



CHILDREN'S[™]

LIGHTHOUSE

EARLY LEARNING SCHOOL

It's been a fun summer filled with new friends, new classrooms and new curriculum. It is time for our fall program and all the fun activities that comes with a new school year. As you know, our curriculum is filled with learning lessons both whole group activities and individualized / small group learning. As we move into the new school year we want to inform you about arrival and pick-up times.

Your child's arrival time is important to us, and your family. Their academic career starts with a good morning routine. We ask that students arrive by 8:30am, 9:00am at the latest. By arriving at this time you are setting your child up for a successful day. We always want your child to be ready to learn. Between 8:00am and 9:00am, children are socializing, problem solving, role playing, building relationships with their teacher and learning how to be part of a large group. Some teachers begin their circle time at 8:30. Breakfast is served at 9:00am, and we go straight into curriculum time after breakfast. When your child arrives late, this is both distracting to the children who are already in attendance, and it does not allow your child time to ready themselves for the day ahead. Circle time is a big part of our morning and helps your child understand what will be happening throughout the day. This whole group time gives your child a chance to visually understand what they will be learning in each center and during small group exercises. Families who attempt to drop-off after 10:00am may be asked to wait until the classroom is ready to accept the student. To avoid this situation, if your child will be late to school, we ask that you please give us a call so that we can alert the teacher.

In addition to arrival time requirements, we ask that you do not attempt to drop-off or pick-up at nap time unless it is an emergency, or you have called us to make arrangements. Nap time drop-off and pick-up is extremely disruptive to the classroom especially in our younger classes. If you need to pick-up or drop-off during the hours of 12:30pm-2:30pm, please call ahead and we will assist you with this situation. We truly appreciate your help!

As the new school year kicks into high gear, we want to make sure that everyone is ready for the adventure ahead. If you have any questions about the 2024-2025 school year, please reach out to us anytime at 512-276-2606 or roundrock@childrenslighthouse.com.

Here's to an amazing school year!!



SPECIAL DATES

- 9/2 CLOSED for Labor Day!
- 9/3 Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom Day
- 9/5 Meet the Teacher Night 6:00pm-7:00pm
- **9/5 Early Closure 5:30pm**
- 9/6 Grandparents Day!
- 9/9 Keep Lighthouse weird
- 9/11 Patriot Day
- 9/13 Scooby Doo Day
- 9/16 Celebrate Mexico Independence Day!
- 9/19 Talk like a Pirate Day
- 9/23 Fall & Flannel Day!
- 9/25 National Comic Book Day
- 9/27 World Tourism Day

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **9/5 @ 5:30 Early CLOSURE Meet the Teacher Night!**
- Grandparent Day! Join us for a fun afternoon of crafts and an Ice Cream Sundae!

EARLY RELEASE

We will be closing at 5:30pm on September 5th to get ready for our Meet the Teacher Night.



Curriculum Fees

As summer comes to an end, we reflect on all the fun we had this year, and all the fun we will soon have during our coming school year. September marks the beginning of our school year and that means our annual Curriculum Fee is due. We will post the charge of \$150.00 per child to your family's account on August 26th, 2024 for the school year 8/2024 to 8/2025. This fee is allocated to additional supplies, extra items for your children in the classroom, and so much more. We appreciate your attendance and your commitment to our community of learners.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT: 9/5, 6PM –7 PM

Meet the Teacher Night is on Thursday, September 5th from 6:00pm-7:00pm. We will be closing early, 5:30pm, to ready ourselves for this informational night. Teachers will have time to speak with you about the routines in their classrooms, what to expect during the day, homework where applicable and other information that will be helpful to you as we proceed through the new school year. The teachers will also have limited time to speak with families about their individual child. Rest assured that we will have Parent—Teacher Conferences in October where we will speak with each family about their child's progress and goals.



WHAT'S COMING UP!

9/2 CLOSED for Labor Day!

9/3 Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom Day: wear an alphabet shirt or any clothing with wording/letters.

9/5 Early Closure 5:30pm

9/5 Meet the Teacher Night 6:00pm-7:00pm

9/6 Grandparents Day! Join us for a fun afternoon of crafts and sundaes with our special grandparents.

9/9 Keep Lighthouse weird!! Wear your weirdest, silliest, most ridiculous outfit.

9/11 Patriot Day! Dress in Red, White, Blue!

9/13 Scooby Doo Day: wear your best Scooby Doo outfit!!

9/16 Celebrate Mexico Independence Day! Wear any cultural attire.

9/19 Talk like a Pirate Day...ARGH! MATEY!

9/23 Fall & Flannel Day! Wear any flannel or fall outfit!

9/25 National Comic Book Day: You know what to do!!

9/27 World Tourism Day. Dress like a typical tourist.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY CELEBRATION!



Grandparents— You are invited!

Join us as we celebrate you and what you mean to us. Grandparents bring so much joy to our lives. We will have a special event for all Grandparents.

Join us on Friday, September 6th at 3:30pm for a fun afternoon of crafts and ice cream sundaes!

We do invite our grandparents who are unable to attend to log into our Facebook page at [Children's Lighthouse | Facebook](#) to see pictures of the classroom festivities!

FOOD RESTRICTIONS / OUTSIDE FOOD

The State of Texas Childcare Licensing requires us to provide food for each child in attendance at our school. Because we are a full-service establishment, we are not allowed “outside food” without proper written consent / doctor’s approval.

Although we understand that there are times your child cannot or will not eat breakfast at home, or they are unwilling to eat our lunch, we have processes in place for these issues. Unfortunately, because some of the food being brought in contains nuts / nut products / extra sugar, we must limit all “outside” foods. These items are not allowed inside our facility, and the ramifications of such items in the building are detrimental to our school. Therefore, we ask that you do not bring outside food into the classrooms.

We provide an early breakfast of cereal and milk from 6:30am to 7:00am. We serve another breakfast at 9:00am daily. There are children with severe allergies to various food products in the classrooms, and we cannot monitor the food being brought into the classroom as closely as we do the food in our kitchen. Our licensing representative will site us for any child with food not provided directly from our kitchen. Again, there is a process for those children with severe allergies or eating issues which require accommodations.

If your child brings in food, unfortunately, it will be thrown away or removed from the classroom. This is not something we want to do. Wasting food is never okay; however, we cannot properly ensure that the food products do not contain allergens. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

SEPTEMBER 1ST

As we embark on a new school year, we wish to inform you of an update to our withdrawal policy. Recognizing that circumstances may lead families to depart from our school, we empathize and offer our support during such transitions. In response to the evolving dynamics of our surrounding facilities, we have revised our policy to require a 30-day written notice for all withdrawals, effective September 1st, 2024.

This change aims to ensure a smooth transition for incoming students and maintain the quality of our educational environment.