes for continued success. Stay tuned for more details about this special event—it's sure to be a heartwarming celebration of our amazing Pre-K graduates!

#### SAVE THE DATES:

- Monday, August 5th- North
- Tuesday, August 6th- West
- Wednesday, August 7th- South
- Monday, August 12th- Howell
- Tuesday, August 13th- Lyon Township
- Wednesday, August 14th- South Lyon



# Celebrating LT Employees!

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

We are so grateful for LT employees, and we LOVE celebrating birthdays and anniversaries each month! This month we are celebrating the following birthdays and anniversaries!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mackenzie LT West - June 8th!  
Melissa LT West - June 18th!  
Raegan LT Howell - June 13th!  
Andrea LT Howell - June 17th  
Audrey LT Howell - June 22nd  
Jamia LT North - June 9th!  
Phoenix LT North - June 13th!  
Caterina LT South Lyon - June 3rd!  
Raisa LT South Lyon - June 9th!  
Lisa LT South Lyon - June 16th!  
Akane LT South - June 4th!  
Karen Regional Team - June 13th!  
Valere Regional Team - June 17th!

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Hanna Regional Team - 2 years on June 3rd!  
Brittany LT Howell - 1 year on June 12th!  
Hannah LT North - 1 year on June 5th!  
Dave LT North - 5 years on June 24th!  
Emma LT South - 2 years on June 13th!  
Matt LT South - 11 years on June 19th!  
Theresa LT West - 3 years on June 25th!  
Nina LT West - 1 year on June 29th!

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

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