



**THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE**  
Academy of Early Education

happy happens here.



## Our Mission

To make a **positive difference** in the lives of our **children**, their **families**, and the **communities** we serve.





Our discovery based L.E.A.P.<sup>®</sup> (Learning Experience Academic Program) curriculum is **developed with the whole child in mind** and helps children advance intellectually, socially and cognitively, or as we say at TLE<sup>®</sup>:

# learn

**Learn** by meeting and exceeding early learning standards. Our **all-inclusive** programs are intentionally developed to focus on the five main areas of early childhood development: cognitive, social/emotional, literacy, fine motor and gross motor skills.

# play

**Play** through proprietary programs led by our **beloved characters** that make learning fun! Our characters act as coaches that teach important life lessons and skills, and they remind the children that everyone is unique in their own way. Each character has their own abilities, personalities, and talents; this fosters diversity, empathy, and acceptance in our little learners.

# grow

**Grow** throughout the key developmental stages of early childhood from **infants through kindergarten**. As children advance through our program, they will achieve key milestones in every age group to adequately prepare them for academic and social success.



## BUBBLES

Our lovable friend who takes our little learners on a daily adventure and makes them happy to learn, play, and grow. This cherished mascot of TLE<sup>®</sup> is truly representative of our learners, and your child will find it easy to identify with Bubbles.

**Language and early literacy programs** are key components to our groundbreaking L.E.A.P.® curriculum and inspire a child's natural curiosity in reading and communicating. Throughout their time at TLE®, our children are exposed to rich literature, and in turn, they develop a love of reading that will carry on throughout their educational career and beyond.



### Sign Language

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Our tiny but mighty friend, Gibby Gibbon, was born deaf. However, this doesn't stop him from teaching our little learners how to communicate with sign language. Gibby wears a cochlear implant to help him hear and communicate with his friends. He teaches the children that everyone is unique in their own way and helps them embrace the abilities of others. Starting in the Infant classroom, sign language is introduced to help children learn how to communicate their needs and express their emotions. Research continues to demonstrate the positive benefits that learning sign language provides in early childhood, from encouraging the development of larger vocabularies and IQ levels to minimizing frustration and developing a closer bond with caregivers.



### Phonics

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Our literature-loving llama, Phoebe Phonics, is the leader of our early literacy program, *Phonics with Phoebe*. With a passion for phonemic awareness, reading comprehension, and stories of all genres, she instills a love of reading into our little learners. Our *Phonics with Phoebe* program provides an interactive approach to early literacy by incorporating visual, auditory, and tactile instructional strategies to meet the needs of all learners. Through this program, children build confidence as they learn their letters and sounds. Through catchy songs, leveled readers, and a whole cast of Phonics characters, the children acquire the tools necessary to begin their reading journey.



### Foreign Language

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Get your passports ready! Our tiny travelers, Tito Toro and Ping Panda, enjoy visiting countries around the world as they explore different cultures and teach foreign language to our curious learners. Our highly interactive foreign language program introduces our Preschoolers to different languages, cultures, and countries from around the world by using songs, games, virtual field trips, and hands-on exploration. According to researchers, learning a second language at an early age improves a child's academic performance, increases problem-solving skills, and advances cognitive abilities; this lays the groundwork for a plethora of opportunities in the future.





Our innovative approach to early education includes daily **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) lessons that introduce children to real-world, hands-on learning opportunities and 21st century skills.



### Science

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Meet Lionstein, our wise and creative scientist, who makes science captivating and engaging for even our youngest of learners. Lionstein helps children learn through self-discovery and problem-solving as they build, experiment, test, create, research, and explore the world around them. The children learn science concepts through hands-on exploration, cooperative learning, and inquiry-based investigations. Our children learn the importance of the scientific method as they make predictions and form hypotheses, carry out experiments, and share their results. This fosters an excitement for scientific discovery and develops critical-thinking skills.



### Math

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Two Plus Toucan is our creative mathematician who helps children explore the wonders of math. Math is a fundamental component of our robust STEM curriculum, as it lays the foundation for future academic success. Beginning with the building blocks of math, Two Plus Toucan teaches number recognition and sorting, as well as more complex skills such as patterning, addition, measuring, graphing, and more. Our comprehensive math program helps children develop emergent math skills and lays the groundwork for more abstract concepts. Children learn through hands-on activities that help build their fine motor and early numeracy skills.



### Technology

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Our computer savvy giraffe, Techni Cal, loves sharing his passion for technology and innovation with our little learners. Technology skills are necessary for 21st century learning, which is why we incorporate the latest digital learning tools into our curriculum. Our L.E.A.P. Interactive® touch boards feature the latest educational technology components and help bring our curriculum to life. Beginning in the Prepper room, children participate in L.E.A.P Interactive® activities that allow them to touch, trace, tap, drag, and write, as well as take virtual field trips via Google-Earth and interact with real-time videos. L.E.A.P. Interactive® helps our little learners explore the great big world right from the comfort and safety of their classroom.

