



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



THE LEARNING CENTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Break (<i>TLC closed</i>)	March 16-20
Summer Enrollment	March 23-27
Good Friday (<i>TLC closed</i>)	April 3
Show & Sing	April 29
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 4-8
Muffins for Moms	May 8
Celebration of Learning	May 14
Last Day of Spring Session	May 22
Summer Break (<i>TLC closed</i>)	May 25-29
Summer Session begins	June 1
First Day of Summer Session	June 1

March Birthdays

Harry Hart	3/6
Mia Hart	3/6
Matthew Whelan	3/6
Emma Palazzolo	3/7
Keyneisha Prather *	3/7
Ford Patterson	3/12
Isadora Rupert	3/12
Daisja Howell*	3/16

*** denotes staff member**

I think there's a little child in all of us and we all too often forget to let the child out to play.

-Donna A. Favors



Tax Statements available upon request. We have your amount paid from August to December. Let us know if you would like a statement. Takes just a second to receive one-



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 Kylie, 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

Our new program that we launched in September is called Amazing Athletes. It 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.

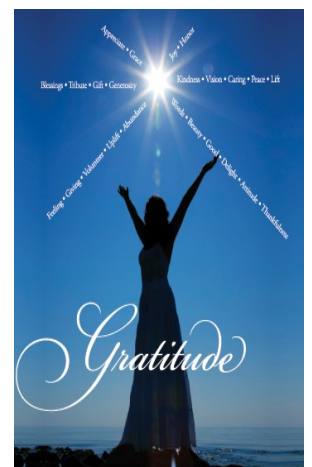
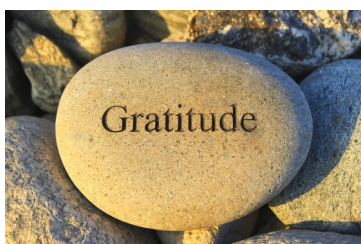
Enrollment for Summer



We will register for summer the week of March 23-27. There will be a **supply fee of \$25** charged for the summer session and no enrollment fee. We will also have classrooms available for our school-age program (ages 5-12 years old), too. We are planning some different activities and specials for the children. Make sure to secure a spot for your child. We will maintain the same hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-2:30 and Tuesday, Thursday 9-4 p.m.

GRATITUDE IS NOT ONLY THE GREATEST OF VIRTUES, BUT THE PARENT OF ALL OTHERS.

-MARCUS CICERO



Monthly Fire Drill



The fire drill was held on February 10 at 10:15 a.m. We alternate our drills from month to month with one in the morning and the next in the afternoon. The children exited the building in less than one minute. Excellent job everyone!

Raising Smart Children

In her article, "**The Secrets of Raising Smart Kids**," in **Scientific American** (Winter 2015), Carol Dweck makes these points:

"Many people assume that superior intelligence or ability is a key to success. But more than three decades of research shows that an overemphasis on intellect or talent — and the implication that such traits are innate or fixed — leaves people vulnerable to failure, fearful of challenges, and unmotivated to learn.


"Teaching people to have a 'growth mind-set,' which encourages a focus on 'process' rather than on intelligence or talent, produces high achievers in school and life.

"Parents and teachers can engender a growth mind-set in children by praising them for their persistence or strategies (rather than for their intelligence), by telling success stories that emphasize hard work and love of learning, and by teaching them about the brain as a learning machine."



Curriculum News

For our children 2 years old and under they will focus on Dr. Seuss' birthday and Silly Fun with activities and a focus on Weather Watching. They will explore making faces and the notion of upside/down. Other key concepts will be the colors: blue and yellow, wet and dry, and oval shapes. Here are some fun books to read:

Hop on Pop! By  Dr. Seuss
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow
Elmer's Weather by David McKee
Round Is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes by Roseanne Greenfield thong
Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings by Matthew Van Fleet
Blue Sky by Audrey Wood

There's a Wocket in My Pocket
On Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish
The Foot Book
The Cat in The Hat all by Dr. Seuss
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs by Judi and Ron Barrett
Flash, Crash, Rumble, and Roll by Franklyn Branley
The Cloud Book by Tomie de Paola
Red Rubber Boot Day by Mary Lyn Ray

The Jaguars will also talk about Silly Dr. Seuss and Changing Weather. We have some really fun (silly) things planned. During the month of March the weather often changes between being calm and nice, to windy and storming. Thus the comparison to a lamb and a lion. When it begins like a lion, some believe it will end like a lamb and vise-versa. Ask your child if the weather is like a lamb or a lion. Spring will definitely bring a variety of weather so getting information about wind, spring weather, rainstorms and rainbows will be shared throughout this theme.



DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY WEEK March 2-6

This week we are celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with a reading adventure. During the week we are celebrating in the following fashion:

Monday—"The Cat in the Hat" - hat day

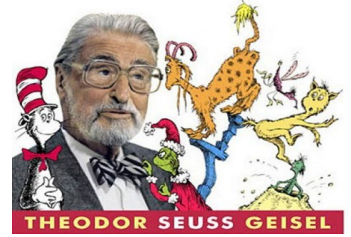
Tuesday—"Fox in Socks" - crazy sock day

Wednesday—"Green Eggs and ham" - wear green

Thursday—"On Fish, Two Fish" - backwards day

Friday—"The Lorax" - crazy hair day

Should be a memorable week!



FAMILY REFERRAL REWARD



The Learning Center enrollment has soared in the last couple of months. Much of that is due to the word of mouth from our families here. As a reward to you all (for doing our advertising), we want to offer a **\$25 referral reward** for each new family that enrolls in March and gives us your name. Please know that because you all have helped to build this program up, it has given our staff confidence that TLC will be here for many more years. There is no amount of money that could compensate for the peace of mind of our staff. We are grateful and want you to know that we appreciate your efforts. Thank you!

By learning you will teach; by teaching you will learn.

-Latin Proverb

Parent Meeting for Jaguar Class

We will have a special meeting for the parents in the Jaguar class regarding fall enrollment and plans at TLC for a pre-kindergarten experience. We plan to meet on **March 25, 2:45 p.m. in the Parlor**. Join us for more information regarding your child's future. Ruth Ann Ball will discuss developmentally appropriate environments and why your family benefits from a smaller group size. Child care will be provided with notice. Let us know if you need care for your child during the meeting.

DONATION REQUESTED

Classrooms are needing bath or beach towels. Any condition or colors are fine. Bring us your old towels to be put to good use. Thank you-



~MARCH 2015~				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Apple slices and water	3 Bananas and crackers	4 Fruit snacks and water	5 Turkey and cheese slices	6 Veggie straws and water
9 Fruit cups and water	10 Yogurt and graham crackers	11 Cereal bars and water	12 Cooking projects	13 Goldfish and water
16 	17 TLC CLOSED ALL	18 WEEK —————>	19 —————>	20 —————>
23 Chex mix and water	24 Turkey and crackers	25 Cheese Puffs and water	26 Mandarin oranges and water	27 Animal crackers and water
30 Veggie straws and water	31 Nilla wafers and pudding			

In "The Making of a Healthy Eater: Winning the Finicky Eater Battle," in the [Exchange Essential: Nutrition and Childhood Obesity](#), James Thomas, Diane Pfeil, and Fernando Guerra make these observations:

"Perhaps no single factor influences a child's health and lifelong well-being more than food patterns established early in life. Contrary to many parents' assumptions, children are not by nature finicky eaters. On the contrary, childhood is characterized by exploration; and children are naturally curious about foods, their textures, shapes, colors, and flavors. Parents too often create finicky eaters by conveying their own likes and dislikes to their children through words and actions.

"Remember, a child is not an adult dressed in kids' clothing. His role in developing into a healthy eater is being himself and exploring the world around him. Specifically, he needs to focus on the task at hand — eating. Sometimes this can be difficult if his eating environment is filled with too many distractions."



SCHOOL- AGE Program

The week before OUR spring break we will offer childcare for siblings of our currently enrolled children. Families will need to sign up before then to let us know how many to plan for. March 9-13 we will operate normal hours Monday through Friday. The rate will be **\$132.50 per child for five days**. Our daily rate will remain **\$30 per child per day**. Let us know how we can help your family. We do plan to offer a Summer Camp for school-agers too. Make sure to get your child's name on the list!

