



Remember to sign your child in and out daily-required by DHS. Thank you-



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THE LEARNING CENTER

Our mission is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Good Friday-TLC closed | April 14 |
| Last day of spring session | May 26 |
| Memorial Day-TLC closed | May 29-June 2 |
| First day of summer session | June 5 |
| Fall enrollment | June 19-23 |
| Independence Day-TLC closed | July 4 |
| Last day of summer session | July 28 |
| TLC work week-TLC closed | July 31-August 4 |
| First day of fall session | August 7 |
| Labor Day-TLC closed | September 4 |



April Birthdays

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| Hudson Smith | April 9 |
| Eleanor DeWalt | April 12 |
| Hunter Pasby | April 13 |
| Eleanor Parker | April 15 |
| Krystle Reed* | April 15 |
| Isabel Saak | April 16 |
| Logan Shults | April 24 |
| Owen Elder | April 25 |
| August Espinoza | April 27 |
| Eeva Espinoza | April 27 |
| Emerson Robbins | April 27 |
| Mason Magness | April 30 |
| Thomas Sexson | April 30 |

* denotes staff member

As the traveler who has once been from home is wiser than he who has never left his own doorstep, so a knowledge of one other culture should sharpen our ability. . . to appreciate more lovingly our own.



Margaret Mead, Coming of Age in Samoa: A Psychological Study of Primitive Youth



Weekly Specials Spring 2017

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
.Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	Art Lessons 10 a.m. *Children's Chapel	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10:15	Amazing Athletes* 10:30 Children's Chapel 2:45	Art Lessons Amazing Athletes
*cost extra \$35 monthly	*Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	*Chapel for 3 yrs & up	*cost extra \$40 monthly	same



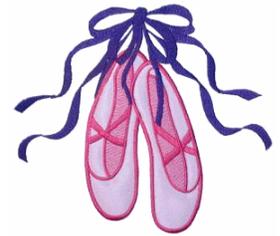


Tippi Toes

Tippi Toes offers positive, fun dance classes for girls and boys ages 1.5 – 10 years old! Our mission: to develop a love of dancing in children by creating a positive experience that promotes healthy living habits, helps build self-confidence, and a love for others.

Classes at TLC are on Mondays from 10:30-10:55 a.m. Tuition is \$35 per month. There will be a May dance program, too!

To enroll, please go to www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city and follow the instructions to enroll!



Amazing Athletes

Amazing Athletes is an introduction into the basic fundamentals and mechanics of nine different sports and focuses on self-confidence, practicing teamwork, and improving seven key areas of motor development. Young children need guidance in building their balance, agility, strength training within a non-competitive, learning-based environment. Each class focuses on two different sports and incorporates activities proven to increase children's overall cardiovascular fitness, muscle tone, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and more! Teaching children life skills through sports is FUN! Classes are \$40 a month and lessons are each Thursday and now a class on Fridays, too. The program is for Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs. This program is a year-round activity. Enroll today for just \$20 (enrollment fee) and get your tee-shirt for



Amazing Athletes.

Music Classes

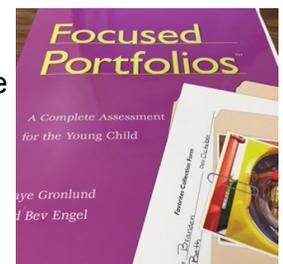


Your monthly tuition includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs (4 year olds.) All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a program in May to share what the children have learned. Each month we send out songs, finger plays and key concepts that Andrea is working on with the children. Watch for this information each month in an email. Drop by to see the children in action. It is quite fun!

