



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



THE LEARNING CENTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Labor Day- TLC Closed	September 7
Fall Break- TLC Closed	October 15 & 16
Spring 2016 Enrollment	October 19-23
Halloween Parties	October 30
Thanksgiving Break- TLC Closed	November 25-27
Christmas Parties	December 17
Last day of Fall Session	December 18
Winter Break- TLC Closed	Dec. 21-Jan 4

September Birthdays

Corbet Clark	9/4
Tyler Nelson	9/6
Henry Gruber	9/7
Harrison Hill	9/8
Anderson Redwine	9/8
Roger Petter	9/17
Bo Stromblad	9/18
Sayde Medina*	9/19
Greer Dickinson	9/26
Kilynn Lee	9/27
Edward Patterson	9/30



* indicates staff member

PICTURE DAY SCHEDULED



Larch Family Photography will take school photos on **September 17**. Photographs will begin **9 a.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Siblings may have pictures taken together. You may purchase pictures from proofs.

Weekly Calendar of Events for Fall Session

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	Children's Chapel 2:45	Children's Chapel 9:45	Children's Chapel 9:45	Amazing Athletes* 10:00
Spanish 10:00 (2s and up)		Munchkin Music 10:15 Spanish 10:30	Amazing Athletes* 10:30	
*cost extra \$35 monthly			*cost extra \$40 monthly	





Tippi Toes

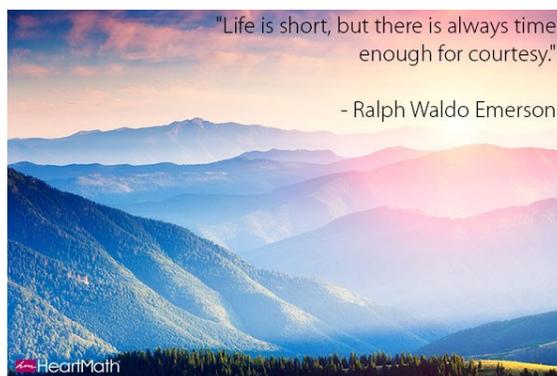
Tippi Toes Dance Company is our dance program at TLC. Children, ages two and older, are eligible to participate in this elective activity. Dance promotes self-confidence and healthy habits! Each Monday our dance instructor, Miss Elyse, gathers the children for a 25 minute lesson. There will be a spring 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.

Spanish & Music Classes

We are happy to announce the addition of Spanish classes to our regular weekly program. Your monthly tuition already includes Music class each Wednesday and now we are adding Spanish class twice a week for Zebras (2 years old), Jaguars (3 years old) and Cheetahs (4 year olds.) On Mondays and Wednesdays Senora Catalina will visit the classrooms for a lesson that will be interactive and fun. Planting early seeds of language will help to wire the brain for future acquisition of more languages. Also on Wednesdays we will continue to 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.





Monthly Fire Drill

The last fire drill was conducted August 21 in the morning. The children exited the building promptly and went straight to the outdoor BIG playground. Teachers take roll and talk to the children about the process so they can learn about safety. Make sure you practice what to do at home as well. Stop, drop and roll is a fun activity to do with your child.

NEW Babies at TLC

We are so excited about all of the new babies who have arrived in the last month. Several of you have inquired about Miss Da'Shanique. She delivered her baby boy, Tatumn, on August 14. He is the spitting image of his big brother, Joshua. She plans to return to work in late September. Hallie Hill delivered her little boy, Jennings, August 12. Big brother Harrison is one of our Zebras. Jennings will join TLC in November. Last we have Ella Wayne's new little brother, Alexander Xander Wayne, who arrived August 25. So glad he made it here safely. Now who will be coming next?



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. We will have birthday blessings once a week too! Families are always welcome to join us. It is wonderful to watch the development and growth of our little disciples. The Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs are all participating in the weekly chapel.



