



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

- TLC work week-*TLC closed* **July 31-August 4**
- First day of fall session **August 7**
- Labor Day-*TLC closed* **September 4**
- Fall Break-*TLC closed* **October 19 & 20**
- Thanksgiving Break-*TLC closed* **November 22-24**
- Last day of fall session **December 22**
- Christmas Break-*TLC closed* **December 25-Jan. 2**

August Birthdays

- Molly Newcomb **August 5**
- Madeline Birmingham **August 8**
- Luke Box **August 11**
- Charlotte Quick **August 11**
- Jennings Hill **August 12**
- Alex Wayne **August 25**



Open House Scheduled

We are inviting every one to our Annual Open House. Come and meet the TLC staff, Management Team, Parent Advisory Committee, Amazing Athletes coaches, Munchkin Music teacher, Art teacher and so on. It is August 16, 5:30 p.m. You are welcome to visit the classroom with your child and have refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join us as we kick off our fall session.



Be happy with what you have, and you will have plenty to be happy about.

-Irish Proverb



Weekly Specials Fall 2017

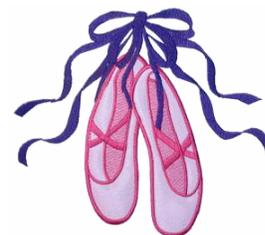
Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	Art Lessons 10 & 2:30 *Children's Chapel	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10:15	Amazing Athletes* 10:30 Children's Chapel 2:45	Amazing Athletes
*cost extra \$35 monthly	*Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	*Chapel for 3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

Tippi Toes



Tippi Toes offers positive, fun dance classes for girls and boys ages 1.5 – 6 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. To enroll, please go to www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city and follow the instructions to enroll!

Classes resume August 28



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 held on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, too. The program is for Monkeys, Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs. This program is a year-round activity. Beginning in **August 2017** the classes will receive Amazing Athletes which will be included in your monthly tuition!

Music Classes

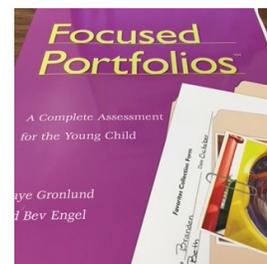
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Summer Campers. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Music Program scheduled to share what the children have learned in the spring and one at Christmas. 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
- ⇒ Describe a family hobby or typical weekend past time



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Monthly Fire Drill



Our last fire drill was conducted July 7, in the morning. The children exited the building in 55 seconds. 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 fire safety. Each class practices going to our tornado shelter (downstairs) monthly as well. Make sure you practice what to do at home, too.

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 Tuesday afternoons and the Jaguars and Cheetahs will be on Tuesday mornings. We are really enjoying their creative experiences. Thank you all for your contributions to the projects! Each week she takes pictures during art class. The photos are uploaded here: <https://www.flickr.com/gp/149356229@N03/AdxWS2>

Photos are private, you must have the exact link to access the pictures.

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!

New Forms for Families

Every family is required to fill out a **new** form for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. We will have you fill this out at orientation or the first week of the new session. It is to be done annually so keep your eyes open for this new form. We will make sure you get it. . .



Sunscreen Time

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 hypo-allergenic 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. This helps to reduce your child's chances of getting skin cancer.

Great News -- Price Increase

Effective August 7 our tuition rates will **increase \$25 a month or \$5 per day** attending. Children who attend five days per week each month will be charged \$676 and daily rates will be \$122 for M,W,F and T, Th \$155. The **GREAT** news is that Amazing Athletes will be added to our weekly special activities. Coach Angie is working with us so we may have all of the children participate and it will be included in your monthly tuition (just as art and music are included now.) We hope you appreciate the added value! Effective 8/7/17.**



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!



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR Fla Vor Ices



If every family brought one box for the summer we could use them all year long. Sam's Club, Walmart and area grocery stores have these items on sale now. Donations help keep our

costs down. Thank you very much-

DANGER in the Parking Lot!



Cars have been racing through our parking at speeds exceeding 20 miles per hour and this is problem. Please remember that young children are at risk with speeding cars in the parking lot. We appreciate everyone remembering that there is precious cargo every where. SLOW it down. . .

Classroom Improvements



We have added new equipment, painted classrooms, repaired floors and other maintenance to each classroom. We hope that you have noticed these improvements!

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)

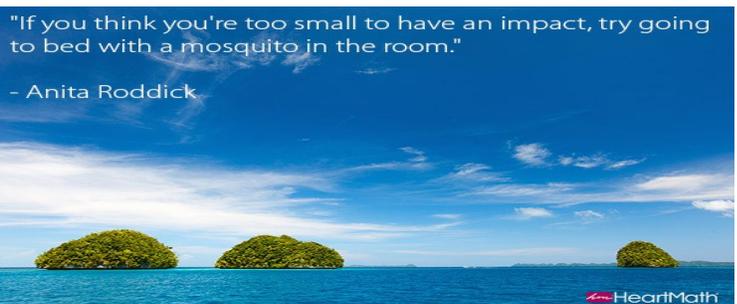
*You can usually find these at the Dollar Tree or other dollar stores.

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. Thank you!

We're fools whether we dance or not, so we might as well dance.

-Japanese Proverb



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	1 Closed	2 TLC	3 Work	4 Week
7 Saltines & Pickles	8 Black Olives & Ritz Crackers	9 Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	10 Applesauce & Cheese cubes	11 Pretzels & Hummus
14 Cereal Bars & Apple Juice	15 Goldfish & Fruit cups	16 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	17 Honey Pretzels & Pickles	18 Fruit snacks & Nilla Wafers
21 Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	22 Wheat Thins & Pickles	23 Apples & Cheese stix	24 Veggie Straws & Apple Juice	25 Carrots & Ranch Dip
28 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	29 Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	30 Granola Bar & Juice	31 Go Gurts & Graham Crackers	

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **Au-
gust 16**, in the Parlor at 1:45 p.m. This group typically meets the second Wednesday of each month.



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 for improvements. So far the communication has improved with your help. Your involvement is always appreciated! The following people who represent the classrooms are:

Cubs—Jamie Johnson
Pandas—Marina Williams
Monkeys—
Zebras—Mary Fitch
Jaguars—Kacey Trotter
Cheetahs—Tausha



"We over estimate children academically and under estimate them intellectually."

-Lilian Katz

Staff Anniversaries

We are so fortunate to celebrate two staff work anniversaries this month. It is a big deal to our program to provide consistent childcare with staff who are committed to professional development. Please help us to congratulate Keyneisha Prather for her **sixth year** and Krystle Reed for her **first year!** We appreciate you both very much. Happy anniversary.
Keyneisha Prather 8/5 Krystle Reed 8/8



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Tuition Schedule effective August 7, 2017

Monthly Tuition (Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$122	\$155	\$122	\$155	\$122

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$366
 Tuesday, Thursday = \$310
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$676
 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

Some interesting findings from the 2017 North American Child Care Sector Benchmark Survey:

- "An overwhelming trend of 2016 was the increasing recognition of the importance of early childhood education in improving children's futures. James Heckman, economist and Nobel Laureate, published a study that expands upon previous work investigating the return on investment into early childhood education. He found that high quality programs for disadvantaged children can have a 13% return due to a variety of improved life outcomes, such as higher graduation and employment rates, lower drug use, and even lower blood pressure."
- "The average monthly price by age group is inversely correlated with age, reflecting higher labor costs for the care of younger children as well as additional health and safety requirements. The average monthly price for infants was \$1,500, decreasing to \$612 once the child reaches School Age programs."

Source: ExchangeEveryDay 7 17 2017

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