



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

First day of fall session	August 6
Block Party	August 19
Open House	August 23
Labor Day- <i>TLC closed</i>	September 3
Fall Break- <i>TLC closed</i>	September 3
Spring enrollment	October 18-19
Fall Festival	October 22-26
Halloween parties	October 28
Thanksgiving break <i>TLC closed</i>	October 31
Christmas parties	November 21-23
Last day fall session	December 21
Holiday break- <i>TLC closed</i>	December 21
First day of spring session 2019	December 24-January 1
	January 2

### Fall Tuition Increase

Effective **August 6, 2018** our rates will increase to \$126 per Monday, Wednesday, Friday and \$161 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.



**DON'T WORRY,  
 BE HAPPY!**

**It is not work that kills, but worry.  
 -African Proverb**



### Weekly Specials 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 \$40 monthly	Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	



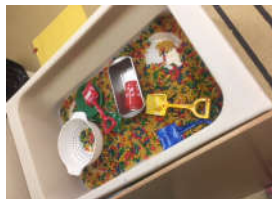
## Drop in Fees

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!

## Did you know?

In the sensory table children learn to:

- ◆ Work together cooperatively
- ◆ Develop small muscle coordination as well as eye/hand coordination
- ◆ Become engaged in making careful observations, classifications, comparison, measurement, as well as problem-solving activities
- ◆ Compare properties of sand as a dry solid which can be shifted, raked, and shoveled but when combined with water becomes sticky, cool and able to hold a shape
- ◆ Observe cause and effect of materials
- ◆ Use vocabulary such as grainy, gritty, sprinkle, shallow and sieve
- ◆ Relax and enjoy the sensory texture of both dry and wet mixtures.



## 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!



## BLOCK PARTY

Each year Nichols Hills United Methodist Church celebrates the return to school with a Block Party. This year’s party will be held on Sunday, August 19, 5-7 p.m. There are games, food, bingo, face painting and a huge slip n slide. This is a no-cost evening with dinner. So plan to join the TLC staff, church members and community friends as we celebrate the return to school.

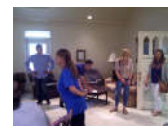


## Absences from School

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!

## OPEN HOUSE NIGHT

Plan to join us for our annual Open House on **August 23**, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Meet other families whose children attend your child’s classroom. See the additional teachers who provide art, music, dance and Amazing Athletes. Refreshments will be provided. Yes, children are welcome to attend.



## 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 **10:45 – 11:15 p.m.** Tuition is \$40 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 ten 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

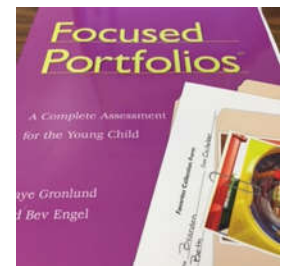
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Summer Campers. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and Spring Demonstration 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 July 20. The children exited the building in just one minute 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 evidence of all 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!

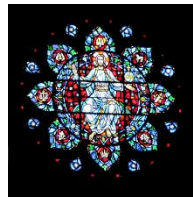
**There is nothing we cannot live down, rise above, or overcome.**

**-Ella Wheeler-Wilcox**



**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.

## August Birthdays



Charlotte Quick  
Hadley House  
Alex Wayne

August 11  
August 15  
August 25

"A good life is when you smile often, dream big, laugh a lot and realize how blessed you are for what you have."





-Unknown



HeartMath



# AUGUST Afternoon Snacks 2018

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

## Staff Anniversary

We are proud to recognize two of our staff members this month for another year of service. Krystle Reed celebrates **two years** of employment with TLC on August 8. Ms. Keyneisha Prather joined the staff on August 5 **seven years** ago. These ladies make a difference every day in the lives of our children. Ms. Key recently earned her associate degree from Rose State in early childhood education. Thank you ladies for your commitment to our program.



**Ms. Key  
Jaguars  
August 5th**



**Ms. Krystle  
Zebbras  
August 8th**





## 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) meets the third Wednesday of each month in the Parlor at **2 p.m.** Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **August 22**. 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  
 Pandas—Susan Abernathy  
 Monkeys—Jamie Johnson  
 Zebras—Marina Williams  
 Jaguars—Mary Fitch  
 Cheetahs—Annette Boyd

*You have a lifetime to work, but  
 children are only young once.  
 -Polish proverb*

