



Dear Families,

Over the last couple years you may have noticed some of the amazing growth in our wonderful school. Enrichment classes have been more popular than ever and we've seen this trend in after care, and in our morning classes with an extra four's section being added this year. Our school is such a special place and we're thrilled that TSTI is thriving.

This growth has led us to think about the changing needs of our families, and how to balance retaining the unique climate at TSTI with meeting these new needs. We surveyed our current and prospective families to gain a clearer picture of what families are looking for in the structure of a school day, and we discussed with teachers what they thought would best support our children in their development.

While we will maintain the 9:00-12:00 day (with options to extend) for the two's and three's classes, we will be introducing a program for the four's classes in the 2018-2019 school year from 9:00-1:30. These classes will stay together with their teachers for the entirety of the school day, will eat lunch together every day, and will have enrichment classes (similar to music with Miss Melissa) rolled into their school day. We feel that this will allow children to make fewer transitions throughout the day, as well as build their stamina for kindergarten. Because TSTI prides itself on flexibility, we will continue to provide the option of a 9:00-12:00 class for four's classes for families who prefer our existing structure.

As you begin to think about registration, whether for your incoming two's, three's, or four's child, please give thought to what structure will best fit the needs of your family and your child. Early registration will give us the opportunity to develop programming with a clear sense of what our families are looking for, and the chance to make our school even stronger. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions that arise.

Thank you,

Lauren Byers, Preschool Board Chair