



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.*

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Independence Day-TLC Closed	July 4
Last day of summer session	July 29
Summer Break	August 1-5
First day of fall session	August 8

May Birthdays

Paxton Pendley	5/7
Chandler Coe	5/19
Grayson Baker	5/20
Charlie Barringer	5/27
Shelley Bowie*	5/27
Les Williams	5/28

*indicates staff member

****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.



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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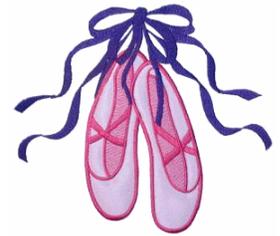
Tippi Toes



Tippi Toes 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.

Summer classes at TLC will be on Mondays from 10:30-10:55 a.m. for six weeks starting June 6th! Tuition is \$55/dancer for the session.

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 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

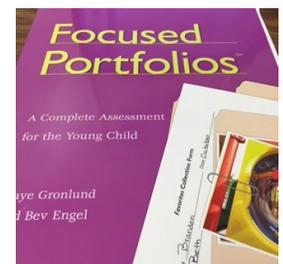


Your monthly tuition includes Music class each Wednesday. Each Wednesday we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs (4 year olds.) All of the children enjoy their music time. We have a program in May to share what the children have learned. Each 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:

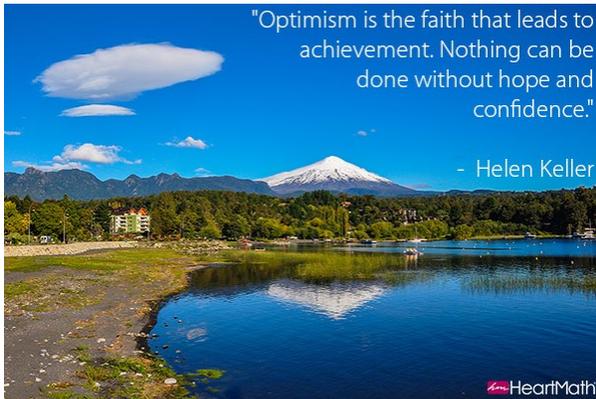
- ⇒ Create a photo collage of your immediate or extended family
- ⇒ Write about a special family event or trip and include a photo
- ⇒ Share how your child's name was selected
- ⇒ Describe a family hobby or typical weekend past time



Monthly Fire Drill



Our last fire drill was conducted April 15 in the morning. The children exited the building and went 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) each month as well. Make sure you practice what to do at home. Our "good as new" buggy is now used for the non-walkers in the Pandas.



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.



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!

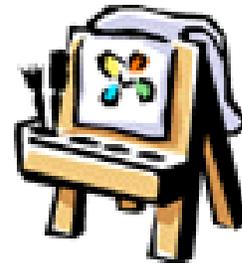
SUNSCREEN



Please remember to slather sunscreen on your child before they come to school each day. We will reapply in the afternoon. If your child has sensitive skin please bring us your sunscreen to use. Otherwise we will use our generic bottle from Rocky Mountain. It is hypoallergenic. It is imperative that you label your sunscreen with first and last name. Thank you so much!

NEW FOR SUMMER SESSION

We have art classes for our children! Our art instructor, Heather White, will begin working with children in Monkeys, Zebras, Jaguars and Summer Camp classrooms. Her schedule will be Mondays and Tuesdays 10-11 a.m. Classes will meet for 30 minutes with a specific focus and a story to emphasize the different mediums that they will be using. Heather is one of our mothers from the Monkeys class. These art sessions will begin June 6, which is the first day of our summer session. The first lesson will be about monoprints inspired by Helen Frankenthaler. The storybook by Leo Lionni, *Little Blue and Little Yellow*, will support the activity. Heather teaches art for Oklahoma City Community College and has an extensive background in art education. We are pleased to include these art activities in our weekly curriculum. You will receive information each week regarding their focus in the weekly lesson plans. Welcome Ms. Heather!



It is more shameful to distrust one's friends than to be deceived by them.

-French Proverb

IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Bring an updated shot record to school following





Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6, 2016

Each May the entire country celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week. Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) has been meeting to plan some things for our teachers. May 2-6, we have these special events planned:

Monday, May 2—Bagels and coffee from PAC

Tuesday, May 3—One flower from each child to each teacher

Wednesday, May 4—Card or drawing from child showing gratitude

Thursday, May 5—Gift cards to teachers*

Friday, May 6—Pizza Party from TLC Management Team

*Families are asked to contribute \$10 to a class fund for the gift cards. The PAC will purchase the gift cards and distribute them to the teachers. Money may be left at the front desk with Denise. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Let's thank our teachers for their hard work!

Please stop and sign your child's name with something they like about their teacher, classroom or TLC. Each teacher has their own flower & petals.



Last year's banner

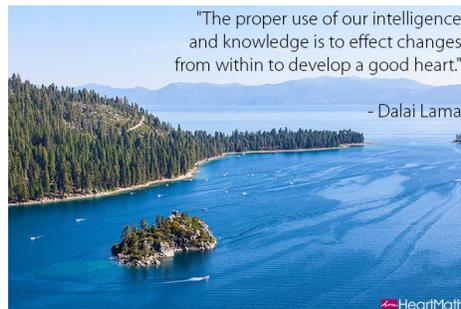
Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **May 11** 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. So far the communication has improved with your help. Your involvement is always appreciated! The following people who represent the classrooms are:



Cubs— Mary Fitch
 Pandas—Ashley Wilson
 Monkeys—Paige Woolbright (Chair) and Kristi Pointer
 Zebras— Jennifer Akin
 Jaguars—Sarah Lausen and Marina Williams
 Cheetahs—Jeri Lunsford

MAY 2016~				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Turkey slices & crackers	3 Cheese cubes & Craisins	4 Apples & Almond butter	5 Pretzels & American cheese	6 Graham crackers & Nutella
9 Dill Pickles and Saltines	10 Carrots & ranch dip	11 Pretzel thins & hummus	12 Turkey & cheese rollups	13 Pita chips & Apple slices
16 Granola bars & Soy butter	17 American cheese & Ritz Crackers	18 Tortillas & cream cheese with jelly	19 Vanilla wafers & Bananas	20 Animal crackers & Yogurt dip
23 Goldfish & grapes	24 Apple slices & cheese cubes	25 Go Gurts & Teddy Grams	26 Veggie Straws & Ranch dip	27 Pudding cups & Vanilla wafers
30 Memorial Day 	31 CLOSED	ALL WEEK		



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

Please join us Friday, May 6, as we recognize our Mothers of TLC. Any one is welcome to participate in the come and go breakfast 9-10 a.m. We will have orange juice, muffins and sweet breads for our important guests. Plan to join us in our foyer as we celebrate the important women in our lives.

