

# TLC - where kids come to learn and play!



## TLC Kindergarten

Everything you wanted to know - and more  
TLC website - [www.tlctrumbull.com](http://www.tlctrumbull.com)



*Starting Kindergarten is an exciting change for your child -- and for you! The TLC staff hopes to make this transition as smooth as possible.*

*The following "Frequently Asked Questions" may be of interest to you!*

**Inside, you'll find answers to such questions as:**

- ☺ Can my child ride on the school bus?
- ☺ Should I pack a change of clothing for my child?
- ☺ Are there any field trips during the day?

### **What activities are there during the day?**

There is a blend of structured and non-structured activities during the Kindergarten time slot at TLC. These may include: Arts & Crafts, Board Games, Outside Play, Music, Cooking and Story Time. See the sample schedule on page 4.

### **Do I pack lunch and snacks for my child?**

TLC will provide snacks while the children are at the center. You must, however, pack a lunch for your child. Please use ice packs to keep the food cool. All centers are equipped with a microwave,

and TLC staff are able to warm dishes for your children. At some of the TLC centers, Kindergarten children may purchase the hot lunch being served in the school cafeteria. Please check with your center's Site Director to see what is offered at your child's school.

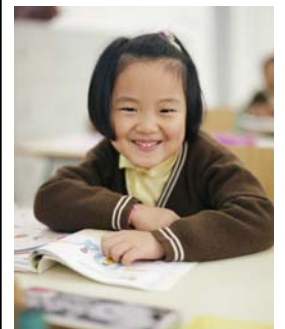
### **What type of snacks are served during the day?**

A variety of nutritious and "fun" snacks are provided at snack times. TLC makes every effort to follow good nutritional practices and to provide wholesome and healthy foods during the day.

There is always a choice of snacks each day. Typical snacks include: fruit, crackers, cereal and graham crackers, and there is always a juice drink or milk offered. Children are presented with quite a variety!

### **My child has food allergies. Can I send snacks in?**

Children with special eating requirements are encouraged to bring their own snacks. TLC staff will make sure that your child's special food is served at snack time. Please be sure to notify your Site Director of any allergies or eating restrictions.



### **Can my child ride on the school bus?**

Children who attend the morning session at TLC and go to school in the afternoon may ride to school on the 8:30 a.m. school bus if there is room. Likewise, children who attend the afternoon session at TLC and go to



school in the morning may ride home on the 3:20 p.m. school bus, again if there is room. The 8:30 and 3:20 buses already have designated stops on their routes. They do not make a special drop off or pick-up at the house of a Kindergartner who is returning home from TLC in the afternoon or a Kindergartner who is riding to TLC from home in the morning.

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### **If your child is not scheduled to attend TLC every day...**

Part-time TLC Kindergarten students may ride the 8:30 a.m. and 3:20 p.m. buses on their scheduled TLC days, again if there is room, **BUT** the Transportation Department **will not provide** a “middle-of-the-day” Kindergarten bus to your home from school or from your home to school on the days your child does not attend TLC. This means that if you register for less than 5 days of TLC Kindergarten care, you will lose your mid-day bus and will be responsible for dropping off or picking up your child to or from school at noon time. TLC works very closely with the BOE’s Transportation Dept. to provide the safest transportation for our students. Usually, in August, the BOE Transportation Dept. issues a School Bus Route Guide to all Trumbull families, which will list bus routes by school, and by route. Please check this guide to locate the closest pick-up/drop-off location to your home. The BOE Transportation Dept. may be reached at 203-452-4321.



### **My child is in the morning Kindergarten at school. How does he/she get to TLC?**

The TLC staff will accompany all Kindergarten children to and from their classroom to TLC. They will make sure that each child is at his or her classroom on time. The children will be collected from their classrooms after school is finished. Depending on the procedures at your child’s center, Kindergarten children arriving by school bus and going to TLC for the morning session are collected from the school bus and taken directly to the TLC center. Please talk to the Site Director at your center to determine what their procedure is.

### **If there is an activity at school during the morning, will my child be able to attend?**

TLC children may be invited by the school to attend any special activities or functions during the morning or afternoon. For example, a child attending PM Kindergarten at school, who is at TLC during the morning session may be able to attend these special activities during the morning. Please speak with your Site Director to see what happens at your center.

### **Should I pack a change of clothing for my child?**

On TLC days, we ask that you send a change of clothing for your child in their backpack to keep at the TLC center during the school year. Throughout the year, “accidents” can happen and a change of clothes may be necessary. During the winter months, we may enjoy making a snowman or playing in the snow, and a change of dry clothes may be necessary. At some centers during the last few warm months of school, water games are frequently played; if you do not wish for your child to participate, please let the Site Director know. We encourage outside play as much as possible, and weather appropriate clothing is necessary.

