



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

Independence Day- TLC closed	July 4
Last day of summer session	July 27
TLC Work Week- TLC closed	July 30-August 3
First day of fall session	August 6

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 6, 2018.



Children are the only form of immortality we can be sure of.
 -Peter Ustinov

DONATIONS NEEDED Fla-Vor-Ices

If every family brought one box for the summer we could use them all year long. Sam's Club, Walmart and area grocery stores have these items on sale now. Donations help keep our costs down. Thank you!



Weekly Specials Summer 2018

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10 Tippi Toes Dance* 1:45 SNOW CONE DAY	Art Lessons 10 & 2:30 Children's Chapel 2:45 (Monkeys & older in art) SPLASH DAY	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 Fees

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 availability to use this service. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy. Thank you!



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 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. . .



To every bird, its own nest
seems fair.

-French Proverb



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!



Social-Emotional Development

“Most early childhood educators have had to defend the importance of social and emotional development at some point in their careers,” wrote Linda Whitehead in an article in *Exchange* magazine. “It may have been with a parent who felt pressure to have an academically-prepared child and who was concerned her child’s program included too much play. Or it might have been with the principal of an elementary school who was arguing for the importance of science and math instruction over social-emotional skills. Today, children have fewer opportunities for face-to-face social interactions and negotiations as technology proliferates with the use of texting, video games, and movies on tablets, television, and smartphones. And yet the social and emotional needs of children haven’t changed. Teachers wonder how to support children’s social-emotional growth in the digital age. What is an early childhood educator to do?”

In a world where collaboration and negotiation skills are critical on interpersonal, community, and global levels, it feels safe to say that social and emotional skills will always be needed. Individuals with a strong ability to share, negotiate, work with others, and act with compassion will continue to be in high demand. . .”

Source: “[Social-Emotional Development in a Digital Age](#),” by Linda Whitehead, *Exchange* magazine, July/August 2017



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. in July**. 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 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 Summer Campers. This program is a year-round activity included in your monthly tuition. Enjoy your new Amazing Athletes' shirts!

Music Classes

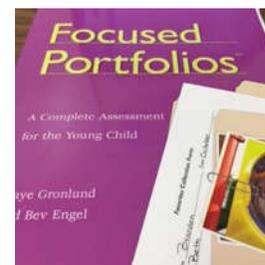
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Summer Campers. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and Spring Demonstration 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 June 22. The children exited the building in just one minute 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 Summer Campers) 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.



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!



Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

-St. Francis of Assisi



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.

JULY Birthdays

Emily Birmingham	July 8
Lauren Davison	July 13
Marvin Clark	July 15
Coe Fitzgerald	July 15
Sienna Simon	July 21
Bennett Smith	July 23
Edie Little	July 25
Dutch Lippoldt	July 27
Kaleah Smith	July 28
Bridget Beeler	July 29
Rosie Rowan	July 31



JULY Afternoon Snacks 2018



2 Black olives & Cheese Sticks	3 Pickles & Saltines	4  Happy 4th of July!	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 Carrots & Ranch Dip	25 Apples & Nutella	26 Mixed fruit & Wheat Thins	27 Last day of session Party
				FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC. AM snacks by families

Staff Anniversaries

We are so fortunate to have consistent staff members working with our children. July is a great month for us as we have three employees celebrating their work anniversaries. One of the leading indicators of quality in a program is the continuity of staff. These three individuals have made a difference in our program from the Cubs all the way to the Director. Thank you ladies for your continued contributions to The Learning Center. Congratulations!

Brandy Jones
July 3, 1 year



Maggie Figueroa
July 22, 5 years



Denise Buthion
July 31, 4 years





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 - 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 third Wednesday of each month in the Parlor at **2 p.m.** Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **July 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—Susan Abernathy
 Pandas—Open
 Monkeys—Marina Williams
 Zebras—Mary Fitch
 Jaguars—Annette Boyd
 Cheetahs—OPEN

