

THE LEARNING TREE—PRE-SCHOOL with EXTENDED CARE



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CHILD CARE CENTERS

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The Learning Tree offers a hands-on preschool program for children 3 to 5 years of age who require all day child care. Our curriculum is designed to give well balanced, hands-on experiences that will help your young child grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, and physically. The Preschool with Extended Care Program provides a rich learning environment, as well as two snacks, a nutritious hot lunch and naptime.

Primary teachers are responsible for the daily needs of each child, providing consistency for children and their parents. Each primary group consists of 10 children and one teacher who will see that your child's physical and academic needs are being met.

Our preschool programs utilize the Illinois Early Learning Standards while planning weekly lessons and activities as well as monthly goals for the students. Portfolios are also used, in conjunction with the Illinois Early Learning Standards, as a means of informal assessment. A portfolio is kept for each child, containing projects, observations and photos marking their growth and development throughout the school year.

Each classroom is arranged into learning centers where children can interact with others and learn in a play-based setting. Centers include, but are not limited to, art, blocks, library, writing, science, table toys, dramatic play and sensory table.

Our 3 year old curriculum focuses on self-help skills. These skills will help to build a positive self image and independence which will help your child in their future learning experiences. Our 4 year old curriculum prepares children for kindergarten by providing activities which will encourage the pre-literacy and pre-math skills they will need to succeed in school.

The Learning Tree's theme-based, hands-on curriculum provides children with the tools they need to succeed in school. Our preschool program consists of large and small group activities, story time, music and movement, and open-ended art activities. Each day is filled with opportunities for children to make decisions, to plan and experiment and to learn important social and academic skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Preschool Class Sample Schedule:

Time	Activity
6:30-7:30	Table games & interest areas
7:30-7:50	Clean-up & story time
7:50-8:50	Free play, snack & easel/art activity
8:50-9:10	Clean-up time & bathroom breaks
9:10-9:30	Large group—calendar, stories, fingerplays, music & movement and theme related discussions/activities
9:30-9:50	Small group—theme related activities in math, science, fine arts, language arts, physical development & health and social-emotional development
9:50-10:30	Interest areas
10:30-10:45	Clean-up time & bathroom breaks
10:45-11:15	Outside time/large motor activity
11:15-11:40	Group game, story and get ready for lunch
11:40-12:15	Lunch
12:30-2:30	Naptime
2:30-2:45	Quiet wake up
2:45-3:35	Afternoon snack and open interest areas
3:35-4:00	Clean-up, group activity and bathroom
4:00-4:30	Outside time/large motor activities
4:30-5:15	Interest areas
5:15-5:45	Clean-up & story time
5:45-6:00	Table games
6:00	Center closes

Program Highlights:

- Hands-on learning
- Comprehensive preschool programs
- Kindergarten readiness
- Quality child care
- Self help and independence skills
- Daily highlights
- Monthly newsletters
- Loving, caring environment
- Teacher qualified staff
- Portfolios based on observations and work samples for each child.



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