

THE LEARNING TREE—PRESCHOOL



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CHILD CARE CENTERS

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The Learning Tree offers a three hour, hands-on morning preschool program for children 2 to 5 years of age. Our curriculum is designed to give balanced, hands-on experiences that will help your young child grow socially, emotionally, cognitively and physically. Program times, ages and days will vary at each of our centers, so please call The Learning Tree Child Care Center nearest you for more details.

Primary teachers are responsible for the daily needs of each child, providing consistency for children and their parents. The Learning Tree strictly follows the student to teacher ratios set forth by the Department of Children and Family Services. Each primary group has a 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 2-3 year old curriculum focuses on socialization and 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
9:00-9:10	Good Morning greetings, Independent literature time
9:10-9:30	Large group time: calendar, stories, fingerplays, music & movement, theme related discussions & activities
9:30-10:00	Small group time: Theme related activities in math, science, fine arts, language arts, physical development & health and social-emotional development
10:00-10:30	Outside time/large motor activities
10:30-10:40	Bathroom and hand washing
10:40-11:00	Snack time
11:00-11:00	Large group *planning time*
11:05-11:40	Interest Areas *do time*
11:40-11:50	Clean-up time
11:50-12:00	Story time & farewells

Program Highlights:

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

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