

A photograph of a preschool classroom. In the foreground, a child with brown hair and glasses is seen from behind, reaching out with their hands. To their right, a girl with blonde hair in a pink shirt is smiling and reaching out. In the background, a boy in a tan jacket is looking at an orange balloon, and another child is holding a red balloon. On the left, a girl is holding a large blue balloon. The floor is covered with a blue mat featuring colorful geometric shapes. Various toys and furniture are visible in the background.

Welcome to

Morinville Tiny Tots

A Family Guide to Preschool



Welcome to Tiny Tots

Dear Families,

Welcome to Morinville Tiny Tots Preschool.

We are so excited to welcome your family into our preschool community. Choosing a preschool is an important milestone, and we're honored you've chosen to share this journey with us.

Our preschool has been part of Morinville for over 50 years because of the dedication of families, educators, and volunteers who believe every child deserves a safe, caring, and inspiring place to learn.

Whether this is your child's very first classroom experience or they're returning for another exciting year, we hope this guide answers your questions and helps you feel prepared for the wonderful year ahead.

We can't wait to meet you.



A LICENSED, PARENT-RUN, NON-PROFIT PRESCHOOL

Tiny Tots is a community built on connection, collaboration, and care. Together, we create meaningful experiences that help children grow in confidence, curiosity, and kindness.

With gratitude,

*The Morinville Tiny Tots
Executive Committee*

Thank you for trusting us with one of life's greatest gifts. We are honored to be part of your child's journey.



Proudly serving Morinville families since 1974

FAMILY HANDBOOK • 2026-2027

Your Guide to Tiny Tots

This handbook is designed to be your go-to resource throughout the preschool year. Inside you'll find information about our philosophy, daily routines, important policies, family involvement, and everything you need to help your child have a successful year at Tiny Tots.

At a Glance



Programs & Enrollment

Everything you need to know about our programs, fees, registration, and supplies.



Getting Ready

Helpful tips for preparing your child for preschool and getting settled into their new routine.



Learning & Play

Learn about our play-based approach and the skills children develop throughout their preschool experience.



Family Communication

How we communicate, share your child's day, and work together to support your child.



Health, Safety & Policies

Important information about health, safety, supervision, guidance, and preschool expectations.



Life at Tiny Tots

Discover the celebrations, special events, outdoor adventures, and everyday moments that make preschool special.

Need Help?

Questions are always welcome. If you can't find the answer in this handbook, we're happy to help.

Morinville Tiny Tots is a licensed, parent-run, non-profit preschool where children learn through play in a warm, supportive environment.





Morinville Tiny Tots

Where Learning Begins

From the moment children walk through our doors, they are welcomed into a classroom where curiosity is encouraged, friendships are formed, and every child is valued. Through play, exploration, and caring relationships, children build the confidence they'll carry into kindergarten and beyond.

Learn Through Play

Children learn by exploring, creating, asking questions, and discovering new ideas through meaningful play.

Build Relationships

Warm, trusting relationships help children develop confidence, independence, and a sense of belonging.

Celebrate Every Child

We recognize that every child develops at their own pace and deserves to feel welcomed, respected, and valued.

Little Moments Matter

One Smile.

One new friendship.

One proud *"I did it!"*

Sometimes the smallest moments become the biggest milestones





*Children learn best when they feel safe,
connected, and free to explore.*



A Day at Tiny Tots

Each day at Tiny Tots follows a familiar rhythm that helps children feel safe, confident, and ready to explore. While every day brings new discoveries, children quickly become comfortable with the routines that make preschool predictable and fun.

Every Day Has a Familiar Rhythm



Arrival

Children are greeted warmly and welcomed into the classroom.

Snack

Building independence and healthy habits.



Circle Time

Songs, stories, conversation and community.

Outdoor Play

Fresh air, movement and exploration.



Play & Discovery

Hands-on learning through invitations to explore.

Home Time

Celebrating the day's adventures before heading home.



