



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



THE LEARNING CENTER

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

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Break-TLC Closed	March 14-18
Summer enrollment	March 21-24
Good Friday-TLC Closed	March 25
Week of the Young Child	April
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 2-6
Muffins for Moms	May 6
Last day of spring session	May 27
Memorial Day-TLC Closed	May 30
Summer break	May 31-June 3
First day of summer session	June 6

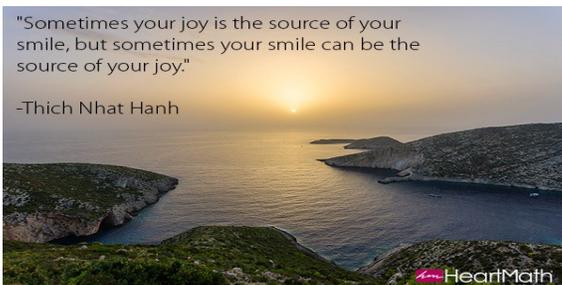
March Birthdays

E.E. Fellrath	3/1
Harry Hart	3/6
Mia Hart	3/6
Emma Palazzolo	3/7
Key Prather*	3/7
Trisha Ibendahl*	3/11
Ford Patterson	3/12
Lydia Hunt	3/15
Lilly Skinner	3/21



Calendar Dates Adjusted

Please note that our last day of the **spring session** is now **MAY 27**. The staff break is **May 30-June 3**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope that it will be helpful to you. Our summer session will begin **June 6**. Water play, snow cones, fun outdoors will begin then.



"Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy."

-Thich Nhat Hanh



Weekly Calendar of Events for Spring Session

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	Children's Chapel 2:45	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10:15	Children's Chapel 9:45 Amazing Athletes* 10:30	Amazing Athletes* 10:00

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Tippi Toes



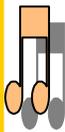
Tippi Toes Dance Company is our dance program at TLC. Children, ages two and older, are eligible to participate in this elective activity. Dance promotes self-confidence and healthy habits! Each Monday our dance instructor, Miss Rachel, gathers the children for a 25 minute lesson. There will be a spring 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. Monthly tuition for dance is \$35 per child and there is an enrollment fee of \$35. 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 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 each Wednesday. Each Wednesday 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. 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 from our Parent Advisory Committee classroom Representative.

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



Monthly Fire Drill



Our last fire drill was conducted February 19 in the morning. The children exited the building and went straight to the BIG outdoor playground. Teachers take roll and talk to the children about the process so they can learn about safety. Each class practices going to our tornado shelter (downstairs) each month as well. Make sure you practice what to do at home.



Since most of us spend our lives doing ordinary tasks, the most important thing is to carry them out extraordinarily well.
-Favorite quote of Australian architect Glenn Murcutt

Children's Chapel Time

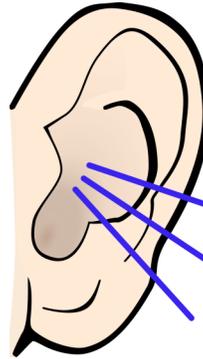
Our children are enjoying their time learning about God in our Sanctuary on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have a prayer, song and quick bible story. As part of the Nichols Hills United Methodist Church's mission we are committed to leading children into faith for the transformation of the world.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

Speech-Language Screenings



Our annual speech-language screenings will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 9 & 10. Children three years old and up will be screened by speech pathologists from UCO. Any issues that are detected will be communicated to the family for further consultation. This is a wonderful service that UCO provides for us and it is free! Now is the time to help children who may have speech or hearing issues before they get to elementary age. Let us know if you have any concerns regarding your child's language or hearing.



Spring School Photos Scheduled

Each spring and fall we have school photos taken by Larch Family Photography. Mark your calendars for March 31, Thursday. They begin taking photos about 8 a.m. of the staff and staff children. You are welcome to come early for pictures or just come at your usual arrival time and we will take them into the Fellowship Hall for photos. Some times children do a little bit better when the parent isn't there.

Hard to believe I know, but Larch is wonderful and really puts out great pictures.

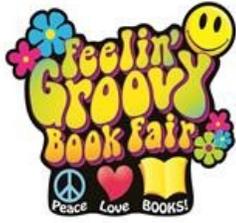
You won't believe them. There will be an envelope to reserve your spot for pictures with \$1. This is just to commit that you do want them taken. There will be no pressure to buy anything if you don't want any pictures. The school does get a portion of the sales. We typically have a solid background (black or white) and some different scenery in the background. Siblings may have pictures taken together, too. Our photo proofs usually are returned quite promptly so you may see what pictures you would like to order. Again, no pressure. We will remind you the week before that picture day is coming.

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





SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held February 29—March 4. We will have many popular books and new choices for infants through Pre-K. You may pay by check or credit card. The center does re-

ceive a portion of the sales in merchandise (new books) or points to purchase items for the classrooms. Mark your calendar for our annual book fair and plan to spend some extra time shopping from our displays. See you there!



Summer Enrollment

Just a heads up about enrollment for the summer session (which will be March 21-24.) Once our currently enrolled families have chosen the schedule they want for the summer we will then open the enrollment to new families. We have some exciting and fun things planned for the summer session (in particular for the School-agers.) Enrollment fee of **\$75** will cover a tee-shirt and all fees for special activities and field trips for summer. Space is limited for school-agers so don't delay in reserving a spot for your child.

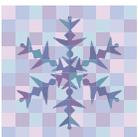
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)



Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **March 7** in the Parlor at 1:45 p.m. This group typically meets the second Monday of each month, but that would interfere with spring break. 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. Your involvement is always appreciated! The following people who represent the classrooms are:

Cubs—Jillian Murphy
 Pandas—Ashley Wilson
 Monkeys—Paige Woolbright and Kristi Pointer
 Zebras— Jennifer Akin
 Jaguars—Sarah Lausen and Marina Williams
 Cheetahs—Jeri Lunsford, Chair of the PAC

Inclement Weather



When you are in doubt about the weather you may check the television stations for our closings. You will find The Learning Center listed under Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. You are also welcome to look on the church's web page www.nicholshillsumc.org Feel free to text or call Denise (819-0776) or email her at dbuthion@nicholshillsumc.org When Putnam City and OKC schools close due to weather then it is a possibility that we will too.

IRS Tax Forms Available

The Learning Center is happy to provide a tax statement for your tuition paid in 2015. 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.



~March 2016~

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Cheese sticks & water	2 Animal crackers & water	2 Pickles, saltines & water	4 Graham crackers & water
7 Tortillas & cream cheese with jelly water	8 Carrots, ranch dip & water	9 Pretzel thins, hummus & water	10 Turkey & cheese rollups water	11 Pot Luck & water
14 CLOSED	15 FOR	16 SPRING	17 BREAK	18 
21 Goldfish & water	22 Apple slices & water	23 Go Gurts & water	24 Veggie Straws & water	25 Closed For 
28 Cereal bars & water	29 Chex mix & water	30 Mixed fruit cups & water	31 Fruit Loops & water	