Providing a **quality early education** extends well beyond the ABC's and 123's...That's why our L.E.A.P.® curriculum encourages an active and healthy lifestyle and teaches important life values such as kindness and giving.



### Physical Fitness

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**Flexi is our passionate fitness instructor who teaches the importance of an active lifestyle and healthy food choices.** Starting in the Toddler classroom, children engage in daily physical fitness activities that help them develop gross motor skills and feed their growing bodies and minds. Flexi's daily physical fitness lessons include upbeat songs and dances that teach age-appropriate stretches, movements, and healthy eating habits. This helps to establish a foundation for an active and healthy lifestyle at a young age.



### Manners & Etiquette

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**Penny Polite, our well-mannered etiquette coach, demonstrates the importance of being helpful, honest, and kind.** Penny helps to reinforce basic concepts such as sitting "tummy to the table" or saying "please" and "thank you." She also goes above and beyond to teach children important values such as sharing, taking turns and being kind to others. Penny Polite helps to develop our little learners into compassionate, honest, and helpful TLE® citizens.



### Philanthropy

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**Our dynamic doggy duo, Grace and Charity, introduce the importance of generosity and giving through the teaching of philanthropy.** Our philanthropy curriculum teaches our little learners that, "It doesn't matter how big or small you are; it's the size of your heart that matters." Through this one-of-a-kind program, children learn first-hand what it means to give, contribute, and make a positive difference in society through monthly philanthropic activities, hands-on lessons, and books.





## Six ages and stages of early childhood development

Infants

6 weeks to 1 year old

Toddler

1 to 2 years old

Twaddler

2 to 2<sup>1/2</sup> years old

Prepper

2<sup>1/2</sup> to 3 years old

Preschool

3 to 5 years old

Kindergarten

5 years old



## Infants

6 weeks to 1 year old

### Curriculum Components:

- Introduction to American Sign Language to develop communication skills
- Regular playtime, including tummy time
- Activities that encourage exploration and sensory stimulation
- Interactive songs and music
- Feeding, potty, and nap schedules according to each baby's individual needs

### Age-Specific Milestones:

#### Infants will:

- Engage in daily curriculum lessons that build fine and gross motor skills
- Develop their way of communicating through sign language, cooing, and pointing
- Explore their surroundings and curiosity as they learn how to crawl and walk



## Toddlers

1 to 2 years old

### Curriculum Components:

- American Sign Language lessons
- Introduction to manners and etiquette
- Introduction to daily physical fitness activities
- Introduction to numbers, colors, and shapes
- Dramatic play, music, and movement
- Outdoor time to encourage movement and socialization

### Age-Specific Milestones:

#### Toddlers will:

- Participate in engaging activities that strengthen fine and gross motor skills
- Develop communications skills to communicate their wants and needs
- Be introduced to shapes, colors, numbers, and letters
- Participate in purposeful play and outdoor activities
- Start to build a vocabulary of single words







### Twaddlers

2 to 2 1/2 years old

Our curious twaddlers engage in **daily circle time** activities to develop their verbal communication and social skills. They will also learn to become more independent as they develop their self-help skills and are given the opportunity to begin their **potty-training** journey.

#### Curriculum Components:

- Daily circle time to encourage social participation and communication
- American Sign Language
- Manners and etiquette
- Introduction to phonics through our Phonics Early Connections kit
- Outdoor time to encourage movement and socialization
- Physical fitness and nutrition
- Dramatic play, music, and movement
- Introduction to potty training

#### Age-Specific Milestones:

##### Twaddlers will:

- Build vocabulary words and be encouraged to use simple sentences to communicate
- Develop movement and physical development, such as learning to stack blocks, kick a ball, stand on toes
- Be encouraged to complete simple activities to build confidence and independence
- Be encouraged to identify letters, numbers, shapes, and colors independently
- Be exposed to penmanship by scribbling with a variety of writing utensils
- Begin the process of potty training



### Preppers

2 1/2 to 3 years old

Our inquisitive preppers are introduced to **hands-on L.E.A.P. Interactive® technology** and **stimulating workbooks** to prepare them for our advanced preschool curriculum.