Little Moments Matter



Routines help children feel safe.
Knowing what comes next allows children to relax, build confidence, and enjoy learning.

Learning Through Play

Every day is filled with opportunities to explore, create, move, collaborate, and discover. Through purposeful play, children build confidence, curiosity, friendships, and a lifelong love of learning.

STEM & Discovery



Creative Arts



Music & Movement





What Children Learn

Growing the Whole Child

These skills aren't taught through worksheets—they grow naturally through meaningful play, exploration, and everyday experiences.

Every day at Tiny Tots is filled with opportunities to learn through play. Whether children are building with blocks, singing songs, exploring nature, or solving problems together, they are developing the confidence, curiosity, and skills that prepare them for kindergarten—and for life.



Social & Emotional

Learning to share, cooperate, express feelings, and build friendships.



Thinking & Problem Solving

Curiosity, creativity, experimentation, and critical thinking



Language & Communication

Listening, storytelling, conversations, and early literacy.



Fine & Gross Motor

Cutting, drawing, climbing, balancing, running, and coordination.



Independence

Confidence, responsibility, self-help skills, and resilience.



We Learn Together

Collaboration helps children build friendships and learn empathy.



Curiosity Starts Here

Children are natural scientists who love to explore and find answers



We Try New Things

We encourage children to take risks, make mistakes, and grow from them.



We Celebrate Success

Every achievement, no matter how small, builds confidence and joy.

*Every discovery
begins with curiosity*



Getting Ready for Preschool

A little preparation helps big adventures begin.

We know the first day of preschool is exciting—and sometimes a little emotional. A little preparation goes a long way in helping your child feel confident, comfortable, and ready for their new adventure.



What to Bring



Indoor Shoes

Comfortable shoes for indoor play



Backpack

A backpack large enough to fit outdoor wear



Healthy Snack

Nut-free snacks help us keep everyone safe



Water Bottle

Clearly labeled and filled each day



Change of Clothes

A complete set in a labeled bag for little accidents



Outdoor Clothing

Weather-appropriate clothing for outdoor adventures



Label Everything

Labeling helps children become independent and items find their way home



Arrival & Pickup

Arrival - 8:55 am

- Doors open at 8:55 am. Arriving on time helps children settle into the classroom with confidence & begin the day alongside their friends.
- Program begins at 9:00 am
- Teachers will greet your child at the door & help them settle in.

Pickup - 11:30 am

- Please be on time. If someone different will be picking up your child, let us know through Brightwheel.



Helping Your Child Feel Ready



Speak positively about preschool. Your confidence helps build theirs.



Read stories about starting preschool. Familiar stories help children know what to expect.



Create a consistent goodbye routine. Predictable routines help children feel secure.

♥ We're excited to welcome your family to Tiny Tots!

Every great adventure starts with a first step.

Growing confidence every day



Warm Welcome

Every child is greeted with kindness and care.



Growing Independence

We encourage children to try new things at their own pace.



Feeling Safe

Strong routines help children feel safe, supported, and ready to learn



"The first day is the beginning of many wonderful memories"

Partnering with Families

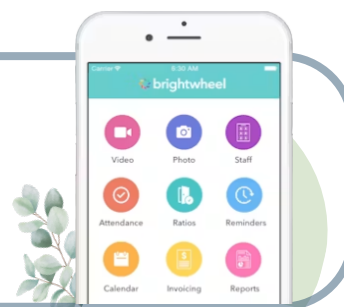
Together, we help children learn, grow, and thrive.

Strong partnerships between families and educators help children thrive. Through open communication, shared experiences, and mutual support, we create the best possible preschool experience together.



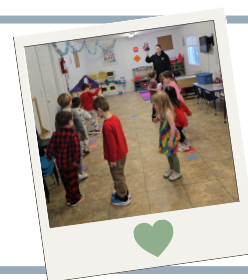
Brightwheel

Receive daily updates, reminders, announcements, and important information all in one place.



