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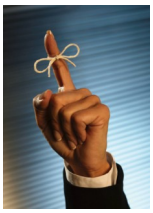
Remember to sign your child in and out daily-required by DHS. Thank you-



The Learning Center

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

Management Team

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2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Last day of spring session	May 26
Memorial Day-*TLC closed*	**May 29-June 2**
First day of summer session	June 5
Fall enrollment	June 19-23
Independence Day-*TLC closed*	**July 4**
Last day of summer session	July 28
TLC work week-*TLC closed*	**July 31-August 4**
First day of fall session	August 7
Labor Day-*TLC closed*	**September 4**

You must work, we must all work, to make the world worthy of its children.

-Pablo Casals

May Birthdays

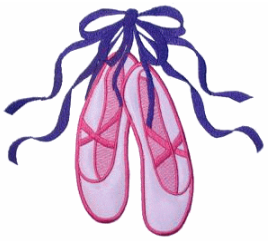
Paxton Pendley	May 7
Charlotte de Keratry	May 13
Ashley Edwards*	May 19
Chandler Coe	May 19
Paxton Greve	May 20
Shelley Bowie*	May 27
Les Williams	May 28
Brayden Harrison	May 29
Mando Chavez	May 29
Noah Lee	May 31

* denotes staff member

Weekly Specials Spring 2017

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
.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	***cost extra $40 monthly**	same

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. Classes at TLC are on Mondays from 10:30-10:55 a.m. Tuition is $35 per month. Our **spring recital will be May 20**. See list for times.
To enroll, please go to www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city and follow the instructions to enroll!

Amazing Athletes

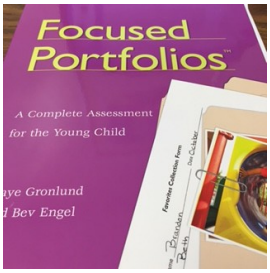
Amazing Athletes is an introduction into the basic fundamentals and mechanics of nine different sports and focuses on self-confidence, practicing teamwork, and improving seven key areas of motor development. Young children need guidance in building their balance, agility, strength training within a non-competitive, learning-based environment. Each class 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 $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 on Wednesdays. Each week 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 and look forward to it. We have a **Music Program** scheduled **May 3** 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. 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

Monthly Fire Drill

Our last fire drill was conducted **April 25**, in the morning. The children exited the building in just ONE minute. 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 safety. Each class practices going to our tornado shelter (downstairs) monthly as well. Make sure you practice

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.

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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!

PICNIC POTLUCK

May 26 is **the last day** of the spring session. We will celebrate with a potluck picnic. We will spread out blankets on the big playground and little playground. We will set up tables for each playground for the food. Each family will be asked to contribute something for the meal from a commercial kitchen. TLC will supply the plates, silverware, napkins, lemonade and water, etc. The classes typically have their lunch around 11:30. We will have a bounce house on the big playground for the older children. Please plan to join us if you are available. Afterwards the children will have their naps and then it's home for us all as we end 2:30 p.m.

Sunscreen Time Arrives

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 hypoallergenic 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.

Muffins for Moms May 12

Please join us in a "come and go" breakfast of muffins, juice, and fruit to honor our mothers. They do so much for us that we wanted to share a quick breakfast. It will be from **9-10 a.m. May 12.** Photos will be taken of moms with their children. Everyone is welcome to partake in the celebration. Happy Mother's Day!

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!

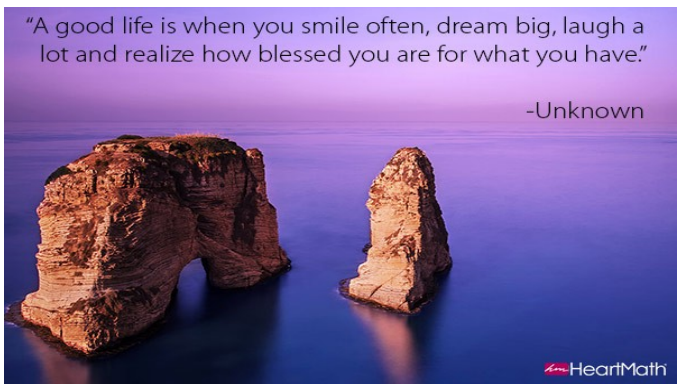
Absences from School

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!

Move ups and Orientations

We have many children who will change classrooms in June. In order to provide a more smooth transition for the child and parent we will have group orientations to the new classroom. Please see the list for when your group will meet. We have new forms for families to sign too (new DHS requirement). If this time doesn't work with your schedule let us know.

Cubs———>Pandas	May 22 @ 2:30 p.m.
Pandas——->Monkeys	May 22 @ 2:30 p.m.
Monkeys——>Zebras	May 23 @ 4 p.m.
Zebras———>Jaguars	May 22 @ 2:30 p.m.
Jaguars——->Cheetahs	May 24 @ 2:30 p.m.
Cheetahs——>Summer	May 25 @ 4 p.m.



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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. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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!

Scholastic Books

Each month we send home flyers from Scholastic Books so that you may order them for your home. There is usually a "due by" date so that we can get the orders turned in and received by the end of the month. This helps the center to earn points for our classrooms to order books. The children really get excited with a regular influx of new books. It is a quick turn around process from ordering to receiving. Look for these flyers and join in the love of books. We will all benefit from your participation.

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1 Applesauce & Cheese cubes	2 Granola bars & Lil Oranges	3 Go Gurts & Graham Crackers	4 Carrots & Ranch Dip	5 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels
8 Saltines & Pickles	9 Black Olives & Ritz Crackers	10 Chex Mix & Fruit Cups	11 Tortillas & Cream cheese	12 Pretzels & Hummus
15 Cereal bars & apple juice	16 Goldfish & Fruit cups	17 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	18 Goldfish crack- ers & Pickles	19 Fruit snacks & Nilla Wafers
22 Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	23 Wheat Thins & Pickles	24 Apples & Cheese stix	25 Veggie Straws & Apple Juice	26 Potluck Celebration End of Session

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet May 17, in the Parlor at 1:45 p.m. This group typically meets the second Wednesday of each month but this month it will be the third Wednesday due to schedule conflicts. 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— Marina Williams
Pandas—Mary Fitch
Monkeys—Jillian Murphy
Zebras— Kacey Trotter
Jaguars—Jennifer Akin
Cheetahs—Sarah Lausen
Paige Woolbright (Chair)

Staff Anniversary

We are so happy to celebrate the first anniversary of Tausha Davison with TLC. May 23, 2016 was the day that she began as our Curriculum Specialist. She has assisted all of us in numerous ways. Now she is part-time with us as she has taken on the role of Director of Children's Ministry with the Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. This is a promotion for her and we are very happy to watch her succeed. Most fortunately for us is the fact that she is still with us. Happy one year work anniversary Tausha! Please join us on Sundays and see what is happening in our children's ministry.

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door, that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.
-Helen Keller

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Tuition Schedule effective August 8, 2016

Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
$117	$150	$117	$150	$117

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = $351
Tuesday, Thursday = $300
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = $651
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