#### Curriculum Components:

- Introduction to My Little L.E.A.P.\* workbooks
- Begin to work with computers and participate in our L.E.A.P. Interactive® curriculum
- Introduction to phonics through our Phonics Early Connections kit
- Daily circle time to encourage social participation and communication
- American Sign Language
- Manners and etiquette
- Physical fitness and nutrition
- Outdoor time to encourage movement and socialization
- Reinforced potty training

#### Age-Specific Milestones:

##### Preppers will:

- Build on vocabulary words and be encouraged to use them in sentences
- Be encouraged to answer simple questions to make predictions
- Begin to recognize letters, numbers, shapes and colors independently
- Reinforce their potty-training skills
- Develop the skills needed to be ready for preschool



## Preschoolers

3 to 5 years old

### Curriculum Components:

- Participation in *Phonics with Phoebe*, our early literacy program
- L.E.A.P.® into Foreign Language
- Participation in our philanthropy program
- Daily L.E.A.P.® workbook activities
- Introduction to journal writing
- Hands-on STEM activities and L.E.A.P. Interactive® lessons
- American Sign Language
- Manners and etiquette
- Physical fitness and nutrition
- Hands-on exploration through engineering

### Age-Specific Milestones:

Preschoolers will:

- Further develop their vocabulary and strengthen language skills
- Be encouraged to form letters and develop advanced writing skills
- Explore numbers and shapes in a variety of ways to develop solid numeracy skills
- Problem-solve using hands-on exploration
- Build relationships and develop communication skills as they engage in creative play
- Begin to perform more personal care tasks independently

Our preschool program provides a solid foundation for **early reading and writing skills**, introduces a **foreign language** program and teaches the life lesson of **philanthropy** to our little learners.



## Kindergarteners

5 years old

### Curriculum Components:

- Advanced math, social studies, and science lessons
- Advanced phonics and early literacy lessons
- A plethora of workbook and journal writing activities
- Cross-curricular learning projects and explorations
- Hands-on STEM activities and L.E.A.P. Interactive® lessons
- L.E.A.P.® into Foreign Language
- Philanthropy
- Manners and etiquette
- Physical fitness and nutrition

### Age-Specific Milestones:

Kindergarteners will:

- Build on challenging academic concepts introduced in our preschool curriculum
- Learn advanced concepts in math, science, social studies, and language and literacy
- Learn through activities that cater to visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learning styles
- Demonstrate mastery of concepts through paper and pencil assessment, hands-on projects, learning labs, performances, and more

Our **advanced** kindergarten curriculum **meets or exceeds** national and state requirements for every state in which we operate; our robust program even introduces children to some **1st and 2nd grade concepts** before they graduate kindergarten!





**Our centers:** Purpose-built to keep your little learner safe, healthy and happy.

With attention to every detail, we design TLE® Centers to foster an environment where early childhood education feels comfortable, safe and fun—and encourages a young child's natural curiosity and creativity. Your child's health and safety are our top priorities—and we've taken every step to ensure they're safe and secure while they spend their day with us.





Daily toy baths

Outward facing changing tables

Age-appropriate educational toys and furniture

Rounded corners on tables

Inside and out, the details of our centers were deliberately selected — for the purpose of keeping our children healthy, safe and happy, and giving them the best possible early education experience.

Additional health and safety features:

- Security cameras
- Door chimes and alarms
- Age-appropriate playgrounds
- Daily cleaning and disinfecting
- Individually stowed belongings
- Self-contained classroom restrooms
- Security fobs are required to gain entry
- Air filtration system to reduce airborne germs
- Mirrors in every classroom for increased visibility
- Phones in every room with direct access to 911 and management

## Playground

Our playgrounds are developmentally appropriate for our little learners' growing bodies and minds. All exterior gates and doors have chimes installed to alert staff to any openings.

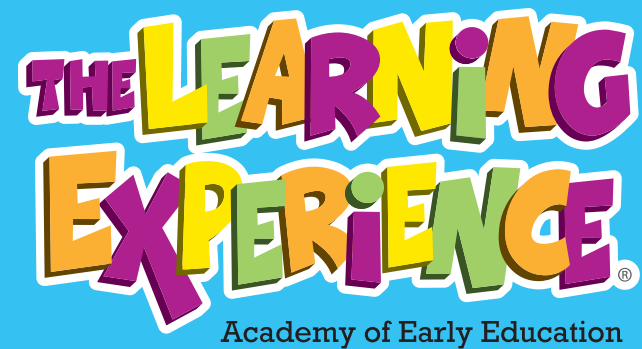


## Explore Make Believe Boulevard®

**This large dramatic playroom is so much more than a fun place to play!**

It's a place where children tap into their imaginations and express themselves through engaging and stimulating role-play activities. Make Believe Boulevard® was created to be a socio-dramatic playroom and serves as an extension of TLE's curriculum lessons and monthly themes. Children explore props, costumes, and real-world materials that directly relate to the concepts they are learning in the classroom.





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happy

to learn, play and grow.



