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- where fun, laughs and learning begin -

Tri-Valley Pre-K

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WELCOME



We would like to welcome you to the Tri-Valley Little Vikings School program. We hope to work with each of you throughout the year to better your child's learning experiences. We look forward to getting to know you and your child throughout the upcoming year.

PHILOSOPHY

We at Tri-Valley believe that children should be in a safe, healthy, nurturing, and stimulating environment. We also believe that education should encompass the whole child through social, emotional, and academic learning. Finally, we believe that children learn best through discovery, exploration, and hands-on activities.



CLASSROOM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Our classroom goals and objectives are based on the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards and focus on *The Creative Curriculum* learning framework. This framework is based on theory and research in the early childhood field. It encompasses five components: How Children Develop and Learn, The Learning Environment, What Children Learn, The Teacher's Role, and The Family's Role. Within these, students develop skills and dispositions to be life-long learners. They learn and grow as they engage in a variety of whole group, small group and independent activities utilizing eleven interest centers.

The Creative Curriculum Objectives for Development and Learning

Literacy

1. Writes Name
2. Identifies Upper and Lower Case Letters
3. Uses Letter-Sound Knowledge
4. Demonstrates Phonological Awareness
5. Orients a Book Appropriately
6. Retells Stories



Mathematics

7. Orally Counts
8. Identifies Numerals
9. Counts Objects Using 1-to-1 Correspondence
10. Understands Concepts of More, Less, Equal
11. Understands Shapes



Cognitive

- 12. Identifies Eleven Basic Colors
- 13. Engages in Socio-Dramatic Play

Physical Skills

- 14. Fine-Motor
- 15. Traveling
- 16. Ball Skills



Science and Technology, Social Studies, The Arts

* concepts will be introduced and explored

Learner Characteristics

- 18. Striving for Excellence
 - On Task
 - Prepared
 - Persistent
- 19. Respectful
 - Mindful
 - Collaborative
 - Kind and Caring
 - Honest
- 20. Involved in Learning
 - Academically Responsible
 - Opportunistic
 - Engaged
 - Independent

Physicals



Every child who attends Little Vikings School needs to have a current physical and immunization record on file. The school nurse will look over these to make sure everything is complete.

Birth Certificates

Every child who attends Little Vikings School needs to have a copy of his/her certified birth certificate on file.

Emergency Information

It is very important that we have current emergency information so we can contact you in case of any emergency. Please make sure you have two additional emergency contacts listed. Let us know immediately if this information changes.

Potty-Training

Students entering Pre-K must be toilet trained before attending. Children must be wearing **underwear**. A child having multiple accidents would not be considered toilet trained. Please note that **wearing pull ups is NOT considered toilet trained**.



Parent Connection

A very important part of your child's education is the bond between home and school. Little Vikings School is a great time to lay the foundation for working together to provide the best learning experiences for your child. It is vital that you agree to attend parent meetings and other school events.

Drop Off/Pick Up Information

Please drop off and pick up your child on the east side of the elementary building. Teachers will assist your child in this procedure. **Please do not arrive before 8:10** if your child is in the AM session as this will interfere with the bus drop off procedure for older students. Please be prompt in picking up your child, particularly in the **PM session at 2:45** or we will interfere with the bus pick up of older students. **PLEASE WAIT IN YOUR CAR** with your child and the teachers will assist your child to and from the building. With EVERYONE'S cooperation and patience, we should be able to make this process run as smooth as possible. Please notify us if there is a change in the individual picking up of your child—we will not release your child to someone we do not know or have not been given prior consent. Please share the procedures with everyone picking up your child as well. ***Late pick up fee: \$10 for every 5-minute increment of time after closing.**



Car Seat/Booster Seat

Please transport your child (and other children in your vehicle) in the appropriate car seat or booster seat as required by law. All school personnel working with your child are mandated DCFS reporters, which requires us BY LAW to report incidents of suspected or witnessed abuse, neglect, or child endangerment. Please do not put us in this very uncomfortable position of having to make a DCFS report on behalf of your child due to inadequate or inappropriate safety restraint. Thank you for your cooperation in this—we all want your child to be safe.

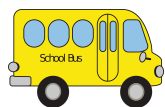


How to Contact Us

We anticipate that you will have questions and concerns about your child from time to time. Please understand that we are not available for conversations at drop-off and pick-up times because we must devote all of our attention to the

children. You may send a note with your child, text, email or call the school at 378-2031 and leave a message with the office. We will return your email, text or call as soon as possible.

Field Trip Form and Field Trips



When possible, we will take as many parents as are willing to chaperone. Parents must provide their own transportation to field trip locations. Because you are responsible for a small group of students, **SIBLINGS ARE NOT ALLOWED** on field trips. See the elementary handbook for more information.

Illness

Little Vikings School is a program for well children. Your child will not feel like participating and may expose classmates to a contagious sickness if he/she:

- Has a fever or has had a fever within the last 24 hours
- Has vomited within the last 24 hours
- Has infected (yellow or green) secretions from nose or eyes
- Has rashes of a suspicious nature

Little Vikings School will follow COVID protocols as set by the district for our students.

Please do not send your child to Little Vikings School if you think they are ill. If they become sick at school, we will call immediately. We will try to make your child as comfortable as possible while they wait for your arrival.

Absence

If your child will not be in school, it is important to call before 9:00 a.m. and let us know. The school number is 378-2031. Teachers also appreciate an email or text if your child will be absent so we know when unloading students.

Inclement Weather

Snow Days—we will follow the same schedule as the rest of the school district. If Tri-Valley calls off school, Little Viking School will NOT be in session either. Please listen to WJBC (AM 1230) or register for email notification on the Tri-Valley website.

Tornado Warnings—We will take cover in the hallway with the older students.



Birthdays

Students may bring treats to celebrate their birthday. **Birthday Treats** need to be pre-packaged, individually wrapped, store-bought items.



Water Bottles, Snacks

Students are asked to bring a refillable water bottle **(filled with water only)** daily.

Please write your child's name on the outside of the bottle. We will typically have a **snack** daily (AM and PM).

Quiet Time

The full and extended day students will have at least a 45-minute quiet time each day over the lunch bridge. Students will have a cot assigned to him/her. Cots will be sanitized daily.

PTO

Tri-Valley Elementary has a very active PTO. Little Vikings School families are invited and encouraged to be active in PTO. Many of our parent education programs and family events have been held in collaboration with PTO.

Tri-Valley Discipline Policy*

All classroom rules and regulations are designed to help free children for creative work. The key to good discipline is that it is done in love. Discipline will be primarily preventive in nature, guiding the child in personal growth.

However, should corrective discipline be necessary, it will be administered as follows:

Step 1: Non-verbal warning

Step 2: Redirection

Step 3: Verbal Warning

Step 4: Second Verbal Warning

Step 5: Logical consequences of behavior such as losing the privilege to play with a toy that is not being played with appropriately, removal of child from activity to sit for up to one minute per year of age followed by a reminder of the choice made and suggestions for a more appropriate choice to be used next time.

Immediate removal from an activity may take place in the event of incidents such as hitting, biting, kicking, etc. We encourage open communication between teacher and parent to be able to work together on more serious individual discipline problems should they arise.

*Use of corporal punishment of any kind is prohibited.