T1: The Gift of Time

Transitional First is…

• The “Gift of time” that allows for more non-structured play-based learning and time for physical development before beginning first grade

• For children who are a little younger than their peers

• A more advanced program than the Kindergarten program. T1 has its own curriculum and challenges, building on the content and skills learned in Kindergarten.

• Not for children with academic concerns. It’s about placing your child with other children of the same age for a better fit socially and emotionally

• A time to reduce frustration and bring out the confidence in your child

• A time for your child to participate more fully

• A time to allow for social-emotional growth

• A time for children to grow and become more self-aware, self-disciplined, and more confident

Meet Amy Brown

Amy Brown, Transitional Teacher
B.S. Ed, Baylor University
M. Ed., University of North Texas

Employed since 2001, Amy attended Lamplighter as a student and felt like she had come home when she returned as a teacher. She has taught kindergarten, T1, and first grade at Lamplighter.

“Nothing is more precious than the gift of time.”

What Parents and Teachers Are Saying

Two of our children attended T1. We believe that extra year before first grade prepared them to be successful learners from first grade on. They are now leaders in the classroom in middle and upper school and we attribute their maturity and confidence in large part to the T1 experience.

“Looking back on my education, it is clear that my transitional year after Kindergarten benefited me in more than one way. This extra year provided me with confidence in my academic and social life as well as the poise to be a leader with my peer group.” – Hannah Brown, Lamplighter Kindergarten Teacher

“T1 and its ‘gift of time’ is one of the best things we ever did for our son. The teachers see our children in relation to all of their peers and they truly want our children to succeed. When they recommended that we consider T1 for our son, that resonated deeply. Our son is well-adjusted, happy, confident, outgoing, and successful in school, and we believe the T1 year was pivotal to his success.

Life changing! The best decision our family has ever made.

Meet & Greet T1 Social for parents.

Parents are encouraged to schedule play dates and to register their child in camps with other new T1 students.