

## **VPK - FOUR YEAR OLD PROGRAM**

The Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program is funded by the State of Florida and is free to all participants who qualify by age and residency. The State reimburses TLC at the rate of \$4.54 per instructional hour and there are 540 hours in each program. The 2018-19 school year will begin August 20, 2018 and end May 24, 2019. The VPK Self-Pay rate is \$300/month with a non-refundable registration deposit of \$125.

### **The 5 day VPK Program:**

- Monday - Friday from 9:00 am until 12:10 pm
- 5 Day VPK children are eligible for any of our add-on programs

### **The 3 day VPK Program:**

- Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- 3 Day VPK children are eligible for Early Drop

### **Qualifications:**

- Students must be the required age of 4 or 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> and must provide a signed Certificate of Eligibility
- Students must be totally sufficient with regard to their own hand washing and bathroom needs
- VPK children participate in all school activities. Students participate in KinderGym, Art, and Chapel. There are also field trips and in-house presentations scheduled through the year.

### **Assessments**

The VPK children are assessed 3 times/year beginning in September. This a state requirement and you will be notified of the results via a parent letter published through the VPK Bright Beginnings website.

The first assessment is completed at the beginning of the school year and is used for a base line measurement in order to track growth.

The second assessment is completed in January. While this is not a required assessment, we at TLC prefer to use this assessment to see accomplishments and schedule parent conferences to show the improvements or discuss areas that still may need attention.

The final assessment is in April/May of the school year and you will receive a final parent letter with those results as well as a comparison of the assessments from throughout the year.

### **Attendance**

#### **Tardiness:**

Please make every effort to be on time each morning so that your child may receive the best benefit possible in the VPK program. Some teachers begin their lessons at 9:10, others may have free time during the morning hours. Regardless of the teaching schedules, your child is missing important time in the classroom with continued tardiness.

#### **Absenteeism:**

Excessive absenteeism may jeopardize funding and your continued participation in the program. Missing 3 or more days each month is considered excessive. **Monthly VPK attendance sheets will be displayed on the last school day of each month and need your signature to verify your child's attendance.**