



"Bringing a world of opportunities right to your child's fingertips"

Coming to Little Sunshine Academy!

What Exactly is Little Techs?

Little Techs is a fun, innovative, educational program for our little learners. Every student in the Little Techs program will be provided his/her own iPad and class sizes never contain more than eight students. Each weekly class is thirty minutes in length and is based on the given educational theme for that week. For example, one week may be Alphabet/Phonetic Knowledge (associating ABC's to correct sounds); another week might focus on Early Math Skills (like addition, subtraction, sorting, and sequencing).

Little Techs believes in the "I do, We do, You do" philosophy of teaching. With that said, I am there every step of the way to model the various activities that are presented in each lesson. The small group atmosphere allows me to offer scaffolding (assistance) to each student as necessary.

Kindergarten is a time of growth, both socially and academically. As Little Techs, your children will be exposed to an enriched curriculum through the use of iPads. Research has proven that students in technology rich environments experience positive effects on achievement in all major subject areas. In addition, students' attitudes toward learning and their own self-concept improve consistently when technology is used for instruction.

Kindergarten is such an important year for our little ones, and I am happy to be a partner with you in your child's education and well being. - Tricia Bright

Who Teaches Little Techs?

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tricia Bright and I am the founder of Little Techs. I have had the privilege of working with students at both the primary and intermediate grade levels and genuinely love working with children. In addition to teaching kindergarten, I have spent a lot of time volunteering at the preschool and elementary school levels. While I love teaching kids of all ages, I found myself drawn to the "little people" and decided to focus my educational practices on younger students at the Pre-K/Kindergarten levels. I have my Permanent Teaching Certification (K-6) through the Florida Department of Education, and also hold a Bachelor's degree in Communications from USF.

My teaching experiences were full of learning new ways to challenge my students and broaden their learning experiences. One strategy that I found extremely helpful in the classroom was the use of technology. Even the most disengaged students could be drawn into a lesson with the use of technology.

Little Techs became my vision when I began working on the iPad with my youngest daughter, Jenna, who will be entering kindergarten next year. I had no idea how much she was going to love "playing" the educational programs on the iPad. The academic results were **AMAZING!** Jenna went from knowing the fundamentals of alphabetic identification and sound association to actually forming words, completing sentences and learning to read! I witnessed firsthand how quickly she was learning, and how much **FUN** she was having at the same time!

I want to share these successes with other children so that they too, can grow into capable, confident learners. That is where Little Techs comes in. I have taken the latest educational strategies, along with today's technological advances to develop Little Techs. My hope is that all of my "little techs" will have fun, while growing socially and academically so that they can achieve the greatest accomplishments that life has to offer them.



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