Daily Moments

Photos and classroom highlights help you see your child's day unfold—even when you can't be there.



Open Communication

Questions, concerns, and celebrations are always welcome. We value honest, respectful conversations.



Working Together

Sharing information between home and preschool helps us support every child's unique needs.



Little Moments Matter

Every conversation strengthens the partnership that helps children thrive.

As a parent-run preschool, families play an important role in helping our community grow. You'll learn more about volunteer opportunities later in this handbook.



Every Child is Known

We take time to understand every child's personality, interests, and strengths.



Sharing Milestones

We love celebrating new friendships, growing confidence, and everyday achievements.



We're Here to Help

Questions are always welcome—we're partners in your child's learning journey.



Learning Together

Strong relationships between families and educators create confident learners.



The best learning happens when home and preschool grow together.



Life at Tiny Tots

More Than Just Preschool

Every season brings new adventures, meaningful friendships, exciting discoveries, and joyful celebrations. From messy art projects to outdoor adventures and special celebrations, every day creates memories that last long after preschool.



Celebrations

We celebrate birthdays, holidays, and special milestones together.



Outdoor Adventures

Fresh air, nature walks, and outdoor play inspired curiosity and wonder.



Creative Experiences

Every day includes opportunities for art, music, movement, and imagination.



Sensory Play

Hands-on activities encourage exploration, discovery, and joyful learning.



At Tiny Tots, every experience is designed to help children feel happy, confident, and connected.



Little Moments, Big Memories



Dress Up Days



Learn About Nature



Science Experiments



Holiday Decorating



Music Time



Snow Play



Fire Truck Visit



Outdoor Play



Field Trips



Childhood is made up of little moments -
and we're honored to be part of them.

Programs & Fees

We offer high-quality, play-based programs in a warm, nurturing environment where children feel safe, supported, and excited to learn.



3-Year-Old Program (Must be 3 by December 31)



Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 am - 11:30 am



Play-based learning
that builds confidence,
curiosity, and
independence

4-Year-Old Program (Must be 4 by December 31)



Mondays,
Wednesdays, & Fridays
9:00 am - 11:30 am



Play-based learning
that prepares children
for Kindergarten and
beyond.



Tuition & Fees (2026-2027)

Registration Fee	\$50 per 1 child/\$65 per family
3-Year Program	\$100 / Month
4-Year Program	\$120 / Month
Annual Cleaning Fee	\$55 / Child

All fees shown are the parent portion



**We are a non-profit
parent-run preschool.
All fees help support
our programs and
classroom resources.**

Enrollment Information



Enrollment Requirements

- Child must meet age requirement for program
- Completed registration form & deposit
- Children who turn 3 by December 31 may begin the 3-Year Program at the start of the school year, even if they have not yet turned 3.

Good to Know!

Does my child have to be 3 before they can start preschool?

No! If your child turns 3 by December 31, they can start with their class at the beginning of the school year. They do not need to wait until their birthday to begin.



Registration Process

Families are invited to pre-register in February for the upcoming school year. A non-refundable deposit is required to secure your spot. Remaining fees can be paid monthly.

We bill a month in advance - August 1 to May 1.



Withdrawal Policy

A minimum of four (4) weeks written notice is required for withdrawal. The withdrawal date will be effective four weeks from the date notice is received. Fees are non-refundable.



Supply List

Please label all items with your child's name.

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| • Indoor shoes (velcro or slip on recommended) | • Full size backpack (large enough for outdoor wear) |
| • Change of clothes | • Outdoor clothing (weather appropriate) |
| • Reusable water bottle | • Binder (1") |
| • Healthy snack | • Crayola 10 pack markers |
| • 8 packs of playdough (16 oz each) | • 1 Pack of wipes |
| • 1 box of kleenex | • Scissors |

Parent Involvement

Stronger Together

As a parent-run preschool, your involvement helps create a vibrant, caring community and the best possible experience for every child.



