



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



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Quality childcare is not expensive. It is priceless. . .

## THE LEARNING CENTER

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

### 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring Break- <b>TLC closed</b>	<b>March 12-16</b>
Summer session enrollment	March 19-23
Good Friday- <b>TLC closed</b>	<b>March 30</b>
Muffins for Moms	May 14
Last day of spring session	May 26
Memorial Day- <b>TLC closed</b>	<b>May 28-June 1</b>
First day of summer session	June 4
Donuts for Dads	June 8
Fall session enrollment	June 25-29
Independence Day- <b>TLC closed</b>	<b>July 4</b>
Last day of summer session	July 27
TLC summer break- <b>TLC closed</b>	July 30-August 3
First day of fall session	August 6

### Tax Statements Available

The Learning Center is happy to provide a tax statement for your tuition paid in 2017. 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.



**Kindness to children, love for children, goodness to children – these are the only investments that never fail.**  
 -Henry David Thoreau



### Weekly Specials Spring 2018

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	Art Lessons 10 & 2:30 Children's Chapel 2:45 (Monkeys & older in art)	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10 (Everyone does music)	Amazing Athletes 10 Children's Chapel 2:45	Amazing Athletes 10 (Monkeys and older participate in this)
*cost extra \$35 monthly	Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	



## Children's Photos Scheduled

Spring has arrived. It is time for children's photos to be taken. Pictures will be taken by Larch Family Photography from Yukon. Our day scheduled is **March 22 beginning at 9 a.m.** Families that would like to have siblings together just need to let us know on your envelope that you put your \$1 sitting fee in. The packages are quite reasonable and the turn around time is very prompt. Watch for the signs reminding you of the date. Bring your best smiles. . . Say cheese. . .



## 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!

The child is in me still and sometimes not so still.

-Fred Rogers



## DANGER in the Parking Lot!

Cars have been racing through our parking lot at speeds exceeding 20 miles per hour and this is a problem. Please remember that young children are at risk with speeding cars in the parking lot. We appreciate everyone remembering that there is precious cargo every where. SLOW it down. . .



## 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 with this process. Thanks!



## Enrollment for Summer Session

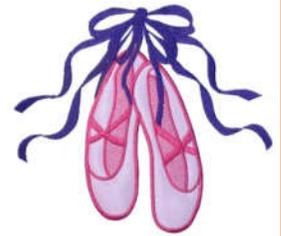


We will begin our summer enrollment process **March 5-9** before our spring break. The week we return (**March 19-23**) will be the time to pay your enrollment fee. The first child is \$75 and the second is \$60. Enrollments not paid by March 23 will forfeit their spots. We have fun things planned for summer so secure your spot as soon as you can. Denise will write down your request and have you sign your forms. Our school-agers group will go up to age 8 years old. Summer Campers will receive a tee shirt for field trips and special activities. Currently enrolled families will have priority for spots in the Summer Campers group. For more information see Denise.



## Tippi Toes

Tippi Toes offers positive, fun dance classes for girls and boys ages 1.5 – 6 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. To enroll, please go to [www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city](http://www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city) and follow the instructions.



## 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 and 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 held on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, too. The program is for Monkeys, Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs. This program is a year-round activity. Enjoy your new Amazing Athletes' shirts!

## Music Classes

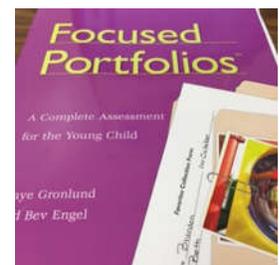


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and Spring Demonstration to 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
- ⇒ Describe a family hobby or typical weekend past time



## Monthly Drills



Our last fire drill was conducted **2/15/18**. The children exited the building in just under one minute. All the classes go straight to the BIG outdoor playground. Teachers take attendance and talk to the children about the process so they can learn about fire safety. Each class practices going to our tornado shelter (downstairs) monthly as well. Make sure you practice what to do at home, too.



