



# September



Sept. 6	SCHOOL CLOSED - Labor Day Holiday
7	Fall session begins
<b>7</b>	<b>PAYMENT #1 DUE</b>
7-10	School Unit- Life Skills Unit
13-17	Self and Family Unit & cont. with Life Skills
20-24	Johnny Appleseed Unit
27-10/1	Health Unit



**Learning Tree T-shirt Days for September: 10, 16, 24 & 30**

## Looking ahead...

<b>Oct. 4</b>	<b>PAYMENT #2 DUE</b>
<b>Oct. 19 &amp; 20</b>	<b>School Picture Days - There will be NO Make-up days (More info to come)</b>

We welcome all our new and returning students to our Fall program! We look forward to a wonderful and exciting year! We have two "Drop Zones" available for Drop Off and Pick Up. Current COVID restrictions require parents to do a quick drop off and pick up. NO lingering/visiting with friends in the building or on the playground. To reduce traffic inside, allow for appropriate distancing, and minimize outside exposure, we are requesting that you have only **ONE** parent do the drop off and/or pick up.

Drop Zone 1 is the Preschool Tots door and Drop Zone 2 is on the yard. ALL students arriving prior to 8:15am will go to Drop Zone 1. After that, PS/PK students will go to Drop Zone 2, and PS Tots and Roly Polys will go to Drop Zone 1. When dropping your student off, while waiting at the Drop Zone area, please confirm with the teacher that your child has not experienced any fever, cough, or shortness of breath within the last 24 hours. If you or your child are sick, please stay home. The first couple of weeks of school can be very busy and hectic as everyone settles into their routines, so please plan accordingly for parking, check ins, and overall school needs. Anyone entering the building over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask. As we kick off the school year, parents often have many questions, and we will do our best to assist everyone as quickly as we can. However, please be patient while we do our very best to get everyone helped.

We have many fantastic things planned and can't wait to experience them with our students and hopefully our parents, when allowed. Restrictions and allowances do tend to vary, so we may wait until later than usual to send out information about events while we watch for any changes. Please be patient. We will have a private Instagram page for our parents to follow, so please watch for more information. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to email, call or even come to the office and speak to someone. Also make sure to visit our website [www.LearningTreeLomita.com](http://www.LearningTreeLomita.com), for helpful information, reminders, and links to the newsletters.

## A FEW REMINDERS TO HELP THINGS RUN SMOOTHLY

When dropping off or picking up children, park only in designated parking spaces. Hold hands with your child and walk on the sidewalk. Always wear seatbelts and use car seats. Never leave children unattended in the parking lot. PARENTS - WATCH YOUR SPEED IN THE PARKING LOT. Also, the parking lot is not a safe place

for children to be playing as cars are constantly coming in and out. Our number one concern is the safety of your child. Please help us in keeping them safe by not letting them roam in the parking lot.

**\*\*\*Important Notice---**Never leave children in a car unsupervised!!! **“Kaitlyn’s Law,”** enacted by the California legislature in 2001, prohibits adults from leaving a child age six or younger in a car without the supervision of someone age 12 or older. Even if you think you’ll only be gone for a minute, don’t leave a child in your car unattended. For more information, visit [4rkidssake.org](http://4rkidssake.org).

**State Law requires that all children be signed in and out daily. The Learning Tree uses a computer system for checking in and out. If you haven’t already been fingerprinted, please stop in the office so we can help you. If you are having issues with your fingerprint, please let the office know asap and we can assign you a pin code instead. In the event that the computer system is down, there will be a paper log available, where FULL SIGNATURE and time of drop off/pick up are required. Both the computer and the paper log are in the foyer area. Only ONE person is allowed at a time at the check in station. Being that the computer is a high touch surface, please wash your hands or use the hand sanitizer AFTER you have checked in or out. If you use hand sanitizer or lotions immediately prior to scanning your finger, the system will not be able to read your fingerprint, and it may possibly break or ruin the scanner itself.**

Each family is given a personal pin code to unlock the front door. This pin code can be given to anyone who is authorized to drop off/pick up your child(ren) from school. If you enter your pin incorrectly, the door will NOT unlock. Please wait a moment for the keypad to reset, and then try it again. If you are having trouble, you can ring the doorbell and we can let you in. Please let the office know if you have not received your pin, or if you are having difficulties. \*\*\*\*Please do not allow children to touch the keypad and/or pull on the front door.

