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TLE® Doylestown, PA has been awarded center of the season for its incredible implementation of the TLE® curriculum, positive energy and continued growth. On-site owner Jennifer Eckfield and her charismatic team of educators make it a point to ensure that every child leaves the center each day with a smiling face and something new that they have learned. The center’s warm, loving atmosphere has led to incredible relationships and experiences between the TLE® Doylestown staff and families. The center’s involvement in the community is top notch and includes philanthropy initiatives such as an annual Fill the Bus food drive for the underprivileged and a child focused concert series free for families in the area this summer. We congratulate TLE® Doylestown, PA for being recognized as Center of the Season!

The Preschool 2 classroom at TLE® Crest Hill, IL has grown leaps and bounds this school year. As you enter the classroom, the learning that has taken place is displayed through a collection of vibrant bulletin boards and craft projects. Each month, the preschoolers bring the curriculum theme to life in imaginative ways. We are very proud of our Preschool 2 students and their teachers, Ms. Marsha and Ms. Ashley for being awarded classroom of the season!

Preschool 1 teacher, Elizabeth Aguilar, has been with TLE® Humble, TX since their opening in fall 2014. Ms. Elizabeth has created a remarkable learning environment for the children, keeping them engaged and enthusiastic throughout the day. All aspects of the curriculum are evident throughout the PS1 classroom and her creative spirit lends itself to making outstanding curriculum displays throughout the center. Ms. Elizabeth also acts as a mentor to her peers through hands-on training initiatives. She is a wonderful asset to the TLE® family and we congratulate her on being awarded Teacher of the Season!

If you wish to nominate a center, teacher or classroom to be recognized in a future edition of the Bubbles Bugle, please send an email to bubblesbugle@tlecorp.com, and indicate which award you would like to be considered for and why.
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Children of TLE Edison, NJ learn a traditional African dance while playing various instruments!

Preschool 3 students of TLE Wayne, NJ create art out of recycled materials!

This little one of TLE Bordentown, NJ has fun celebrating Dr. Seuss’s birthday!

Children of TLE Lake Worth, FL work together to plant 3 flower beds and a vegetable garden!

Preschool 2 students of TLE Woodbridge, NJ dress as their favorite book characters during “Read to Me” month!

Young philanthropists from TLE Hackensack, NJ raised $2,000 through a bake sale to support the YCS Holley Center!

M.C. Blue, MCIA’s recycling robot, visits the children of TLE North Brunswick, NJ to teach them all about the importance of recycling!

Students of TLE Waldorf, MD held a block party, raising $1200 for juvenile diabetes and the Special Olympics!

TLE Waldorf, MD model their “recycled” creations during the center’s fashion show!

Twaddlers of TLE Doylestown, PA love outside playtime!

TLE Roseland, NJ participated in the March of Dimes Walk in Bloomfield, NJ and raised $350 for the cause!

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Spring fun at TLE Warminster, PA!
Going Green

April 2015
I Could Be...

May 2015
Teacher Appreciation Week

TLE Mansfield, NJ

TLE River City, FL

TLE Tinton Falls, NJ

TLE Warren, NJ

TLE Hamilton, NJ

TLE North Brunswick, NJ

TLE Hillsborough, NJ
The Summer Slide

MEGHAN KELLY

“The Summer Slide” isn’t just a fun apparatus that can be found in your backyard; this term also refers to the academic regression some children could have due to their brains being at rest during the summer months. It is important to continue to expose our children to academics during this time as we know that a child can lose up to 2.6 months of mathematical and up to two months of language learning, hence creating the “summer slide.” It is said that summer programs aid in closing these gaps. At TLE® we understand this, and it is the main reason why we offer an academic curriculum year round.

During summertime at TLE®, children are exposed to subjects ranging from science to art to gross motor and the all-important language and mathematical skills. Don’t worry: the children also have plenty of time for free play, visiting with special guests, and playing outside in the water.

Some children are lucky enough to spend these months at home with a parent, grandparent, or other guardian. Whether or not you and your child fall into this category, you can help prevent the downward slide by following some of the helpful hints below:

1. Allow your young child to select the books he or she wants to read as your child is more likely to hone in on his or her reading skills this way.
2. Make summer snacks! Cooking activities are a great way to bring in literacy, math, and creative expression.
3. Take field trips. Visit the zoo, park, library, aquarium, or local children’s museum.
4. Read aloud to your child. You can also listen to audio books!
5. Get into nature!
6. Create a summer job for your child to help boost work and life skills.
7. Volunteer and give back to your local community.
8. There’s an app for that! There are tons of educational apps made for young children. Have you downloaded Bubbles U?
9. Ask your child’s teacher for summer academic activities.
10. PLAY! Whether outside or recreating a unique science experiment that you found on Pinterest, all of the above ways will help keep your child’s mind sharp during the summer.
Incorporating Math with Summer Fun!

