



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

Muffins for Moms	May 14
Last day of spring session	May 26
Memorial Day- TLC closed	May 28-June 1
First day of summer session	June 4
Donuts for Dads	June 8
Fall session enrollment	June 25-29
Independence Day- TLC closed	July 4
Last day of summer session	July 27
TLC summer break- TLC closed	July 30-August 3
First day of fall session	August 6

FAMILY CONFERENCES



Our spring conferences will be held the last week of April. Please watch for sign up sheets on your classroom door. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear what skills, concepts and activities your

child is mastering. We will show you their portfolio of work that has been compiled. The conferences are 15 minutes on a specific day, so please plan to attend. Reminders will be sent when the sign up sheets are available.



The world is round so that friendship may encircle it.
-Pierre Teilhard de Chardin



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	



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.

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!



Essential Benefits of Early Childhood Education (NOT babysitting)

Writing in the Huffington Post, Vicki Palmer asserts that "from my professional experience of more than 35 years as a preschool teacher, I have identified 13 essential benefits of early childhood education:

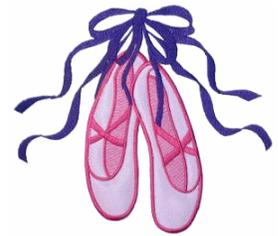
- 1. Socialization:** Socialization with people other than the child’s family in a safe environment is an essential foundational element to the below areas...
- 2. Concept of Cooperation:** Learning how to share, cooperate, take turns and persevere within a safe learning environment, guided by professionals who have the children’s best interests at heart...
- 3. Encouraging Holistic Development:** The approach taken to build a strong foundation for a child’s emotional, social, physical and mental development...
- 4. Enthusiasm for Lifelong Learning:** We need to inspire a thirst for learning with eagerness and enthusiasm...
- 5. Convey the Value of Education Through Experience:** While parents will always be the most important influence on a child’s early life, introducing [children] to a preschool environment provides them with a new perspective on the importance of education that will remain with them throughout their schooling journey...
- 6. Respect:** There is no better place to learn this virtue than in a hectic preschool environment, where everything is shared and civility and manners are both taught and learned organically.
- 7. Teamwork:** Demonstrating and instilling the importance of teamwork that can teach respect for the opinions of others, listening, cooperation and equality...
- 8. Resilience:** It’s important that early childhood educators and parents work together to develop resilience in children as early as possible...
- 9. Concentration:** During preschool years, children explore at every opportunity to discover new experiences, new friends and new environments...
- 10. Patience:** Children need opportunities to be involved in an abundance of social experiences, where they can explore and practice the social skill of patience...
- 12. Confidence and Self-Esteem:** A strong sense of wellbeing provides children with confidence, optimism and self-esteem which will encourage children to explore their talents, skills and interests...
- 13. Exposure to Diversity:** Valuing difference and diversity are crucial to a child’s early development..."

Source: "[The 13 Key Benefits of Early Childhood Education: A Teacher’s Perspective](#)," by Vicki Palmer, *The Huffington Post*, August 6, 2015



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 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



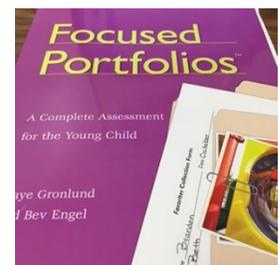
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and Spring Demonstration to 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 **3/23/18**. The children exited the building in just under one minute AGAIN this month. 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!



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.

APRIL Birthdays

George Li	April 2
Theadora Means	April 5
Hudson Smith	April 9
Eleanor DeWalt	April 12
Hattie Hodges	April 12
Hunter Pasby	April 13
Eleanor Parker	April 15
Krystle Reed*	April 15
Magnolia Miller	April 17
Logan Shults	April 24
August Espinoza	April 27
Eeva Espinoza	April 27
Emerson Robbins	April 28
Mason Magness	April 30

*indicates staff member





April Afternoon Snacks 2018

2 Ham & Cheese Roll ups	3 Saltines & American Cheese	4 Cream Cheese & Tortillas	5 Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip	6 Granola Bar & Juice
9 Cereal Bars & Apple Juice	10 Hummus & Pita chips	11 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	12 Honey Pretzels & Pickles	13 Fruit snacks & Saltines
16 Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	17 Applesauce & Cheese cubes	18 Cheerios & Craisins	19 Graham Crackers & Apple juice	20 Pepperoni & Ritz crackers
23 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	24 Black olives & Cheese Sticks	25 Apples & Nutella	26 Mixed fruit & Wheat Thins	27 Carrots & Ranch Dip
30 Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers				FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC. AM snacks by families

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

-George Bernard Shaw



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!

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. . .



Kindness to children, love for children, goodness to children – these are the only investments that never fail.



-Henry David Thoreau





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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 - 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

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, **April 18**. 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