Currently parents and other visitors are **NOT** allowed in any of the classrooms while children and teachers are present. Parents may quickly enter the PS/PK classrooms in the late afternoon to get jackets or belongings **only** when the teachers and students are outside on the playground. However, please keep in mind that teachers have often sanitized and prepared their rooms for the following day, so we ask that you do not linger/touch things in the rooms. Children are never allowed in the rooms unsupervised, so if they need to go in to grab something from their cubby, you must accompany them. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

**Children who nap should bring a blanket or beach towel to lie on and a blanket to cover up with. All nap items MUST be contained in a bag that will fit neatly in the cubbies. Make sure names are on all items. Please take napping items home at the end of the week to be laundered.**

\*PS/PK Parents of FULL DAY students – please put your child’s nap blankets/extra clothes in their hallway cubby at drop off. Additionally, PS/PK students have bins on the rolling carts for their artwork, classwork, and homework (when applicable) down the hallway that leads to the playground door. Please do NOT take their pencil box home.

\*PS Tots and Roly Polys parents will hand all of their belongings to the teacher at the Drop Zone when dropping off. You can pick their art projects and classwork up from their bins in the hallway outside of the classroom. Blankets will be placed in the cubby hallway at the end of the student’s attendance week to take home.

If your child is a full day student, they will need a lunch. Please drop their lunch off on the lunch cart in their classroom. Preschool lunches go in Room 2 and Pre K lunches go in Room 3. If class is in session when you arrive, *please have your child bring their lunch into their classroom while you wait at the door.* Since children and teachers will be present at that time, please make your drop off quick. Please try to pack nutritious foods for them to eat. We do have microwaves for heating up food, so feel free to pack items that needs to be heated. No candy or junk food please. Remember to include utensils and ice packs to keep lunches cool. Please label everything!

Currently students over the age of 2 are required to wear a mask while at school. Please make sure that this is happening upon arrival. You may opt to keep a pack of disposable masks in their bin as a backup. Students are not required to wear a mask while playing on the playground, eating, and resting. If you would like your child to wear their mask during their playground time, please have a conversation with them about it, and let a teacher know. We will do our due diligence in reminding them to wear it. Please label your child's mask where it can be easily seen.

*Class hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please get your child to class by 9:00am and pick up  $\frac{1}{2}$  day students as close to 12:00pm noon as possible. Half day drop off begins at 8:50am. You will have a 5-minute grace period at pick up time. Checking in prior to 8:50am or checking out after 12:05 will assess the extended cost fees.*

### **Tuition payment options are as follows:**

**Option 1.** Pay the full 4-week tuition amount on the first day of scheduled attendance to receive discount. Payments received after the due date will be billed the actual tuition rate.

**Option 2.** Pay weekly on first day of scheduled attendance each week. Weekly payments not received on the first scheduled attendance day will be assessed a 10% late fee. \*Any additional charges/activities fees above your basic rate are to be paid with the first week's payment.

\*\*\*\*Regardless of option chosen, if payment is not received by the end of the week, your child may not attend the following week until tuition and late fee have been paid.