Focused Portfolios

Our staff uses a process of documentation called "Focused Portfolios" to record children's growth and development. Through photographs, anecdotes and children's work samples, teachers put together a visual account of each child's accomplishments. This process recognizes and celebrates that all children develop at different rates and with various strengths. Collections are completed in fall and spring and are kept in a folder for the year, after which the portfolio becomes a keepsake for the child and family. This collection is a representation of your child as an individual with distinct interests, background, skills and desires. We will offer family conferences twice a year to share these special collections and to celebrate the accomplishments of your child. Families are invited to participate in this portfolio collection process in whichever special way you choose. Here are some suggestions:

- ⇒ Create a photo collage of your immediate or extended family
- ⇒ Write about a special family event or trip and include a photo
- ⇒ Share how your child's name was selected



Monthly Fire Drill



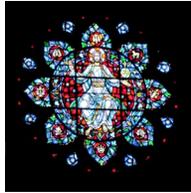
Our last fire drill was conducted **March 27**, in the morning. The children exited the building in just ONE minute. They all go straight to the BIG outdoor playground. Teachers take attendance and talk to the children about the process so they can learn about safety. Each class practices going to our tornado shelter (downstairs) monthly as well. Make sure you practice what to do at home.

ART CLASSES

Our art instructor, Ms. Heather, will continue her instruction with the children each week. The Monkeys and Zebras will have their lessons on Tuesdays and the Jaguars and Cheetahs will be on Fridays. We are really enjoying their creative experiences. Thank you all for your contributions to the projects!

Children's Chapel Time

Our children are enjoying their time learning about God in our Sanctuary on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have a prayer, song and quick Bible story. As part of the Nichols Hills United Methodist Church's mission we are committed to leading children into faith for the transformation of the world. Tuesdays and Thursdays our chapel time is 2:45-3 p.m. and Wednesdays we have chapel 9:45-10 a.m. Families are always welcome to join us.



Services at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

We invite all families to our church services on Sundays. There is an 8:30 a.m. and a 10:50 a.m. service. Sunday school is typically 9:45 to 10:30. Child care is available. Our music, choir and sermons are very much the antidote for a hectic life. Please join us. For more information call the church 842-1486. See you then!

Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled

Our center-wide Easter egg hunt is scheduled for **April 12, 1:45 p.m.** Each family is asked to contribute twelve already filled eggs for the children to find. The Pandas and Monkeys will find their eggs on our little playground while the Zebras and Jaguars will be on the big playground. Cheetahs will have the park area by the tennis courts to find their eggs. We need two volunteers from each class to come and **hide eggs between noon and 1:30 p.m.** Your child will need something to collect their eggs with. As always, we invite families who would like to observe or film the very quick event. It doesn't last long due to the excitement of the egg hunters. No additional treats or foods will be needed. See you there!



Sunscreen Time Arrives

Now that our warmer weather is on its way we need to remind you all about our sunscreen usage. We ask that children come to school with their sunscreen on. We re-apply in the afternoon before outdoor play with our **Rocky Mountain Sunscreen**. It is hypoallergenic and non-comedogenic with spf 50. It is **free** of: fragrance, gluten, nut oil, PABA, Casein, corn products, sugars and soy. If you prefer your own sunscreen from home just bring it in and label it with your child's name.



IRS Tax Forms Available



The Learning Center is happy to provide a tax statement for your tuition paid in 2016. It takes just a minute and will be given upon request. Let us know if you would like one. We thank you all for your patronage.

IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Bring an updated shot record to school following vaccinations. Thank you!

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Recycle plastic bags



The Learning Center uses many plastic bags for soiled clothing or diapers. If you shop and have extra plastic bags we would love to take them off your hands. Bring one – bring a bunch. We appreciate them all. Thanks!

Absences from School

We understand that people will miss school from time to time, but it helps us to know if you don't plan to attend. Call and let us know if your child is ill so we may let other families know too. Families benefit from the extra days available when we know they will be available. Please help us out with this process. Thanks!

Bilingual Education



Over the spring break a young mother emailed us to inquire about Spanish lessons. As I sent her a reply I thought how fortunate we are to have not one, not two, but four fluent Spanish-speakers on our staff. Here is some interesting information regarding bilingualism for children. "Most young children throughout the world successfully learn more than one language beginning in their earliest years," Linda Espinosa reminds us in her article, "Benefits of Bilingualism/ Multilingualism" in the **Exchange Essentials [Perspectives on Diversity](#)**. "Many cognitive neuroscientists have concluded that the human brain is primed to learn language from birth and is actually hearing and processing the unique characteristics of different languages beginning in the last trimester of pregnancy. "Current scientific research suggests that the development of two languages from a child's earliest language exposure has specific impacts on a variety of cognitive abilities that are discernible as early as seven months of age. These enhanced cognitive and linguistic abilities are persistent throughout childhood and may even offer some protection from symptoms of Alzheimer's in adulthood." The Learning Center provides a holistic approach to language learning. Our teachers say what they are doing in English and then repeat it in Spanish. It is really wonderful to watch our children incorporate Spanish into their everyday lives.