Volunteer Opportunities

Many hands make light work! Throughout the year, we ask each family to contribute a few hours to help our preschool thrive. There will be a parent sign up request on Brightwheel.

- Special Events
- Fundraising
- Mowing the grass
- Snow shoveling
- Executive Board
- Classroom helper



Criminal Record Checks

All volunteers and anyone who may have unsupervised access to children at Tiny Tots are required to submit a current Criminal Record Check. There is a form that allows you to get it for free, which is available on our website.

Fundraising

Fundraising helps keep our fees affordable and provides the extras that make our preschool special – like field trips, classroom resources, and special events.

How can you help?



Share & spread the word

Invite friends and family to participate



Volunteer your time

Even a little help makes a big difference.



Share your ideas

We welcome new ideas and fresh energy

Arrival, Pickup & Parking



Keeping everyone safe and everything running smoothly.



Arrival

9:00 am

Doors will open at 8:55 am. Please arrive on time so your child can settle in and start their day with their friends.



Pickup

11:30 am

Please be on time. If someone else is picking up your child, let us know through Brightwheel.



Late Arrivals

If you arrive after 9:00 am, please ring the doorbell and we will let you in.



Absence Reporting

Please let us know if your child will be away through Brightwheel or by phone call. If your child is sick, we ask that you inform us of their symptoms so we can track outbreaks.



Parking Expectations

Street parking is available in front of the school. If street cleaning is happening, Sturgeon Public Schools has allowed us to temporarily park in their lot across the street.



Please Do Not Park In The Crosswalk

Crosswalks must remain clear for the safety of all families.



Please Do Not Use The Neighbor's Driveway to Turn Around

This driveway is private. Thank you for respecting our neighbors.



Let's Keep Our Children Safe

Hold hands, watch for traffic, and use the crosswalk when coming and going.

Health & Wellness

Healthy children learn, play, & grow.

We follow best practices and exceed licensing requirements to create a healthy, secure environment where children can learn, play and thrive.



When to Stay Home

Please keep your child home if they are ill. Children must be fever-free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to preschool.



Medication

All medications must be in the original container with the prescription label and a signed authorization form.



Nut-Aware Environment

We are a nut-aware school. Please inform us of any allergies so we can create a safe environment for your child.



Illness

We follow Alberta Health Services guidelines for communicable illnesses. We will notify families if exposure occurs.



Healthy Classrooms

We promote handwashing, cleaning, and healthy habits every day. Classrooms and materials are cleaned and sanitized regularly.



Attendance

Please notify us through Brightwheel if your child will be absent or late. This helps us keep children safe and accounted for.



Outdoor Play

We go outside in most weather conditions. Please dress your child for the weather each day.



Sunscreen

Parents are responsible for applying sunscreen before preschool. Sunscreen is not stored or applied at school.



No Nit

Tiny Tots Preschool maintains a NO NIT policy regarding head lice and the presence of lice eggs (nits). Head lice are annoying and can cause itching, but they do not transmit or cause disease. Lice spread quickly wherever people are in frequent close contact. Therefore, head lice should be treated following AHS guidelines.

Thank you for helping us create a healthy community where every child can thrive!



Safety & Supervision

A safe place to learn and grow.

Every child deserves an environment where they feel safe, supported, and confident to explore. Our daily routines, classroom design, and caring educators work together to create that experience.



Caring Supervision

Our educators are always present, engaged, and focused on each child's well-being.



Safe Arrival & Dismissal

For everyone's safety, the educators will sign everyone in and out each day through brightwheel. Authorized pick-up only.



Safe Classrooms

Our space is child-friendly, clean, and thoughtfully prepared for exploration and learning.



Emergency Procedures

We have emergency procedures in place and practice them regularly. Families will be notified immediately if needed.



Child Guidance

We believe children learn best through respectful relationships, encouragement, problem solving, and gentle guidance. We do not use punishment, humiliation, or physical discipline.