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





Staff Development

Last month the staff completed the 14 hours of Focused Portfolio training. Next, we are attending the Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma state conference September 19. Staff will earn six hours of training toward their annual minimum requirement of 20 hours per year. The conference will be held at Oklahoma City Community College. Several of the staff are in college taking courses and some are working on their Child Development Associate certificates at the technology centers. As they learn more about new techniques and best practice they become more excited about their work and implementing what they are learning.



Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

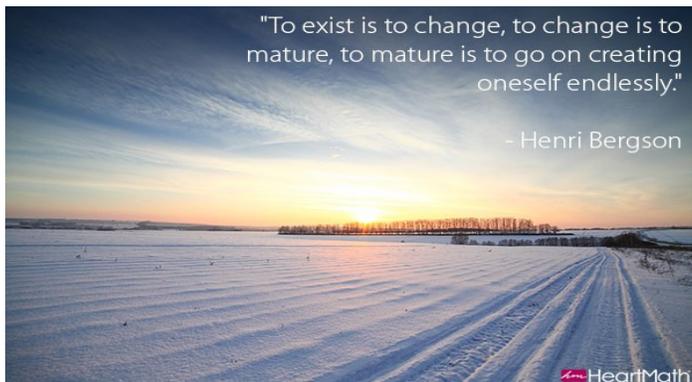
Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **September 14** in the Parlor at 1:45 p.m. This group meets the second Monday of each month. Any family members who wish to participate are welcome to join us. The PAC will serve as feedback for the management team, help to distribute information, assist 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 worked well. Your involvement is always appreciated! The following people who represent the classrooms are:

- Cubs—Jennifer Hanna and Ashley Wilson
- Pandas—Kristi Pointer
- Monkeys—Rachel Huchton and Paige Woolbright
- Zebras—Marina Williams
- Jaguars—Sarah Lausen
- Cheetahs—Jeri Lunsford, Chairwoman of the PAC

Second annual GRANDPARENT Breakfast

We will honor our children's grandparents with a come and go breakfast on **September 11**. Breakfast will be served from 9-10 a.m. If a grandparent is not able to come then any one is welcome to join their child for this celebration. This breakfast will consist of mini-muffins, rolls and orange juice. This is our recognition for the greatest joy in the world—to be a grandparent! Hope to see you here.

Here are some of last year's photos.



~SEPTEMBER 2015~

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Fresh Watermelon & Water	2 Carrots & Ranch Water	3 Cheese Puffs & Water	4 Popsicles & Water
7 CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	8 Cereal Bars & Water	9 Pears & Water	10 Goldfish & Water	11 Applesauce & Graham crackers Water
14 Veggie Straws & Water	15 Vanilla & Chocolate Pudding Water	16 Turkey & Cheese Rollups Water	17 Cookies & Water	18 Trail Mix & Water
21 Go Gurt & Water	22 Peaches & Water	23 Animal Crackers & Water	24 Apple slices & Water	25 Fruit Snacks & Water
28 Orange slices & Water	29 Cheese & Crackers	30 Mixed fruit cups & water		

TLC Snack Suggestions

These are meant to be suggestions only. Please do not bring anything *homemade* or anything containing *peanuts*. Thank you!

Apple Slices & Almond Butter
Applesauce Pouches
Bananas
Blueberries
Cantaloupe chunks
Cheerios
Crackers & Almond Butter
Crackers & Cheese
Deli Meat & Cheese
Dole Fruit Cups
Go Gurt
Goldfish Crackers
Graham Crackers
Granola Bars
Grapes – cut in half for younger children
Hard Boiled Eggs
Muffins
Oranges

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Pineapples Chunks
Pita Chips & Hummus
Pretzels and Cubed Cheese
Raisins
Rice Cakes & Hummus, Cream Cheese or Almond Butter
Strawberries—cut up for younger children under 2
String Cheese
Vanilla Wafers
Veggies with Ranch Dip or Hummus—baby carrots, cherry tomatoes
Veggie Straws
Watermelon Cubes