**Medications will not be given unless cleared through the office. Doctor prescribed medications must be in prescription containers with written directions along with a completed "Parent Authorization to Administer Medication" form. This can be done with Ms. Stacey Johnson, the opening teacher, or through the office. Medications will not be given unless these procedures are followed. MEDICATIONS MUST NOT BE PUT IN LUNCHBOXES, CUBBIES OR BACKPACKS. \*\*PLEASE DO NOT PUT HAND SANITIZERS, OINTMENTS, CREAMS, ETC IN THE STUDENT'S CUBBY OR LUNCHBOXES. Classrooms that are not equipped with sinks for handwashing have an ample supply of hand sanitizer for the students to use.**

As per our Sick Child Policy, if your child is at school and becomes ill, the office will call you to have them picked up. If you are called, please make sure to make every effort to arrive in a timely manner. If we are unable to get ahold of the main contact people, we will begin to call other your additional pick-up options.

All children must bring a refillable water bottle with them to school each day. We will happily refill water bottles as needed. PS/PK parents, please place their water bottle in their colored bin when dropping off. PS Tots and Roly Polys students can hand their water bottles directly to the teacher at Drop Zone 1.

Morning snack is available for all students. Afternoon snack is available for those children staying beyond naptime.

Stardreams Dance Class will be offered on Wednesdays or Thursdays, to our FULL DAY students only. There is an extra fee for this class that is paid directly to the company. Flyers with information and applications are available through the office. Spaces are limited and registrations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. Once classes are full, we will begin a waiting list.

Little Dragons Karate will be offered to our FULL DAY students ages 4 and up. There is an extra fee for this class that is paid directly to the company. Application fliers will be emailed out to eligible families. There are only 12 spaces available, so if you are interested, be sure to turn your application in right away. Once the class is full, we will begin a waiting list.

*When dressing your children for school, try to have them wear comfortable play clothes that are easy to pull up and down for restroom use. Children are encouraged to participate in all of the fun sensory motor explorations we have to offer and sometimes end up with paint (or other stuff) on their clothes. Tennis shoes or other closed-toed shoes are required for safety reasons. (CROCS are NOT allowed)*

T-shirt day is a designated day usually once a week when students can wear their Learning Tree shirts to school. Learning Tree Pre School, LLC T-shirts (\$10.00) are optional and can be purchased through the office.

***Students arriving at school before 7:45 will be able to bring breakfast to eat with Ms. Stacey Johnson. Due to supervision reasons, if arriving after 7:45, please have your child eat before coming to school. Any food brought to school must be in a container in a lunchbox.***

Reminder to parents and any new families that have just started, the Learning Tree discourages the passing out of goodie-bags to other students during holiday parties. The students have such a busy, fun day on these special occasions that they do not need extra "goodies". Also, some students do feel left out when they do not have something to pass out to their friends. We do however allow special snack or treats to be brought in for your child's birthday. Please let the office know ahead of time if you are going to bring in a special snack for your child's birthday so we have the opportunity to check the schedule for that day. Some ideas for a special snack: muffins, cookies, small cupcakes (as many students do not finish large ones) or you may want to try fruit or veggie sticks. ☺ **ALL ITEMS MUST BE STORE BOUGHT AND PEANUT FREE.**

## **The Learning Tree staff for the 2021-2022 school year:**

Silvia Mason	Director
Kamika Paxton	Assistant Director
Jennifer Johnson	PK Academics Teacher & Closing Teacher
Kareena Paxton	PK Art & Science Teacher
Susie Lozano	PK Indoor Music & Movement Teacher
Silvia Ravelo	PK Yard/Outdoor Teacher & Closing Teacher
Natalee Scott	PS Academics Teacher
Shonowa Villalobos	PS Indoor Music & Movement Teacher
Ruth Uribe	PS Art & Science Teacher
Chely Noriega	PS Yard/Outdoor Teacher
Stacey Johnson	PS Tots Caterpillars Teacher & Opening Teacher
Daisy Wiley	PS Tots Bumble Bees Teacher
Amanda Mangan	Roly Poly's Teacher
Lori Golembiowski	PS Tots AM/PM Assistant and Substitute
Lalis Reyes	PS/PK Floating Teacher and Substitute
Maria Chavez	PS Dragons Assistant
Alexis Velasco	PS/PK PM Assistant