Share TLE® Best Practices for Integrating Math Strategies at Home Throughout the Summer Months.

Summertime = Fun Time! This might be a common phrase that comes to mind, but have you ever considered “Summertime = Math Fun Time!” for a starting point of summer adventures? At TLE®, your child has opportunities to explore exciting math concepts every day! In this article, it is our goal to provide you with ideas and strategies for opening the door of math fun to your child, no matter what adventures you may experience this summer!

First, let’s focus on the importance of having an attitude for math adventure! Young children will follow our lead. When we begin by setting a foundation for making math exciting, fun, and engaging, we open the door for a child to develop a positive attitude for learning math concepts. Observe math all around you with your child while you’re in the car, waiting in line, swimming at the pool, or even playing at the beach. Look for items to count, patterns to recognize, number words, shapes on display, and sizes of items to name a few. By creating a game with math concepts, you are helping your child see math as fun and something they believe they can accomplish.

We know summer can be a time where schedules may be different, trips may be planned, and playing outside may be even more relevant for your child. With these factors in mind, envision ideas for incorporating a math game into your active summer routines. A best practice that is recognized at TLE® and can also be applied at home is called a “teachable moment.” A teachable moment refers to an opportunity that naturally occurs where an element of learning is recognized. It’s not necessarily planned in advance but provides an opportunity to help a child recognize what he or she is learning. Teachable moments can also be connected with math skills – for example, watching fireworks in the sky and recognizing the color patterns or counting the ducks that you see nearby while on a family picnic. Overall, we hope that the exciting world of math becomes even more alive for your child as he or she continues to “Learn, Play, and Grow!” with TLE® this summer!
Miss Chievous wants to go surfing with Bubbles the Elephant! Help her choose the path that leads to her surfboard.
Making Early Learning Fun with a Summer Reading List

By: STiR COMMUNICATIONS

With the dog days of summer in full swing, many parents find themselves looking for creative ways to entertain their children. A great way to entertain - and foster learning in the summer - is through the creation of a reading plan.

Reading is a tremendous way to spend quality time with your child, expand their imagination, teach new lessons and prepare them for a classroom setting. It has been proven that this simple but important act decreases children’s anxiety about school, increases the retention of prior lessons learned, and develops confidence.

Here are a few ideas and tips on how to engage your child while reading to broaden the imagination and enhance the experience for both of you:

- Use a calendar to check off your child’s reading accomplishments.
- Create fun awards and celebrate each time you and your child read a new book.
- Empower your child by allowing him or her to pick any book that is age appropriate.
- Promote interaction by asking questions beyond the story topic.
- Take imaginary trips; pretend you are going to the moon and back, on a train going through the mountains, or on a boat headed down the river. Create your own props to bring the journey to life.

Most importantly, the moments spent between you and your child will last far after the summer season changes.
Here are some recommendations from our TLE® educational specialists for age-appropriate books to incorporate into your child’s summer reading list:

**Birth – One:**
- Eric Carle Board Book Set
- *Twinkle, Twinkle: An Animal Lover’s Mother Goose* by Bobbi Fabian
- Black on White Board Books and White on Black Board Books
- Books with Textures

**One – Two:**
- *I Spy Little Books* by Jean Marzollo
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Little Blue Truck* by Alice Shertle
- *Little Blue Truck Leads the Way* by Alice Shertle
- Simple Board books with colors, numbers, and shapes

**Two’s:**
- *Down by the Barn* by Will Hillenbrand
- *You Are (Not) Small* by Anna Kang
- *My Truck Is Stuck!* by Kevin Lewis
- *Pete the Cat Series* by Eric Litwin

**Three’s:**
- *Gilbert Goldfish Wants a Pet* by Kelly DiPucchio
- *I’m My Own Dog* by David Ezra Stein
- *Work an Occupational ABC* by Kellen Hatanaka
- *Pigeon Series* by Mo Willems

**Four’s:**
- *Telephone* by Mac Barnett
- *Scary Mary* by Paula Bowles
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywait
- *The Salamander Room* by Anne Mazer and Steve Johnson
- *The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown
- *What Pet Should I Get?* by Dr. Seuss *Pre-order on Amazon
- *Olivia Series* by Ian Falconer

**Five’s:**
- *The Book with No Pictures* by B.J. Novak
- Madeline Series by Ludwig Bemelmans
- My First Little House Series by Laura Ingles Wilder and Renee Graef
- *Enemy Pie* by Derek Munson and Tara Calahan King
- *Henry Series* by D. B. Johnson
- *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires
As we embark on an adventurous summer, Bubbles the Elephant wants to remind you of a few helpful safety tips:

- Always remember sunscreen! Leave labeled sunscreen at the center for your child. Complete a Sunscreen Authorization Form to ensure application. Apply sunscreen to your child before leaving your home in the morning. It will be reapplied before afternoon outside play. If you prefer that your child does not have sunscreen, please complete a written communication form specifying this request. Don’t forget to bring a little sun hat if you have one!