## Art Classes with Ms. Vanessa

Each Tuesday four classrooms (Monkeys, Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs) participate in Art class. The art studio is upstairs and the children enjoy going to work! The Monkeys' classroom has art class in their room or outdoors (if the weather is nice.) You will see some evidence of their creativity in the hallways of our church. Some of their creations will be sent home as well. Ask your child to share with you what he or she has been working on. They can definitely tell you which artifact is theirs!



## 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!

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.  
-Chinese Proverb



**IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Please bring an updated shot record to school. Thank you!**

## 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 welcome.

## MARCH Birthdays

Keyneisha Prather*	March 7
Jessica Mayberry*	March 8
Ender Naoupu	March 15
Logan Thal	March 15
Marita Barkus*	March 21
Aiden Lala	March 22
Anderson Lala	March 22
Maxwell Boyd	March 23
Will Stuckey	March 25
Margo Murphy	March 30

\*indicates staff member





# March Afternoon Snacks 2018



<b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC AM snacks by families</b> Except for Cubs		<b>1</b> Pepperoni & Saltines	<b>2</b> Goldfish & Apple slices	
<b>5</b> Cereal Bars & Apple Juice	<b>6</b> Hummus & Pita chips	<b>7</b> Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	<b>8</b> Honey Pretzels & Pickles	<b>9</b> Fruit snacks & Nilla Wafers
<b>12</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>13</b> <b>FOR</b>	<b>14</b> <b>SPRING</b>	<b>15</b> <b>BREAK</b>	<b>16</b> <b>ENJOY!</b>
<b>19</b> American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	<b>20</b> Bananas & Nilla Wafers	<b>21</b> Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	<b>22</b> Applesauce & Cheese cubes	<b>23</b> Cheerios & Craisins
<b>26</b> Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	<b>27</b> Cream Cheese & Tortillas	<b>28</b> Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip	<b>29</b> Granola Bar & Juice	<b>30</b> Ham & Cheese Roll ups

## Still Hurrying Children

*There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.*  
 -Nelson Mandela

David Elkind, the author of the well-known book, *The Hurried Child*, wrote this in an article in *Psychology Today*: "Hurrying children is a problem that has always been with us. It was recognized and commented on by our most gifted educational theorists. In response to hurrying, they have all returned to the same fundamental principle, namely, that childrearing and education should be adapted to the growing needs, interests and abilities of children. "The irony is that no one believes in hurrying children. No parent, educator, or legislator I ever spoke to believes in pressuring children to do things well beyond what they are capable of doing. 'I don't believe in hurrying children but,' and there is always a but. A parent says, 'I don't believe in hurrying but if I don't put my child in soccer, he will have no one to play with and won't make the team.' And the educator says 'I don't believe in hurrying but the curriculum says I have to teach reading in kindergarten.' The legislator says she does not believe in hurrying but that is what her constituents want. If we want healthy, happy children who can compete in an increasingly global economy, we have to get beyond the But. We have to use what we know about healthy childrearing and education."

**Source:** "[The Price of Hurrying Children](#)," by David Elkind, Ph.D., *Psychology Today*, June 27, 2008.





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## Tuition Schedule effective August 7, 2017

### Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$122	\$155	\$122	\$155	\$122

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$366  
 Tuesday, Thursday = \$310  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$676  
 Any combination of days based on availability.

#### Other Fees:

- Enrollment Fee (per session) \$75 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) typically meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Parlor at **2 p.m.** Our next meeting will be the third Wednesday, **March 21**. We will meet to discuss upcoming events. Any family members who wish to participate are welcome to join us. The PAC serves as feedback for the director, helps to distribute information, assist with special celebrations and so on. The following are the people who represent the classrooms:

Cubs—OPEN position  
 Pandas—Jamie Johnson  
 Monkeys—Marina Williams  
 Zebras—Mary Fitch  
 Jaguars—Annette Boyd  
 Cheetahs—OPEN position

