



## The Children's School est. 1965

### TCS LunchBunch Program

**What is LunchBunch (LB)?** It's a 1½ hour program (Monday through Friday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm) where students have lunch with their classmates, as well as students and teachers from other classes. LB allows for a wider sense of community among students, it also provides educational enrichment opportunities – we offer yoga and art during this time, play a myriad of games, and give children extended time with toys and puzzles they do not see in their classrooms.

It is our attempt at TCS to have our LB Program be a Zero-Garbage Program. To that end, **we send what comes from home BACK HOME**, with few exceptions. It is helpful, therefore, to have reusable containers in your child's lunchbox to best return food waste and/or garbage home. We will recycle juice and milk boxes, yogurt containers, and plastic fruit cups, but garbage from snack crackers, yogurt tubes, etc. will be bundled and sent home. As much as we can, we will put items back into your containers, or plastic bags, to keep lunchboxes as "clean" as possible.

**Who may attend LB?** All TCS students are invited to attend LB. In the best interest of your child, we ask that you be confident that your child has adjusted and is ready to remain at school before extending his/her day.

**How much does LB cost?** The cost of this extraordinary program is **\$14/day**. We offer prepaid LB PunchCards with 10 punches (\$140). We track attendance, deduct accordingly for the days your child attends, and notify you when it's time to reload your LB card.

**When does LB start?** For our 3 to 4 years old and our PreK students, this program starts on the Monday of the second week of school. For our youngest students (Pre3), typically November is a general start date; however, some are ready to begin earlier/later. We ask families of Pre3 students to check with their teachers first.

**How do I enroll my child in LB?** There is no need to formally commit to or enroll in this program. To attend LB, just sign up in the morning on the class Sign-In Sheet when you bring your child to school.

#### **So, how does LB work?**

1. Every child should have a lunchbox with his/her name printed on the outside.
2. If your child has any food allergies, please notify us. Also, mark the lunchbox with the allergy information.
3. When you sign your child into school that day, check the LB Box on the Sign-in Sheet.
4. Please remind your teacher that your child is participating if s/he is not a regular attendee.
5. Please be prompt in picking your child up at 1:00 pm. A late fee \$15 applies after 1:05 pm.
6. Do not send any GLASS CONTAINERS TO SCHOOL.

**Regarding PreK LB, specifically:** PreK LB begins at 11:30 am by joining teachers and other children at the designated area.

**Questions about the LB Program?** Please contact us with any questions [info@tcsseattle.org](mailto:info@tcsseattle.org).