### **If my child is ill at school, can he come to TLC?**

TLC cannot keep a child who has been “sent home” by the school nurse. TLC must follow the State of CT guidelines for sick childcare. If a child becomes ill at TLC, we will contact the parent and request that the child be picked-up immediately.

### **Is there a rest or naptime for my child?**

While there is no actual “nap time,” we do have a “quiet time” for all our Kindergarten children. During this quiet time, children may watch a short video or read a book. We have cots available, and should a child wish to sleep, the TLC staff will make sure that they are comfortable.



### **Can my child bring toys or stuffed animals from home?**

We allow children to bring any stuffed animals and dolls from home. Our goal is to provide an environment where your child will feel comfortable and secure; bringing a favorite stuffed animal will go a long way to help your child adjust to new surroundings - but please make sure it is marked with your child's name! Also, please understand that toys do get broken or misplaced. Your child must understand that toys are shared by everyone at TLC; if a child cannot share a particular toy, it would be better that the toy is left at home. TLC staff will also determine whether or not a toy is appropriate for the center. Favorite videos, books and games are also welcome! However, please note that toy weapons of any kind are not allowed at the center.

### **Can I visit my child during the day?**

Parent participation in TLC is encouraged, but if your child is disrupted or upset by your visit (or more precisely, your leaving), we would recommend that you not visit during the regular school day. Older siblings attending school are welcome to drop by provided their visit does not upset the younger child.

### **Are there any field trips planned?**

The staff may take the children to play outside or for walks on the school grounds. There are no scheduled field trips during the regular school day. Some field trips may be planned on special holidays when your child is at TLC for an entire day (see Sign-Up Days in your Parent Handbook). On such occasions you will be informed in advance with details for the field trip, and you will need to grant permission for your child to attend the trip.

### **Are Kindergarten children separated from the older TLC children during the After School Program (3:20-6 pm)?**

While we do not separate the children by grade, the Kindergarten and first grade children tend to play games that do not interest the older children. At the centers where the 4th and 5th grade students attend the after school program, activities are planned to keep them separated from the younger children. TLC staff are always alert to any inappropriate activities, and "rough-housing" is not tolerated.



### **What happens if I am late picking up my child?**

We know that sometimes things happen to cause parents to be delayed in picking up their child. Please call the center if you are going to be late, and we will keep your child safe until your arrival. If you are late picking up on a regular basis, late pick-up monetary fines will be charged. You may be asked to leave the program. The Parent Handbook outlines in more detail TLC's Late Pick-up policy and applicable fees.



**We hope we have answered any questions you might have. Please do not hesitate to contact the TLC office at 203-452-9626, email us at [info@tlctrumbull.com](mailto:info@tlctrumbull.com) or speak to the TLC Site Director at your center.**

**We look forward to welcoming you and your family to the TLC family.**

### **TLC Center Phone Numbers**

TLC - Booth Hill  
386 - 0195

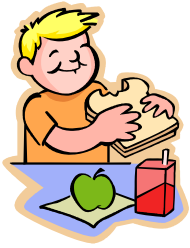
TLC - Daniels Farm  
459 - 1334

TLC - Frenchtown  
371 - 7055

TLC - Jane Ryan  
261 - 7244

TLC - Middlebrook  
459 - 8088

TLC - Tashua  
459 - 2966



## Morning Kindergarten Schedule



8:30 - 9:15 Opening Exercises/Circle Time  
Interactive Planned Activities

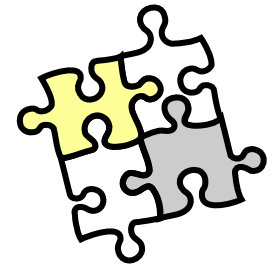
9:15 - 10:00 Snack/Free Play



10:00 - 10:20 Educational Activity



10:20 - 11:00 Arts & Crafts/Group Games  
Outside Play



11:00 - 11:30 Lunch/Free Play



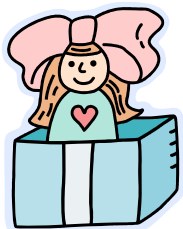
11:30 - 11:50 Story Time/Quiet Play  
AM/PM Kindergarten Transition

## Afternoon Kindergarten Schedule

12:00 - 12:30 Circle Time  
Interactive Planned Activities



12:30 - 1:00 Lunch/Free Play



1:00 - 1:40 Arts & Crafts/Group Games  
Outside Play



1:40 - 2:00 Educational Activity



2:00 - 2:20 Planned Activity/Story Time

2:20 - 3:20 Snack/Free Play

