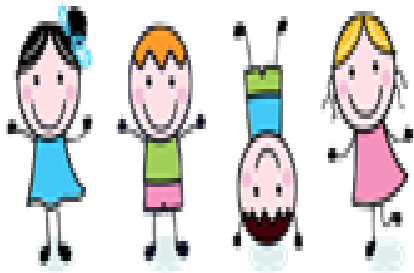


# WELCOME

## to kindergarten



## About the Teachers

### Miss Katie

Hello! My name is Katie Brown and I am very excited to be your child's kindergarten teacher this year. When I was a little girl and was asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, I remember always responding with a "teacher" from quite a young age. Growing up, I used to love playing school with my friends as well as lining my dolls or stuffed animals up to create a make-believe "classroom." I grew up in Doylestown, PA, and graduated from Central Bucks West High School in 2009. In 2013, I graduated from Cabrini University with a bachelor's degree in both elementary and special education. During the first few years of my career, I substitute

taught in local school districts and worked as a personal care assistant in Central Bucks School District. In 2018, I moved on to teach Pre-Kindergarten at Chesterbrook Academy in North Wales, PA, for three years and later kindergarten at The Goddard School in Doylestown for the 2021-2022 school year. Just recently, I joined the TLC family in June 2022 and have enjoyed working with the school-age summer camp for my first few months. I am looking forward to now teaching kindergarten here during the 2022-2023 school year, especially since I recently moved to Perkasi in 2021. I reside here with my husband Matt, whom I just married last year too.

Kindergarten is an important and exciting age for all children. It provides them with an opportunity to both learn and practice the essential social, emotional, problem-solving, and study skills which they will use throughout their academic careers. Kindergarten, also, plays a significant role in young children's development by giving them confidence, boosting their self-esteem, and teaching them how to interact with others. I look forward to getting to know each one of you and your children as we work together to prepare them first grade next year.

### **Miss Madison**

My name is Madison Rozum and I joined the TLC family in the fall of 2021. I started off as a floater, popping in and out of all of the classrooms, but had a soft spot for Pre-K which I chose to make my "home" last year. When a spot for kindergarten opened up, I was very excited to take it and start this new journey with your children. I have my Associate's Degree from Bucks County Community College in psychology. Currently, I am working towards getting my Bachelor's in both Special Education & Secondary English Education through Kutztown University. Prior to TLC, I worked at another local child care center and as a nanny for the same family for five years.

I love being a teacher because being around children always lights up my day. I have always loved children and watching them grow into their personalities. As somebody with a psychology degree, one of the most important things is a child's overall well-being. This includes physical development, mental development, and hitting all the necessary milestones. I am so excited to meet and watch your children grow this year. Nothing is better than hearing a bunch of kids calling your name in excitement that you are there for them.

## Schedule

6:45-8:40: Arrival, Free Play (drop-off procedure to be determined)

8:40-9:00: Morning Snack and Bathroom Break

9:00-9:20: Morning Meeting

9:20-11:00: Literacy Centers (phonemic awareness, writing workshop, guided reading)

11:00-12:00: Special and Gross Motor Time

12:00-12:40: Lunch

12:40-12:50: Bathroom Break

12:50-1:00: Independent Reading

1:00-1:30: Everyday Math

1:30-2:00: Learning Centers, Bathroom Break

2:00-2:30: Science/Social Studies

2:30-3:00: Pack-Up, Afternoon Snack, Bathroom Break

3:00-4:00: Free Choice Centers

4:00-4:45: Outdoor Gross Motor, Dismissal (afternoon pick up procedure to be determined)

\*subject to change

## Specials

Monday: Lil' Sports (be sure to send your child in wearing sneakers)

Thursday: Music

Friday: Computer Lab

## Curriculum

We use a combination of *Foundations*, *Being a Reader* and *Making Meaning*. We will use this curriculum and other strategies during our literacy block every morning.

The math curriculum is *Everyday Math*. For every section, you will get a letter with the concepts your child will be learning.

## Attendance

Every day attendance is very important in kindergarten. Your child will miss a lot in just one day. We do send attendance to the public school your child will be entering for first grade. If your child is sick or must miss a school day, please e-mail us or the office that morning to let us know. Our academic day starts promptly at 9 AM. Please be sure to arrive before then and leave enough time for your child to unpack.

## Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring toys to school. They can easily be lost or broken. The only time your child may bring a toy to school is for Show & Share Days. We do a special kind of Alphabet Show & Share which we will be sending home more information about.

## Tadpoles

Each day, you can read what we did in school on your child's Tadpoles report. Pictures of your child's day and reminders about upcoming events will, also, be available through Tadpoles.

## Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are held twice each year (fall and spring). More information will follow. Please feel free to get in touch with us anytime to discuss concerns or questions you may have.

## Field Trips

Kindergarten will be going on a few field trip throughout the year. Some are bus trips and others are walking field trips in the community. Permission slips will be sent home prior to the trips.

## Homework

Homework Packets will be sent home each Friday and will contain the homework for the week. Your child will receive a folder that goes home every night and returns to school the next day. These assignments will include literacy and math activities. Homework is due the following Friday and can be returned in their folder. Students are expected to be read to or read every night. You can record reading in the reading log. Every time your child reads, he or she will color in a picture. Once the month is over, please sign the log and return it to school. We, also, have a monthly family project that is to be completed together at home.

Homework is an important way to be involved in your child's learning.

Please support your child in doing the work, but do not do it for them. You can remind your child where or how to find the answers, but try not to jump in and give the answers.

## Take-Home Books

In the second half of the school year, your child will start bringing home short-leveled readers to practice their reading skills. More information will be sent home about this later in the school year.

## Supplies

The only thing your child will need is a backpack, lunchbox, and water bottle. The backpack should be large enough to hold a folder and lunch box. We will provide all other learning materials and school supplies.