



Welcome to Future Leaders!

Dear Future Leaders Families,

Welcome to the Future Leaders Classroom at Future Generation Early Learning Centers! We are so excited to welcome your family and begin a year filled with discovery, friendship, creativity, independence, and growth.

At Future Generation, we believe that early childhood is about so much more than preparing children for kindergarten. It is about helping children discover who they are, what they can do, and how they can positively contribute to the world around them. That belief is at the heart of our Future Leaders Classroom.

Where Learning, Love & Leadership Come Together

Our Future Generation core values — Family, Love, Create, Engage, and Serve — are woven into the experiences we create for children each day.

Family — We want every child and family to feel that they belong here. You are an important part of our classroom community and your partnership matters.

Love — Children learn best when they feel safe, valued, respected, and genuinely cared for. Strong relationships are the foundation of everything we do.

Create — Children are encouraged to imagine, experiment, build, design, make mistakes, try again, and express their own ideas.

Engage — Children learn by doing. Our teachers intentionally create opportunities for children to explore, investigate, ask questions, solve problems, and make meaningful choices.

Serve — Even our youngest leaders can learn to care for others. We encourage kindness, responsibility, cooperation, empathy, and an understanding that each of us can make a difference in our classroom community.

Learning the HighScope Way

Future Generation proudly implements the HighScope Curriculum, an active-learning approach that recognizes children as capable, curious learners.

In Future Leaders, children aren't expected to simply sit and listen while adults give them information. They are active participants in their learning.

Throughout the day, children have opportunities to:

- Make meaningful choices
- Plan what they want to do
- Carry out their ideas
- Talk about and reflect on their experiences
- Solve problems
- Work independently and collaboratively

- Build language and early literacy skills
- Explore early math and science concepts
- Develop creativity and critical-thinking skills
- Strengthen social-emotional skills
- Practice independence and responsibility

One of the most important parts of our HighScope day is **Plan-Do-Review**. Children make a plan, carry out their ideas during work time, and then reflect on what they did. This process helps develop confidence, decision-making, problem-solving, language, memory, and executive-function skills.

Our Future Leaders Learning Environment

Our classroom is intentionally arranged into clearly defined interest areas that invite children to explore and learn. Depending on the classroom environment, these may include areas for blocks, dramatic play, toys and manipulatives, art, writing, books, technology, music and movement, and sensory exploration.

Materials are placed where children can see, reach, use, and independently return them.

You will often hear us encourage children to practice:

“I find it. I use it. I put it back.”

This simple HighScope practice builds independence, responsibility, organization, and respect for our classroom community.

Our daily routine is consistent yet flexible. Children know what comes next and can begin to understand the rhythm of their day. This predictability helps children feel secure and confident while still allowing teachers to respond to children's interests, ideas, and individual needs.

Every Child Grows Differently

We recognize that children develop at their own pace. Our role is to meet children where they are and intentionally help them take their **next developmental step**.

Throughout the year, teachers will observe children during their natural classroom experiences and document their growth using **COR Advantage**, HighScope's child assessment system.

These observations help our teachers understand your child's strengths, interests, emerging skills, and areas for continued development. We will share your child's progress with you throughout the year, including during parent-teacher conferences.

Families Are Part of Our Classroom

At Future Generation, we don't want families to simply drop off at the door. We want you to feel connected to your child's learning experience.

Communication between home and school is an important part of that partnership. Please use Tadpoles to communicate with your child's teaching team and to stay connected to your child's day.

We also welcome opportunities for families to participate in our classroom community. Come share a favorite book, tell us about a family tradition, share something special about your culture, or participate in a classroom experience.

Your family is part of what makes Future Generation special.

Most importantly, thank you for trusting us with your child. We understand the responsibility that comes with that trust, and we are honored to be part of your child's early years.

We cannot wait to watch your child learn, create, engage, build friendships, discover new abilities, and become one of our Future Leaders.

Working Together,

The Future Leaders Teaching Team
Future Generation Early Learning Centers

What Your Future Leader Will Need

PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS.

Please send the following items on or before your child's first day:

- 1 complete change of seasonally appropriate clothing
- 2 additional pairs of underwear
- Extra socks
- 1 fitted crib-size sheet for the rest mat
- 1 small receiving-size blanket for rest time
- 1 book bag/backpack
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 child-size toothbrush with a cover
- 1 child-size toothpaste
- 1 package of wet wipes
- 1 family photograph (4 x 6 preferred)

A real-life object, photograph, or item that represents your family's culture, traditions, or community, when requested by your teaching team

Please check your child's extra clothing regularly to make sure it still fits and is appropriate for the season.

Classroom Safety

Our classroom is a seafood- and nut-free environment. Please speak with your child's teaching team or Center Director regarding allergies, dietary restrictions, or other individual needs.

We look forward to an incredible year of learning, laughter, relationships, and growth in Future Leaders!