Prepared Staff

Our educators are trained in first aid and emergency procedures and hold all required certifications, including Early Childhood Education.



When children feel safe, they have the freedom to explore, learn, and be their best.





Frequently Asked Questions

Everything you might be wondering.

We know starting preschool brings lots of questions. Here are some of the most common ones we hear from families. If you don't see your question here, please reach out - we're always happy to help!



What if my child cries at drop off?

Most children settle into the classroom within a few minutes after saying goodbye. If your child needs extra support, we'll keep you updated and work with you to make the transition as smooth as possible.



Can my child bring a comfort item?

Absolutely! Many children find comfort in a favorite blanket or stuffed animal during their transition.



Does my child need to be potty trained?

At this time, we do require your child to be potty trained.



What if we are running late to pickup?

We understand that unexpected delays happen. If you're running late, simply send us a message through Brightwheel or give us a call. If late pickup extends beyond 10 minutes after closing, a late fee may apply according to preschool policy.



No question is too small.
We're here whenever you need us.



Important Preschool Policies



Monthly Newsletter

Each month you will receive our monthly newsletter which includes the months theme, any special events, and updates.



Insurance

Tiny Tots has insurance coverage for the children during class time.



Inappropriate Behaviour

This policy is designed to ensure a safe and supportive environment for all children at Morinville Tiny Tots. Consistent documentation and proactive measures will be taken to address inappropriate behavior and support the child's development. Our number one priority at Morinville Tiny Tots is to support the child to overcome these behaviors, and also to maintain the safety of all children in our care. The full policy can be viewed in your registration packet on Brightwheel.



Still have questions?
Our door is always open.

We're only a phone call, email or Brightwheel message away.



Meet *Your Team*

Our educators are passionate about creating a classroom where every child feels safe, welcomed, and excited to learn. We believe strong relationships are the foundation of every successful preschool experience, and we're honored to be part of your family's journey.

Your Educators



Miss Malkiya
Lead Teacher

My favorite thing
about preschool is...

Did you know?



Favorite Children's Book



Favorite Activity



Favorite Color



Favorite Sensory Bin



TBD
Teacher Assistant

My favorite thing
about preschool is...

Did you know?



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We can't wait to welcome you this September!

OUR TEAM



Miss. Andrea
Substitute

My favorite thing
about preschool is...

Did you know?



Favorite Children's Book



Favorite Activity



Favorite Color



Favorite Sensory Bin



Miss. Breanna
Substitute

My favorite thing
about preschool is...

Did you know?



