



FALL ENROLLMENT

Fall enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year is still open and we have limited spaces available. There is still time to enroll your child in high-quality care!

Here at LT, we implement highscope curriculum in all classrooms starting at infants and help our families become kindergarten ready!

Our classrooms will fill up! We are proud to be a leading choice of childcare and early education in the areas of Howell, South Lyon, Lyon Township and Livonia. We are looking forward to another amazing school year and making memories!

We can't wait for another great year of learning and growing!

If you are interested in enrolling, or know someone who may be, please contact Kim, our Enrollment Specialist. kim.avendtelearningtreechildcare.com

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Enroll in *FREE PREK Today!*



GSRP is FREE Pre-K for children who are 4 years old by December 1st. We have been proud partners with the state of Michigan's GSRP program for many years now. We offer GSRP at our [Livonia-North](#) & [Livonia-South](#) locations.

We love that the GSRP program follows the exact same Highscope Curriculum that we teach in our Pre-K classrooms. Our GSRP classrooms also include our top-notch menu with fresh, organic snacks and meals.

We will be hosting an open house on **August 29th from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm** at The Learning Tree - North & The Learning Tree - South for families to come in, see the classroom, meet the teachers, and learn more about the GSRP programs.

If you are interested in learning more or to see if you qualify for FREE Pre-K, please email our Enrollment Specialist at Kim.Avendt@learningtreechildcare.com

Pre-K Graduation

CELEBRATING 2024 GRADUATES!

We are celebrating a big milestone as our little learners have completed their Pre-K journey. We're so proud of all the growth, friendships, and discoveries they've made along the way.

Huge thank you to all the wonderful families and dedicated teachers who have supported and nurtured these bright young minds. We can't wait to see all the wonderful things they'll accomplish in the future!





Recipe to Try at Home!

TURKEY TOMATO SOUP



INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 lb Ground Turkey
- 2 tbsp. Olive Oil
- 1 chopped onion
- Minced garlic - equivalent of 3 cloves
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp dry oregano
- 1 jar Prego pasta sauce
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat pasta
- 1/2 cup dry basil

DIRECTIONS:

- Heat olive oil in pot
- Add onion and garlic - cook for 3-4 minutes
- Add ground beef and cook thoroughly
- Add pepper and oregano to the beef and stir
- Pour in the chicken stock and pasta sauce
- Scraping the bottom of the pot as you stir
- Bring the soup to a simmer and cook for 10 minutes
- Add pasta and cook for an additional 10 minutes
- Add in basil and cream cheese
- NOW SERVE & ENJOY!

Nutrition Tip From Sarah Remmer!

I can't even believe I'm saying this, but back to school is fast-approaching and it's always good to have a good list of ideas! As a dietitian and Mom, I know the importance of a balanced and nourishing lunch for kids, not only for growth and development, but also for concentration, focus and energy throughout the day. Having a nice mix of protein foods, energy foods and colourful foods (fruits and veggies), as well as some healthy fat, will keep them energized and satisfied throughout the day. Of course, it's not our job to get our kids to eat (nor is it their teachers), but it IS our job to provide lots of variety and a nice balance of nutrients for the day. For those that have kiddos heading back to school, how are you feeling about it? Do you feel prepared?!

Lunchbox
CHEAT SHEET

Protein food (choose 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • leftover, cut-up, ground, or sliced meat, chicken, turkey, fish • hardboiled egg • beans, lentils • seeds or seed butter • milk • yogurt • homemade protein bite • cheese or cottage cheese • tofu or tempeh • dried chickpeas or peas 	Veggie (choose at least 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carrot sticks • cucumber • snap peas • radishes • peppers • celery • leftover cooked veggies • salad greens • tomatoes • veggie soup • veggie sauce (like tomato sauce)
Fruit (choose at least 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • berries • apple • orange • banana • plum • pear • peach • grapes • melon • fruit sauce 	Energy food (choose at least 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high fibre granola bar • whole grain bread, pita or tortilla • whole grain pasta • whole grain crackers • energy ball made with grains like oats • homemade muffin • naan bread • rice, quinoa or barley

Treat (choose one)

- homemade cookie
- a few gummies
- small portion of chocolate
- small brownie
- something else that they love!

SUMMER & 2.0 FUN!

