



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



## THE LEARNING CENTER

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

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

### 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### DONUTS FOR DADS



Plan to join us in celebrating our dads with a "come and go" breakfast on **June 18, 9-10 a.m.** We will have some yummy donuts and sweet muffin bites for everyone. If a dad is unable to attend any special person in your child's life is welcome to be here. Photos will be taken so plan to drop by for this special event.

**A bend in the road is not the end of the road, unless you fail to make the turn.**



-Anonymous



### 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 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!



## Just Playing Poem by Anita Wadley



When I am building in the blocks, please don’t say I’m “just playing.” For, you see, I’m learning as I play, about balance & shapes. Who knows, I may be an architect someday.

When I’m getting all dressed up, setting the table, caring for the babies, don’t get the idea I’m “just playing”. For, you see, I’m learning as I play; I may be a mother or a father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint or standing at an easel, or molding and shaping clay, please don’t let me hear you say, “he is just playing”. For, you see, I’m learning as I play. I’m expressing myself and being creative. I may be an artist or an inventor someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair “reading” to an imaginary audience, please don’t laugh and think I’m “just playing.” For, you see, I’m learning as I play. I may be a teacher someday.

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs, or packing my pockets with choice things I find, don’t pass it off as “just play”. For, you see, I’m learning as I play. I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or some “plaything” at my school, please don’t feel the time is wasted in “play”. For, you see, I’m learning as I play. I’m learning to solve problems and concentrate. I may be in business someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods, please don’t think that because I enjoy it, it is “just play”. I’m learning to follow directions and see differences. I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run and move my body, please don’t say I’m “just playing”. I’m learning how my body works. I may be a doctor, nurse, or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I’ve done at school today, and I say, “I just played”, please don’t misunderstand me. For you see, I’m learning as I play. I’m learning to enjoy and be successful in my work. I’m preparing for tomorrow. Today, I’m a child and my work is play.



## 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!



## 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.



## 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.



## 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

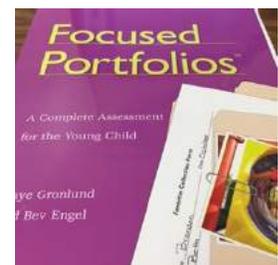
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Summer Campers. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and Spring Demonstration 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 **May 18**. 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!



## Work Anniversary for Yamilex

Congratulations to Ms. Yamilex on her third-year work anniversary with TLC. We are very grateful to work with such a dedicated teacher. She earned a CDA since she has been here and plans to attend OCCC in the fall. Join us in celebrating her anniversary June 3.



**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.

## JUNE Birthdays

Luke Lausen	June 5
Max Morgan	June 5
Agnes Fleischfresser	June 9
Kate Maloney	June 12
Mary Proctor*	June 20
Charlie Williams	June 21
Charlie Palazzolo	June 22
Michell Williams*	June 29
Cooper Lausen	June 30

\*indicates staff member





# JUNE Afternoon Snacks 2018

4 Black olives & Cheese Sticks	5 Saltines & American Cheese	6 Cream Cheese & Tortillas	7 Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip	8 Granola Bar & Juice
11 Cereal Bars & Apple Juice	12 Hummus & Pita chips	13 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	14 Honey Pretzels & Pickles	15 Fruit snacks & Saltines
18 Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	19 Applesauce & Cheese cubes	20 Cheerios & Craisins	21 Graham Crackers & Apple juice	22 Pepperoni & Ritz crackers
25 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	26 Carrots & Ranch Dip	27 Apples & Nutella	28 Mixed fruit & Wheat Thins	29 Potluck Of leftovers
				<b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC. AM snacks by families</b>

**Thanks for the wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week. You all made it fun and delightful for the teachers & staff. We are grateful for all of your sweet treats, gifts and thoughtful cards. We love our families!**

## 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 everywhere. SLOW it down. . .

**I think, at a child's birth, if a mother could ask a fairy god-mother to endow it with the most useful gift, that gift should be curiosity.**



**-Eleanor Roosevelt**





## 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, **June 20**. 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

