



Welcome  
To  
Kindergarten

## Meet the Kindergarten Teachers

**Miss Kaite:** Hello! My name is Katie Brown and I am very excited to be your child's kindergarten teacher this year. I knew from the time I was a little girl that I wanted to be a teacher, and I am so thrilled that I get to pursue my dream. I grew up in Doylestown, PA and graduated from Central Bucks West High School in 2009. In 2013, I graduated from Cabrini College 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-K at Chesterbrook Academy in North Wales, PA. Later, I taught Kindergarten at the Goddard School in Doylestown. I joined the TLC family in June of 2022 and have enjoyed working in both the Kindergarten classroom and the Pre-K classroom over the summer. Kindergarten is a very 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 for first grade next year!

**Ms. Sam:** I have three girls: Macie, Paisley, and Kinsley. I currently attend Grand Canyon University where I am working towards my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. I was a stay at home mom for four years, but previous to that I was a paraprofessional with a company that worked with the IU. I worked with children who needed help with various behaviors. This work made me fall in love with being in the classroom and teaching young children. I worked with behaviorally challenged children for two years, and then worked with children who were autistic in Central Bucks. I also have experience with Head Start preschool-aged children. After I complete my Bachelor's degree, it is my plan to go for my Master's degree in Special Education. Special Education is my passion! I suffered during my schooling because of a lack of good Special Ed teachers, and I want to help young children to love school! I can't wait to get to know you and your child during this school year!

## Schedule

6:30 – 8:40	Arrival, Free Play
8:40 – 9:00	Morning Meeting
9:00 – 9:20	Morning snack and Bathroom break
9:20 – 10:45	Literacy centers, Intro to Foundations as a whole group and then break off into small groups
10:45 – 11:00	Social Emotional Curriculum
11:00 – 12:00	Special and Gross Motor Time
12:00 – 12:40	Lunch
12:40 – 1:00	Bathroom break and quiet activity time
1:00 – 1:40	Everyday Math and Calendar
1:40 – 2:15	Learning Centers and Bathroom Break
2:15 – 3:00	Science and Social Studies
3:00 – 3:30	Pack up, afternoon snack, bathroom break
3:30 – 4:00	Free choice centers
4:00 – 4:45	Outdoor Gross Motor
4:45 – 5:45	Dismissal from Fellowship Hall

\*Schedule is subject to change depending upon the needs of the children and staffing.\*

## 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.

This year, we will be introducing the *Second Step* curriculum kindergarten. This will help your children to build the foundation of their social and emotional skill development with hands-on, interactive activities.

## 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.