



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



THE LEARNING CENTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TLC Closed	August 3-7
Fall Session begins	August 10
Block Party 5-7 p.m.	August 23
Open House 5:30-6:30 p.m.	August 26
Labor Day- TLC Closed	September 7
Fall Break- TLC Closed	October 15 & 16
Spring 2016 Enrollment	October 19-23
Halloween Parties	October 30
Thanksgiving Break- TLC Closed	November 25-27
Christmas Parties	December 17
Last day of Fall Session	December 18
Winter Break- TLC Closed	Dec. 21-Jan 4

August Birthdays



Keaton Guffey	August 11
MaryElla Thomas	August 12
Lauren Matthes*	August 17
Stevie Dickinson	August 19
Joshua Givens	August 21
Marie Maxey	August 24
Archier Elms	August 27
Lila Elms	August 27
Mack Medley	August 28

* denotes staff member

***TUITION INCREASE ***

Please note that a tuition increase has gone into effect August 10. We are raising each child's tuition by **\$20 a month** (five dollars a week.) Should your child come two to five days a week, the tuition will be \$20 more than it is now. Again, this will go into effect beginning Fall Session 2015.



Tippi Toes

Tippi Toes Dance Company is our dance program at TLC. Children, ages two and older, are eligible to participate in this elective activity. Dance promotes self-confidence and healthy habits! Each Monday our dance instructor, Miss Elyse, gathers the children for a 25 minute lesson. There will be a spring recital held for families and friends to see the unfolding development of our children. You are welcome to try a class for free before enrolling. It is \$35 a month per child. Boys and girls enjoy creative movement.

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 will focus on two different sports and incorporate activities proven to increase children's overall cardiovascular fitness, muscle tone, hand-eye coordination, reaction time and more! Teaching children life skills through sports. FUN! Classes are \$40 a month and lessons are each Thursday and now a class on Fridays, too. This program is a year round activity.

Spanish & Music Classes



We are happy to announce the addition of Spanish classes to our regular weekly program. Your monthly tuition already includes Music class each Wednesday and now we are adding Spanish class twice a week for Zebras (2 years old), Jaguars (3 years old) and Cheetahs (4 year olds.) On Mondays and Wednesdays Senora Catalina will visit the classrooms for a lesson that will be interactive and fun.

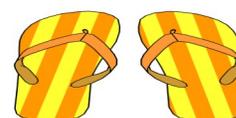
Planting early seeds of language will help to wire the brain for future acquisition of more languages. Also on Wednesdays we will continue to have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs (4 year olds.) All of the children enjoy their music time. We have 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.

Water Play Day Remains on TUESDAY only



Please remember to bring your child dressed in their water play attire with sunscreen already on. A plastic bag with their change of clothes will help to make the transition more smooth. Flip flops are not appropriate for outdoor play. Water shoes or tennis shoes are most preferred. We want to keep everyone safe this summer. Please help us to do that- In August the water play day is remaining on **Tuesdays only**. *****

Remember NO





Monthly Fire Drill

The last fire drill was conducted by each classroom during the week of July 6-10. This was done as part of the safety unit that the children explored. Each group also practiced their tornado drill by going to the basement and seeing where we would seek shelter and what we would do when the weather is threatening. The children enjoyed the “field trip” to the basement.



Staff Anniversary

This month we celebrate Keyneisha Prather’s work anniversary. She is one of the teachers who has committed herself to The Learning Center to provide the highest caliber of care for our children. Her son is one of our students in the Monkeys’ classroom. Keyneisha knows the value of quality care and is returning to Rose State to complete her studies in early childhood education. As of August 5 she will have been with TLC for four years. Congratulations Miss Keyneisha for another year of your dedication. We appreciate your hard work and assistance to make our program what it is!



Keyneisha Prather
August 5, four years

Children’s Chapel Time

We are excited to announce that our children will be given an opportunity to go to our Sanctuary on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for a prayer, song and 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 Wednesdays our chapel time is 9:45 to 10 a.m. Thursdays we will have chapel 2:45-3 p.m. We will have birthday blessings once a week-Families are always welcome to join us.



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
- ⇒ Describe a family hobby or typical weekend past time





Staff Development

This month our staff is following up last month's in-service about portfolios. This is a wonderful system to manage each child's developmental milestones and capture a fun display for families to see how they are progressing. August 29 the teachers and management team will practice how to put it all in this wonderful format called "Focused Portfolios." It is a seven hour training to support our work with the materials. The teachers are excited about this process to help them in their classrooms. We will share with each family at our fall family conferences the many accomplishments of our children.



Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet August 10 in the Parlor at 1:45 p.m. 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 to organize special celebrations and so on. We would welcome your input as to how to involve families in our program. So far the communication has worked well. Your involvement is always appreciated!

Block Party to end Summer

It has been a terrific summer. We want to celebrate with our church family and neighborhood to end our summer session! Plan to join us **August 23, 5-7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall and outdoors for a fun filled evening. We will have some water play activities, snow cones, face painting and much more. This is a Sunday evening so remember to mark your calendars for this wonderful event. More information will follow in emails. . . Keep your eyes open.



Weekly Calendar of Events for Fall Session

Mondays

Tippi Toes Dance* 10:15
Spanish 10:30 (2s and up)

Tuesdays

Children's Chapel 9:45

Wednesdays

Children's Chapel 9:45
Munchkin Music 10:15
Spanish 10:30

Thursdays

Amazing Athletes* 11:30
Children's Chapel 2:45

Fridays

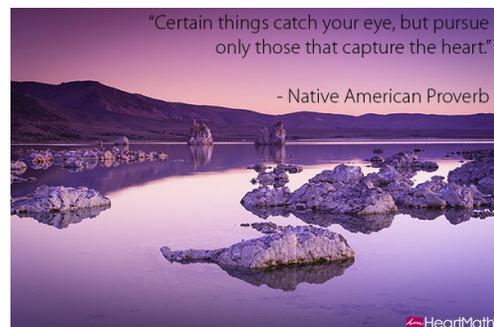
Amazing Athletes

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Cheetahs = PreK

Beginning August 10 our Cheetahs class will remain upstairs in the Sharks room. Our PreK Program will meet the curriculum guidelines for Oklahoma State Department of Education. Miss Janelle will remain the teacher. Children who are 4 years old before September 1 will be eligible for this class that meets five days a week, normal TLC hours.



~AUGUST 2015~				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 <i>TLC Closed</i>	4	5	6	7
10 Applesauce & water	11 Turkey & Crackers & water	12 Peaches & water	13 Animal crackers & water	14 Popsicles & water
17 Orange slices & water	18 Cheese sticks & Crackers & water	19 GoGurt & water	20 Graham Crackers & water	21 Apple slices & water
24 Cereal bar & water	25 Fruit Cup & water	26 Jell-O & water	27 Veggie Straws & water	28 Fruit snack & water
31 Goldfish crackers & water				

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow."
-Mary Anne Radmacher

NEW FACES AT CHURCH



We have some new faces at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. We have a student pastor, Matt Patrick, who is working with our church youth on Sundays. Also new is Lauren Matthes, Director of Children and Family Ministries. Her new office will be next to the west side doors and she will be in the church each afternoon. Our new custodian is Michael Hall, a member of our church who will not only be cleaning each night but also provides maintenance work. Our new Business Administrator, Kathy Smith, is working part-time. All of these new people have been fingerprinted and background screened by DHS. Just an fyi. . .