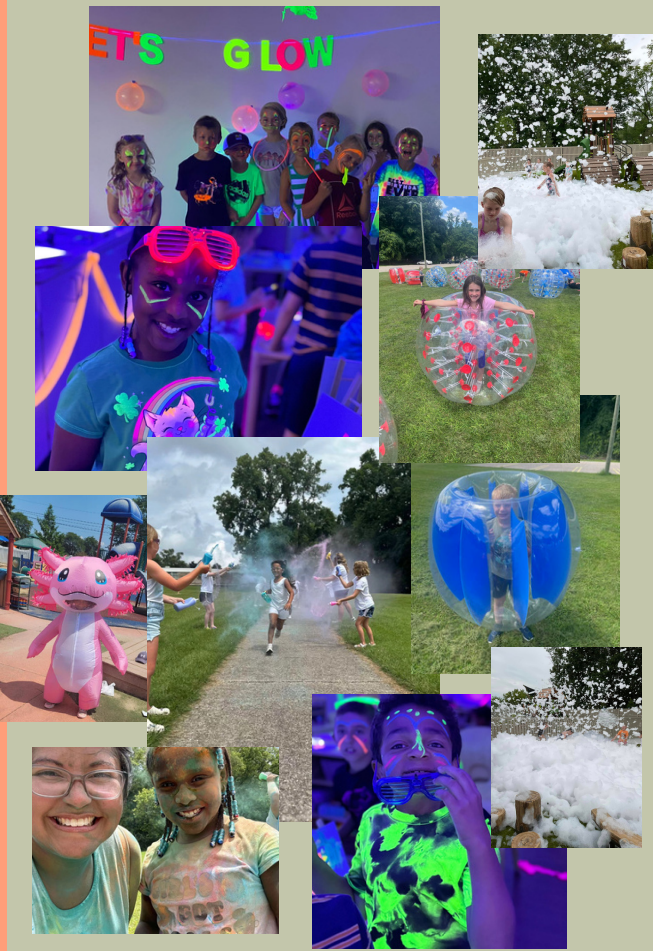
We have been having a blast with LT day campers this summer and introducing the new Day Camp 2.0! It has been an incredible summer filled with fun, learning, and exploration, and we are excited to spend a few more weeks with LT day campers!

Day Camp 2.0 consisted of:

- Foam Parties
- Axe Throwing
- Hungry Hungry Hippo
- Color Run
- Inflatable Costume Relays
- Knocker Ball Soccer
- Glow Parties & Art
- Movie Day on Giant Projector
- Twister with a Twist

We are heading into our final weeks of day camp and to finish up day camp 2.0, LT day campers were able to pick one 2.0 activity that they would like to bring back to their center again this month! We can't wait to finish out day camp 2.0 with foam parties, hungry hungry hippo, glow parties and axe throwing!

Check out some of the FUN we have had over the past couple months! To see more pictures, check out LT Facebook pages.



LT Gardens

CONTINUING TO THRIVE!

We are thrilled to share that our gardens are thriving, and the children are playing a big role in this success! The little ones have been actively involved in planting seeds, watering plants, and watching them grow. Their enthusiasm is infectious as they learn about the wonders of nature and the importance of caring for the environment.

It's amazing to witness their sense of accomplishment and joy as they harvest the produce. Our garden project is not just about growing plants; it's about growing minds and fostering a love for nature.



LT Farmers Markets

We are so excited to announce that our annual Farmers Market is BACK! One of our Core Values is "Teaching A Green Lifestyle" and we love taking it to the next level by hosting a Farmers Market for LT families. Our Farmers Market is completely free and a great opportunity for you to enjoy an evening picking out fresh produce with your family. We have purchased all the produce from a local farmer at Bentley Lake Farm located in Howell!

This is another way to thank LT families for choosing The Learning Tree to be a part of their child's life.

Another FUN addition we are bringing back to the Farmers Market this year is The Hive Food Truck! Last year, was a huge hit of all the families to try a delicious sweet and savory snack from The Learning Tree's very own food truck and we are thrilled to bring it back again this year. This is a gift from us to LT families, as a thank you for being a Learning Tree Family. There is no charge for the delicious, fresh, produce!

Stay tuned for Farmers Markets dates coming soon!



Read Aloud

IMPORTANCE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION!

When it comes to early education, reading aloud can be a very helpful and useful tool to help develop your child's education. Reading aloud is a great way to also engage as an adult with young children to get that adult to child interaction.

Not only does it give you the adult to child interaction but reading aloud also promotes language development and early literacy skills. It allows children to experience book handling and naming, understanding how certain stories work, recognition of sounds and letters, knowledge of a wide range of vocabulary and learning the ability to sit and listen. There are so many lessons you can learn from reading aloud and it doesn't necessarily have to be learning how to read.

Here are a few skills that children begin to learn through reading aloud:

- Builds motivation
- Builds curiosity
- Builds memory
- Helps children cope during times of stress and anxiety
- Takes children to places and times that they have never been - which enlarges and enhances their own personal worlds.
- Creates a positive association with books and reading

Overall, reading aloud is a great way to interact and teach children to learn at such a young age. It opens up their minds in ways that you can't with just toys or crafts. One huge thing that reading aloud teaches them is memory - when they hear a book that they absolutely loved they will remember exactly what was in that story and they can point that book out wherever they are. With that being said, reading aloud is truly amazing to a child's development!



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!

Haliagh LT-Howell 8.18
Kelsey LT-Howell 8.22
Alexis LT- Lyon Township 8.15
Jennifer LT-North 8.1
Sarah LT-North 8.23
Hannah LT-North 8.28
Rachel LT-South 8.9
Rania LT-West 8.2
Angelina LT-West 8.4
Kayla LT-West 8.28
Erin Regional Team 8.8
Ian Regional Team 8.14

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Kyla LT-Howell 1 year on 8.2
Hannah LT-Howell 1 year on 8.2
Shannon LT-North 3 years on 8.23
Rachel LT-South 1 year on 8.14
Rania LT-West 4 years on 8.10
Savanna LT-West 6 years on 8.13
Kayla LT-West 3 years on 8.16
Amy LT-West 9 years on 8.31
Karen Regional Team 26 years on 8.25
Jason Regional Team 7 years on 8.31

LET'S CELEBRATE!

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