



Curriculum Blurb

Friends and Family

Back to School is finally here! We are so excited for the best year of curriculum yet. This month, the children will be learning about themselves and their family. As they kick off the school year, they will explore aspects of their TLE center and learn strategies for forming friendships with classmates. The children will engage in meaningful discussions that promote diversity, compassion, and acceptance as they talk about what makes each of them unique. Please note, this theme will run for the entire month of September and end on the last weekday of the month.

Kindness

In recognition of this month's philanthropy theme, the children will practice kindness. As the children meet new friends and teachers, they will learn new strategies to exhibit kindness. This is the perfect opportunity to foster empathy with the little learners in your center. The children will also discuss the importance of friendship through our Manners Matter program.

Character Spotlight: Gibby Gibbon®

Gibby is our brand new character coach for our Sign Language program. Gibby has a special ability because he is deaf. He uses sign language as a means of communication. Gibby has a cochlear implant, which helps him to hear and be able to communicate verbally. Being deaf doesn't stop him from teaching our TLE friends how to use sign language as a way to communicate! Gibby helps us to remember that being different is what makes each of us special.



Helpful Hints

L.E.A.P. into Learning

- We are excited to unveil our new enrichment schedule that provides intentional alignment with our curriculum themes. For each session, you will now have the option to select from two programs. Session 1 for Fall will focus on health and fitness, and will now feature new enrichment curriculum.
- Now that all centers have onboarded to CORAdvantage, your teachers should be assessing four students per day on one key indicator. The key indicators are included in each teacher manual to provide alignment with the curriculum. Please note, the first assessment period begins on August 17 and will close on November 25. During this time, your teachers should be capturing meaningful observations.

Family Connections

As your center gets set to focus on this month's theme, do one of the following, or create an interactive curriculum board of your own:

- Cut out circles of construction paper in TLE colors. Send home with the families and ask them to write a hope for their child for this school year. Collect them and display around your center.
- Encourage children to bring in a picture of their family, along with a quick blurb about what makes their family unique. Place these pictures on a board titled *Our TLE Families are Special*.
- Encourage families to have a Family Game Night or participate in another fun activity as a family. Invite the families to post their photos on social media.
- Conduct a poll and ask your families who their favorite TLE character is. Tally the votes to find out the winner!

Days to Celebrate

Spend some time with friends and family as you celebrate some fun-filled days in September.

September 5	• National Cheese Pizza Day
September 6	• National Read a Book Day
September 7	• Labor Day
September 8	• International Literacy Day
September 19	• National Dance & Gymnastics Day
September 21	• International Day of Peace
September 22	• National Elephant Appreciation Day
September 25	• National Cooking Day
September 26	• National Family Day

Suggested Bubbles' Reading Corner

Biscuit Meets the Class Pet by Alyssa Satin

Curious George's First Day of School by H. A. Rey

First Day Jitters by Julie Danneberg

The Night Before Preschool by Natasha Wing



L.E.A.P. Interactive® Blurb

The children will kick off the school year with more L.E.A.P. Interactive activities than ever before. This will provide additional opportunities for real-world learning and hands-on exploration. The children will use digital tools to draw letters, numbers, and shapes as they acquire new knowledge. They will also practice spelling their names, and they will even get to construct a virtual TLE center. September curriculum culminates with the weekly theme of "Character Spotlights," where children will participate in L.E.A.P. Interactive activities that allow them to identify and learn about our beloved TLE characters.

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