

**Trinity Learning Center
Information and Registration Sheet
For Fall 2008**

Mission Statement:

We are a caring, Christian community that provides learning through play in a structured environment while nurturing the child's uniqueness and positive self-image.

Learning Philosophy:

We believe that through a partnership with the parents and children, and teachers, Trinity Learning Center provides a wonderful opportunity for early childhood learning and development. At three and four years old, the children are at an age of reaching out to discover the world around them. Some children run into that new world. Some are hesitant. Our role in your child's development is providing a safe environment for your child to discover and learn as they venture into that new world at their own pace. In our program, they learn and discover at their own pace, which will positively affirm their self-esteem and self-image.

We view play as the means in which the child can begin to develop a positive attitude about learning and discovery. The children are surrounded with other children while at play, so they learn social skills, such as sharing, personal respect and space, and conflict management. They also read books, have music lessons, go to the chapel, experience learning stations, engage in physical activities, perform show and tell, and make crafts. In all their activities there are specific learning objectives, which are always provided in a nurturing and encouraging environment.

Trinity Learning Center affirms each child as a child of God. Through our program, we share our faith by nurturing and caring for the children and accenting our lessons with Biblical examples and prayer time.

Learning Objectives

Our overall learning objectives are to provide opportunities for your child to develop socially, academically, and spiritually.

Your child will be in an environment where he or she will practice taking turns, respecting others, caring for possessions, and, if needed, will be encouraged to overcome the natural shyness and fear of social environments. The play and learning situations present developmental opportunity for your child to grow within a nurturing and caring environment.

In a non-threatening environment, every child is encouraged to read, count, talk in front of groups, classify and sort objects, and write. We present the opportunities for your child's social, academic, and spiritual development, while allowing your child to grow at a pace that is comfortable and affirming.

As a Christian learning center, we present opportunities for your child to become familiar with Biblical Stories and the love that Jesus Christ has shared with us. We present the Christian faith at the children's level by introducing them to prayer, Christian songs, reading Bible Stories, and weekly Chapel visits with the Pastor. We teach the basis of our faith with the example of love that we find in Jesus Christ.

Kindergarten Readiness Objectives

Included in our curriculum are the kindergarten readiness expectations of the public elementary schools. They are:

- A child will write his/her first name with the first letter capitalized and the rest of the letters in lower case.
- A child will recognize the colors of red, blue, yellow, green, orange, purple, brown, black, white, grey, and pink.
- A child will recognize the following shapes: Circle, triangle, square, rectangle, oval, and diamond.
- A child will count to ten.
- A child will care for himself/herself in the following areas: bathroom, snack, coat, backpack, zipper, and buttons.
- A child will demonstrate the appropriate attention span for an activity.
- A child will have experiences with a pencil, crayon, and scissors.
- A child will follow simple two-step directions.
- A child will have many experiences with printed materials.
- A child will recognize upper case and lower case letters. He/she will recognize some letter sounds.

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Registration Form and Process

Thank you for considering Trinity Learning Center for the social, academic, and faith development of your child.

Eligibility:

Your child must be three-years old as of September 1, 2008 for the three-year old class or four-years old as of September 1, 2008 for the four-year old class. Each child must be potty trained before the first day of school (wearing pull-ups is not acceptable).

Registration Fees:

There is a \$50.00 per child, per year non-refundable registration fee due with each application.

Starting School:

An updated Maryland State Health Inventory and Maryland State Health Immunization report is required for each child by the first day of school.

Monthly tuition fees are \$80.00 for the three-year old class and \$95.00 for the four-year old class. Tuition is due on the first of each month. Please make checks payable to Trinity Learning Center (TLC).

Submitting Registration Application:

The registration of the children is open to the whole community. The registration material will be mailed or handed to the currently enrolled children on February 19, 2008. It will also be available on the Church website: www.tlcsmithsburg.com (TLC button). The forms are to be completed and submitted in person on registration day, Wednesday, March 26th, 2008 for the three year old class and Thursday, March 27th, 2008 for the four year old class. Times for both days will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Upper Sunday School Room of the Church located on Main St. Mail in registrations will still be acceptable and will be opened and processed after 12:00 pm on Thursday.

On registration day, we will begin to fill up classes based on a first come first serve basis. The students currently enrolled and members of Trinity Lutheran Church who register on that day will have priority in their placement. We will send a notification of your placement on or before April 6, 2008.

We encourage parents to include a second choice because there may be changes in registration that would open up other placement opportunities.

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Registration Form
2008-2009 School Year**

Please register _____
Last Name First Name Name Called

Please mark first choice and second choice. If you do not include a second choice, we will assume that you can only accept your first choice.

In the Three Year Old Class:

____ Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 to 11:00 am
____ Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 to 2:00 pm

In the Four Year Old Class

____ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Class 8:30 to 11:00 am
____ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Class 11:30 to 2:00 pm

Parent's names _____
Father's Name Mother's Name

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____ Child's Birth Date: _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Work Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Church Affiliation _____