

Lakeland's Little Learners
4K-2
September 2023



Meet the Teachers:

Hi! My name is Ms. Nicole and I am so excited to be your child's teacher in Room 4K-2. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from National-Louis University in Chicago. I have been teaching for over 11 years. I am so excited to be teaching 4K this year. In my free time, I enjoy reading, puzzles, and doing crafts with my children. Some of my favorite things are Starbucks, Spiderman, Green Bay Packers, snowmobiling, and going to the zoo. I look forward to getting to know your child this year!



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Ms. Jacintta

Hello, I am Ms. Jacintta. I have enjoyed working with children for close to a decade in a variety of environments. During my spare time, I enjoy art, reading, outdoor photography, and spending time with my family, friends, and my two cats. I am excited to get to know your child and am looking forward to laughing, playing, and learning together.

Procure:

Procure is a childcare app that we use as a tool to communicate with our families. The Procure app is also used to sign children in and out of the class. There is a calendar for all special events. You should receive an email with a 10-character code to sign up for your class.

Arrival and Departure:

4K starts at 8:35 and ends at 11:20. **4K Only Students, Car Riders:** Please walk your child to our outside classroom door when you arrive. The door has a big number 5 on the window. Please try not to come to the classroom until shortly before class starts. At the end of our 4K morning, we ask that parents again come to our outside classroom door for pickup. I will dismiss your child to you when we finish our goodbye song. **4K Only Students, Bus Riders:** Ms. Terry will meet your child at the bus and walk the children to our classroom. At the end of the day, the bus riders will walk as a group with Ms. Terry to get back on the busses to go home. **4K Students with Before or After Care:** If you have arranged to bring your child before 8:35 for childcare, you will come in the main entrance of our building and look for the door with the 4K-3. Your child will stay there until the start of 4K, at which point a staff member will walk with your child to our classroom. Any child staying for childcare when 4K ends, will have lunch and nap right in our room. Up until 3:30, you can pick your child up at our #5 classroom door. If you are picking your child up after 3:30, please enter our building through the main doors and pick up your child in the 4K-3 classroom.

We will start our 4K day out on the playground, so if you arrive after 8:35 and do not see us in our classroom, please follow the sidewalk around to the back of the building and walk with your child out to the playground. Be sure to say hello when you arrive on the playground, so we know your child has joined us.

Our Day:

LLL's philosophy is learning through play. Our room is set up with many fun and educational learning centers to explore. These centers include science, art, blocks, fine motor, writing, dramatic play, library, and math. We will sing songs and read stories, all while learning skills and concepts. Children will be involved in many hands-on activities throughout the morning that provide opportunities for learning. Your child's morning will be spent in meaningful, intentional play. We will begin our school year with an All About Me theme. Some of our first activities will be drawing self-portraits, identifying and practicing writing our names, cutting shapes to make houses, and graphing our favorite color.

Take-Home Folders:

Lakeland's Little Learners will be providing each child with a vinyl folder that will travel from home to school in your child's backpack. Check this folder for communication from school every day and put it back in the backpack to return to school the next day. Likewise, if you have a note for us, please put it in the folder and we will check the folder every morning.

Snacks:

Lakeland's Little Learners will provide a healthy snack and milk every day for the children. Please be sure to let us know of any allergies.

Labeling:

Please be sure to label all your children's items such as backpacks and jackets. When winter arrives, snow pants and boots should also be labeled. This helps us out tremendously!

Extended Care:

If your child is signed up to stay for lunch and nap, we eat lunch right in our classroom at 12:00 followed by a nap/rest time. Please send a crib size sheet and blanket at the beginning of each week. We will send these items home each Friday to be laundered.

Birthdays:

Your child is welcome, but not obligated, to bring in a birthday treat on his or her birthday. Please check with us regarding any allergy restrictions.

Star of the Week:

Every child will get a chance to be the Star of the Week. We will let you know ahead of time which week your child will be featured along with instructions for their special week. Please note, when it is your child's turn to be the star, they will have a chance to bring items from home for show and tell. We ask that at all other times, toys be kept at home.

Important Dates:

- Tuesday, September 5 – First Day of School
- Monday, Sept. 11 & Tuesday, Sept. 12 – Vision & Hearing Screenings
- Monday, September 18 – Grandparent's Day
- Wednesday, September 20 – No 4K
- Monday, September 25 – Kringle Candle Fundraiser begins

Please note: There will be no 4K on the 3rd Wednesday of every month due to Teacher Inservice.

Friday News:

Every Friday you will receive an emailed copy of our classroom newsletter. If you would rather receive a paper copy, please let us know.

"Children need the freedom and time to play. Play is not a luxury. Play is a necessity." Kay Redfield Jamison

