



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 25
Memorial Day- <b>TLC closed</b>	<b>May 28-June 1</b>
First day of summer session	June 4
Donuts for Dads	June 18
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

### 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 forms for families to sign too. If this time doesn't work with your schedule please let us know.

- Cubs——> Pandas May 21 @ 2:30 p.m.
- Pandas——> Monkeys May 21 @ 2:30 p.m.
- Monkeys——> Zebras May 22 @ 4 p.m.
- Zebras——> Jaguars May 22 @ 4 p.m.
- Jaguars——> Cheetahs May 23 @ 2:30 p.m.
- Cheetahs——> Summer May 23 @ 2:30 p.m.

Every beetle is a gazelle in the eyes of its mother.  
 -Arab Proverb



### Weekly Specials Spring 2018

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:45	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**. Failure to comply with prompt payment may result in future availability to use this service. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy. Thank you!

## Fall Tuition Increase

Effective **August 6, 2018** our rates will increase \$4 per Monday, Wednesday, Friday and \$6 per Tuesday and Thursday. This is an additional \$24 monthly for five days a week. Please adjust your budgets to reflect this increase beginning August 2018.



## Muffins with Moms

Our Mother’s Day celebration “Muffins with Moms” will be held on Monday, May 14. The buffet of muffins and juice will begin 9 a.m. and last until 10 a.m. Please plan to join us for a quick bite and photo with your child even if you don’t usually attend on Mondays. We would love to acknowledge all of our mothers.



Children must be taught how to think, not what to think. . .  
-Margaret Mead



## 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!



## 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.



## Mission Work for John Marshall

Our church helps to support the needs of students from John Marshall High School. Here are some items we are collecting on their behalf.

- Men and women’s deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (four pack from Dollar Tree)
- Bars of soap
- New socks
- Front zip hoodies
- Monetary donation for underwear
- Sweat pants
- New or gently worn shoes  
Boys/men’s size 9-12  
Girls/women’s size 8-10



## 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 1:45 – 2:15 p.m. beginning in June. This change is just for the summer then back to 10:45 a.m. in August. 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. Spring recital is scheduled for **May 5, Bishop McGuinness High School Auditorium, 11. a.m.** See you there!

## 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 included in your monthly tuition. Enjoy your new Amazing Athletes' shirts!

## Music Classes



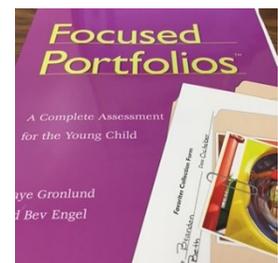
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and Spring Demonstration to 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! **Spring performance scheduled May 2 beginning 10 a.m. Fellowship Hall. Refreshments!**

## 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 **April 9**. The children exited the building in just one minute forty-five seconds 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!



## 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!

**We learn more by looking for the answer to a question and not finding it than we do from learning the answer itself.**

**-Lloyd Alexander**



**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.

## MAY Birthdays

Brandy Jones*	May 7
Paxton Pendley	May 7
Fields Tigert	May 7
Henry Prescott	May 15
June Wagner	May 17
Ashley Edwards*	May 19
Les Williams	May 28
Mando Chavez	May 29
Townes Farris	May 29

\*indicates staff member



# MAY Afternoon Snacks 2018

	<b>1</b> Saltines & American Cheese	<b>2</b> Cream Cheese & Tortillas	<b>3</b> Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip	<b>4</b> Granola Bar & Juice
<b>7</b> Cereal Bars & Apple Juice	<b>8</b> Hummus & Pita chips	<b>9</b> Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	<b>10</b> Honey Pretzels & Pickles	<b>11</b> Fruit snacks & Saltines
<b>14</b> Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	<b>15</b> Applesauce & Cheese cubes	<b>16</b> Cheerios & Craisins	<b>17</b> Graham Crackers & Apple juice	<b>18</b> Pepperoni & Ritz crackers
<b>21</b> American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	<b>22</b> Black olives & Cheese Sticks	<b>23</b> Apples & Nutella	<b>24</b> Mixed fruit & Wheat Thins	<b>25</b> Carrots & Ranch Dip
<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>30</b> <b>ALL</b>	<b>31</b> <b>WEEK</b>	<b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC. AM snacks by families</b>

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

-Chinese Proverb



## 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. . .



Do not fear mistakes. There are none.  
-Miles Davis





## Tuition Schedule effective August 6, 2018

### Monthly Tuition (Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$126	\$161	\$126	\$161	\$126

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$378  
 Tuesday, Thursday = \$322  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$700  
 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 Wednesday, **May 9**. 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—Susan Abernathy
- Pandas—Jamie Johnson
- Monkeys—Marina Williams
- Zebras—Mary Fitch
- Jaguars—Annette Boyd
- Cheetahs—OPEN position