Share the enclosed stickers of our TLE® characters with your little one. Encourage him/her to use their creativity and place the stickers on these pages for extra fun!



**Lionstein**

Welcome to Lionstein's LabROARTory, a magical place where children discover the wonders of science through fun and exciting experiments.



**FLEX**

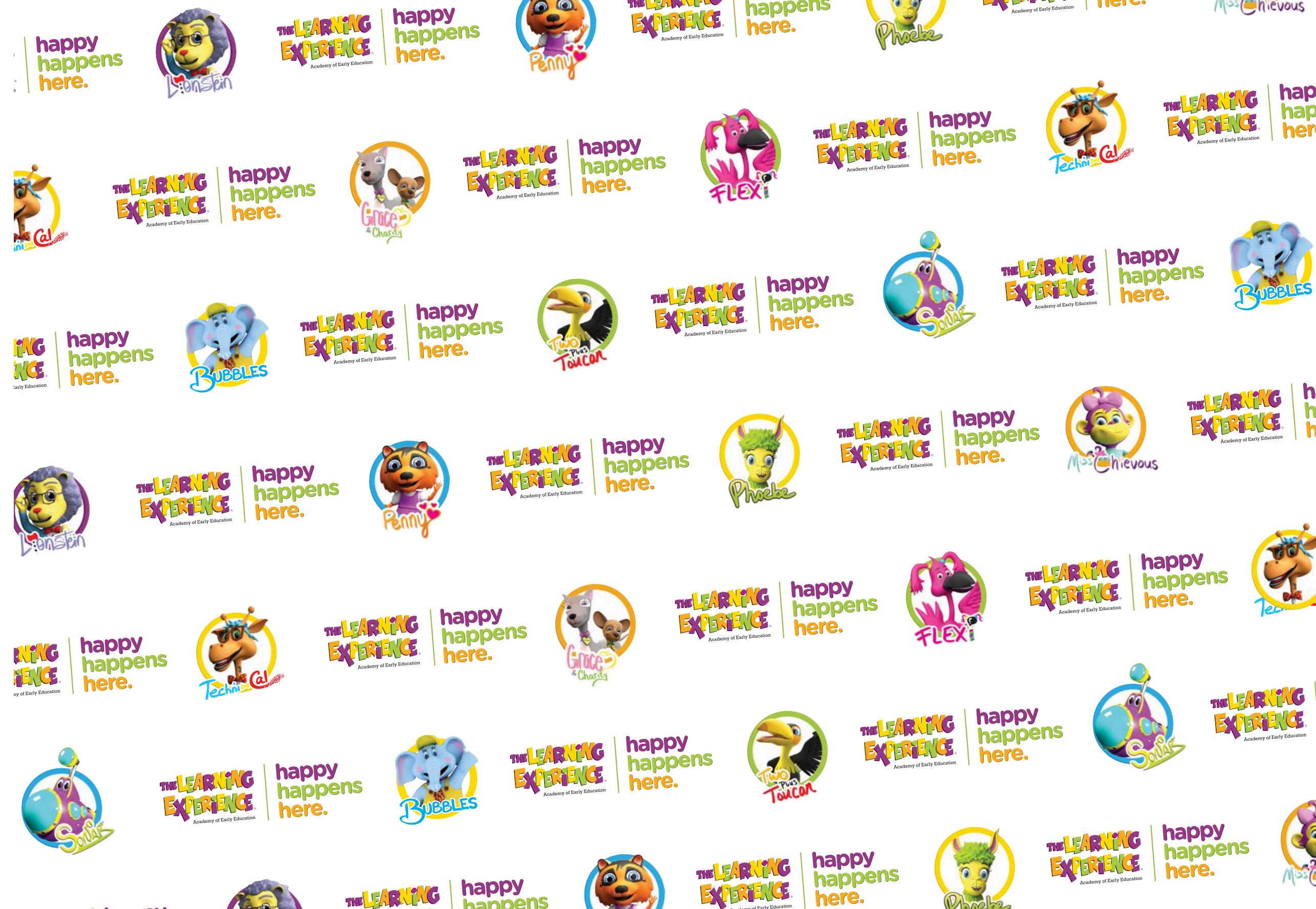
Get ready to FLEXercise! Welcome to Flexi's Room, an energetic fitness studio where children learn about the importance of exercise and staying active.



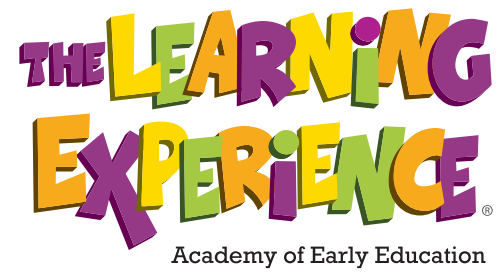
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