- Summer is a fun time for water play! On water play days, please make sure your child comes to school wearing a bathing suit and safe, well-fitted/enclosed water shoes. The playground can get slippery, and safe water shoes are crucial!

- On water play days, make sure your child has a towel labeled with his/her first and last name and a labeled bag. This bag will be used to bring your child’s wet clothes home after each use. Towels, swimsuits, and water shoes will not be stored at the center overnight.

- Crocs, flip flops, and open-toe sandals are dangerous when it comes to summer fun at school. Please have your child wear closed-toe sneakers or shoes to protect his or her precious little feet!

- Ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the outside weather, but also provide a sweatshirt in his or her cubby in case your child gets cool during inside time. A full change of weather-appropriate clothes (including undergarments) must be available in your child’s cubby at all times.

- Remember to keep everything labeled with your child’s first and last name!

- Back to school is quickly approaching! Now is the time to make sure your child’s immunizations and physicals are up to date. If applicable, please update your child’s special health care plans and on-site medications.

Summer is a magical time of good old-fashion fun. Let’s stay safe with Bubbles the Elephant!
Sunglasses

Fold along the dotted line.

Color.
Cut.
Wear.
The summer is the perfect time to begin preparing for back to school and the prime time to update your TLE® records!

**TLE® Back-to-School Parent Prep List:**

- **R** Confirm annual registration fee.
- **R** Complete annual physical (if required).
- **R** Update immunization records.
- **R** Provide management with updated/current contact information.
- **R** Sign up for Autopay (at participating centers only).
- **R** Pick up the supply list for your child’s new classroom.
- **R** Visit your local library with your child. Check out books about going back to school.
  - *Little School* by Beth Norling and *I Am Too Absolutely Small for School* by Lauren Child are great back-to-school reads for little ones!
- **R** Maintain routine, and get excited about the new school year.
The Learning Experience® is proud to announce our participation in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation’s (JDRF) One Walk event. The event, which took place on Saturday, March 28, 2015, received tremendous feedback as it raised $6,495 for the cause. Employees from the TLE® corporate headquarters in Boca Raton, FL and their families participated by walking two miles along with other JDRF supporters at the Mizner Park Amphitheater.

JDRF remains one of the most cost-effective agencies in the world with more than 8% of expenditures supporting research and research-related education. The ratio is above industry standards and illustrates the efficiency with which JDRF works to achieve its goal of finding better treatments and a cure for type 1 diabetes.

In line with our corporate social responsibility efforts, this year marks the second year since TLE® launched the first nationwide curriculum to teach philanthropy to preschoolers. The curriculum focuses on advancing the required skills to properly effect social change and is incorporated into the lessons taught at every TLE® center.
In the month of February, TLE® centers across the country came together to support charity through the

3rd Annual
BeCause Our Hearts Beat
Art Auctions.

Thank you for your support in helping us raise over $21,800 in the BeCause Our Hearts Beat Art Auctions for the Make A Wish Foundation and other charity-based organizations!
Quick, easy & yummy!

Bubbles' Summer S'Nack Recipes

Colorful Fresh Fruit Pops

What you will need:
- 2-3 kiwis, peeled and sliced
- 1 pkg fresh strawberries, sliced
- 2-3 tangerine oranges, peeled and sliced
- 1 pkg fresh blueberries
- Coconut water
- Popsicle mold

Instructions:
1. Add cut up fruit to popsicle mold — it’s ok if there are spaces. You don’t want the fruit to be packed too tightly.
2. Pour in coconut water until it reaches the top of each popsicle mold.
3. Freeze the molds overnight, or until solid. Once frozen, remove from mold and serve immediately.
4. Tip: To get the popsicles to separate from the mold easily, run the plastic under warm water until they will easily slide out.
Deep Dish Pizza Cupcakes

What you will need:
• 1 can refrigerated crescent rolls
• 1/2 cup pizza sauce
• 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
• 1/2 tsp garlic powder
• pizza toppings - pepperoni, ham, sausage, peppers, onions, mushrooms

Instructions:
1. Preheat oven to 375.
3. Sprinkle some of cheese (about 1 tbsp) in the bottom of each muffin cup. Top with 1 tbsp of pizza sauce. Add remaining cheese, and top with pizza toppings. Sprinkle garlic powder over toppings.
4. Bake 15-18 minutes. Remove from pan, and serve immediately.

Healthy Strawberry-Lemonade Slurpee

What you will need:
• 2 cups lemonade
• 1 – 1 1/2 cups ice
• 1/2 cup frozen strawberries

Instructions:
Circle the Differences

There are eight differences between these two photos. Find all of them!
Answers: Two Plus Toucan, Lenny and Lucy, Miss Chevious Bow, Miss Chevious shirt, Lionstein glasses, Lionstein shirt buttons, Tito Toro shirt, Ping the Panda ear bows.