Favorite Children's Book



Favorite Activity



Favorite Color



Favorite Sensory Bin

Our Qualifications



**Early Childhood
Education**



**First Aid & CPR
Certified**



**Police Check &
Vulnerable
Sector Screening**



**Ongoing
Professional
Development**



**Alberta
Curriculum
Guidelines**



**Caring, Patient &
Child-centered**

Executive Committee

President: Marissa Wegren

Treasurer: Megan Knahs

Secretary: Kassandra Morrow

Registrar: Alyssa Reid

Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant

Communication

Coordinator: Vacant

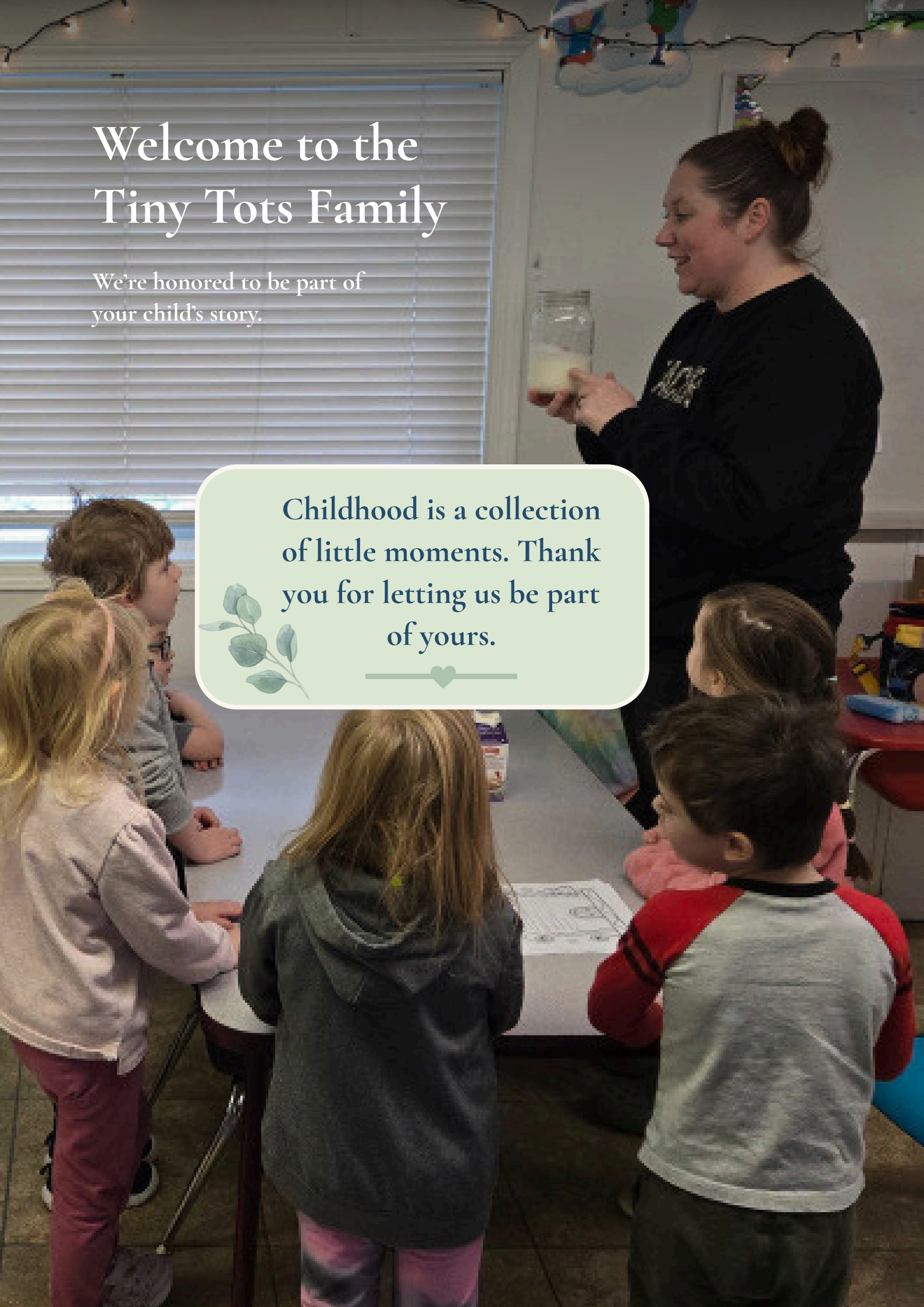


It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.

Welcome to the Tiny Tots Family

We're honored to be part of
your child's story.

Childhood is a collection
of little moments. Thank
you for letting us be part
of yours.



A letter to our Families

Thank you for choosing Morinville Tiny Tots Preschool.

We know that entrusting someone else with your child is one of the biggest decisions a family can make, and we don't take that responsibility lightly.

Every smile, every new friendship, every question asked, every muddy boot after outdoor play, and every proud "I did it!" moment matters to us.

Our promise is simple:

We'll create a place where your child feels safe, encouraged, respected, and excited to learn.

We'll celebrate their successes, support them through challenges, and work alongside you every step of the way.

Thank you for allowing us to be part of this special chapter in your family's story.

We can't wait to meet you.

With gratitude,

The Tiny Tots Preschool Team

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Thank you for letting us be part of yours.”

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