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Mission Work

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is collecting items to be donated to John Marshall Neighborhood Market. We have worked to develop a relationship over the past few years. Recently we became aware of another support opportunity that will impact the students in a very meaningful way. With reduced administrative staffing from budget cuts, our church missions group was asked to take on the responsibility of the school food pantry. There is a huge need as evidenced by over 75% of the students qualifying for free or reduced lunches.

On-going Needs for the Neighborhood Market:

- **Women's Deodorant***
- **Toothpaste***
- **Small Laundry Detergents** (10 oz size is best for them to carry home)*
- **Snacks** (bars, crackers, etc.) Anything that you can find a good deal on.
- **Travel Toiletries** (the students love the shampoo, conditioners, and shower gels)

*You can usually find these at the Dollar Tree or other dollar stores. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Drop-In Charges Due

The next time you need to "drop in" (a day you don't normally attend) we will need the tuition to be paid at that time. All accounts must be paid in full by the end of the month. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy.

Scholastic Books

Each month we send home flyers from Scholastic Books so that you may order them for your home. There is usually a due by date so that we can get the orders turned in and received by the end of the month. This helps the center to earn points for our classrooms to order books. The children really get excited with a regular influx of new books. It is a quick turn around process from ordering to receiving. Look for these flyers and join in the love of books. We will all benefit from your participation.



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3	4	5	6	7
American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	Granola bars & Lil Oranges	Go Gurts & Graham Crackers	Carrots & Ranch Dip	Goldfish crackers & Pickles
10	11	12	13	14
Applesauce & Cheese cubes	Saltines & Pickles	Chex Mix & Fruit Cups	Tortillas & Cream cheese	Good Friday <i>Closed</i>
17	18	19	20	21
Cereal bars & apple juice	Goldfish & Fruit cups	Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	Black Olives & Ritz Crackers	Fruit snacks & Nilla Wafers
24	25	26	27	28
Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	Wheat Thins & Pickles	Apples & Cheese stix	Veggie Straws & Apple Juice	Pretzels & Hummus

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **April 19**, in the Parlor at 1:45 p.m. This group typically meets the second Wednesday of each month but our Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled then. Any family members who wish to participate are welcome to join us. The PAC will serve as feedback for the management team, help to distribute information, assist with special celebrations and so on. We would welcome your input as to how to involve families in our program or any other suggestions. So far the communication has improved with your help. Your involvement is always appreciated! The following people who represent the classrooms are:



- Cubs— Marina Williams
- Pandas—Mary Fitch
- Monkeys—Jillian Murphy
- Zebras— Kacey Trotter
- Jaguars—Jennifer Akin
- Cheetahs—Sarah Lausen
- Paige Woolbright (Chair)

FAMILY CONFERENCES

Our spring conferences will be held the week of **April 17-21**. Sign up sheets will be on the door of each classroom. If you are not available on the day set aside for your class you may discuss with the teacher another time that is convenient. These family-teacher conferences last about 15 minutes each. We enjoy sharing your child's developmental milestones and making future goals for your child. See you then.





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Tuition Schedule effective **August 8, 2016**

Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$117	\$150	\$117	\$150	\$117

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$351
 Tuesday, Thursday = \$300
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$651
 Any combination of days based on availability.

Other Fees:

- Enrollment Fee (per session) \$75 - 1st child; \$15 - less each additional child
- Supply Fee Included in enrollment fee.
- Drop In Rate \$35 per day Monday / Wednesday / Friday
\$45 per day Tuesday /Thursday (upon availability)
- Late Pick Up \$1 per minute, per child.
- Returned Check Fee \$25

