



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

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

PICTURE DAY SCHEDULED

Larch Family Photography will take school pictures on September 13. Photographs will begin 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Siblings may have pictures taken together. You can purchase pictures from proofs with a very swift turnaround. Send one dollar to school for the photo sitting fee (per family.) TLC does receive a percentage of total sales. We know you will love the quality of the photographs and the prices. No obligation to purchase if you do not want any pictures but we will need proof sheet returned. Mark your calendars and bring your smiles. . .



Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you.

-Aldous Huxley



Weekly Specials 2018

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10 am 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**. 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!

Want to be more involved in your child’s education?

Putnam City Schools has a program called Smart Start Early Birds that is open to everyone in Oklahoma County. Parents register so the program can make sure to have enough materials for families. The children receive free toys and families receive instruction about how to play with these toys to enhance children’s learning. Play is the way! First session for families is September 29.

Parents attend Early Birds classes meant just for them. There are separate classes for:

- People who are about to become parents
- Parents of children birth through age 1
- Parents of children age 1 to age 2
- Parents of children age 2 to age 3
- Parents of children age 3 to age 4
- Parents of children age 4 to age 5

To sign up for Early Birds, visit our [online registration page](#).

Questions?

You’ll be able to learn more and keep up with Putnam City’s Early Birds program on its [Facebook page](#). There’s also good information available at the [Early Birds website](#). Call Kelly Suchy at 491-7626, ext. 1302, or send an e-mail to ksuchy@putnamcityschools.org

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!



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.



Mission Work

Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is collecting items to be donated to John Marshall Neighborhood Market. Our church missions group was asked to take on the responsibility of the school food pantry. There is a huge need as evidenced by over 75% of the students qualifying for free or reduced lunches.

On-going Needs for the Neighborhood Market:

- **Women’s Deodorant***
- **Toothpaste***
- **Small Laundry Detergents** (10 oz size is best for them to carry home)*
- **Snacks** (bars, crackers, etc.) Anything that you can find a good deal on.
- **Travel Toiletries** (the students love the shampoo, conditioners, and shower gels)

*You can usually find these at the Dollar Tree or other stores. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



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 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

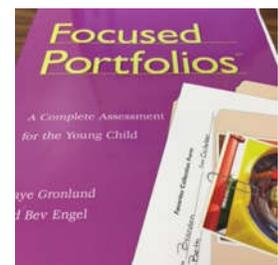
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Summer Campers. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and Spring Demonstration 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 August 17. The children exited the building in 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!



STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Each month we recognize the work anniversaries of our staff. This month we are pleased to celebrate the second anniversary of Marita Barkus, who has worked with TLC since September 19, 2016. It is our pleasure to work with you every day, Marita. Congratulations!



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.

September Birthdays

Nora Staley	September 2
Vann Staley	September 2
Carter Fitch	September 8
Harper Prescott	September 15
McKenzie Moore	September 15
Reynolds Smith	September 16
Knox Orndorff	September 19
Harriet Morgan	September 19
Lillian Boyd	September 23
Nile McKinney	September 24
J Schulhoff	September 29



September Afternoon Snacks 2018

3 <i>Happy Labor Day!!</i> 	4 Pickles & Saltines	5 Bananas & Vanilla Wafers	6 Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip	7 Granola Bar & Juice
10 Cereal Bars & Apple Juice	11 Hummus & Pita chips	12 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	13 Honey Pretzels & Pickles	14 Fruit snacks & Saltines
17 Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	18 Applesauce & Cheese cubes	19 Cheerios & Craisins	20 Graham Crackers & Apple juice	21 Pepperoni & Ritz crackers
24 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	25 Carrots & Ranch Dip	26 Apples & Nutella	27 Mixed fruit & Wheat Thins	28 Black olives & Cheese Sticks
				FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC. AM snacks by families

TLC Snack Suggestions

These are meant to be suggestions only. Please do **not** bring anything *homemade* or anything containing *peanuts* for the children. We are a “**peanut-free**” zone. Thanks!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apple Slices & Almond Butter Applesauce Pouches Bananas Blueberries Cantaloupe chunks Cheerios Crackers & Almond Butter Crackers & Cheese Deli Meat & Cheese Dole Fruit Cups Go Gurts Goldfish Crackers Graham Crackers Granola Bars Grapes – cut in half for younger children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oranges Pineapples Chunks Pita Chips & Hummus Pretzels and Cubed Cheese Raisins Rice Cakes & Hummus, Cream Cheese or Almond Butter Strawberries—cut up for younger children under 2 String Cheese Vanilla Wafers Veggies with Ranch Dip or Hummus—Baby Carrots, Cherry Tomatoes Veggie Straws Watermelon Cubes |
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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) meets the third Wednesday of each month in the Parlor at **2 p.m.** Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **September 19**. 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—Mary Fitch
 Pandas—Susan Abernathy
 Monkeys—Jamie Johnson
 Zebras—Marina Williams
 Jaguars—Mary Fitch
 Cheetahs—Annette Boyd

Don't refuse to go on an occasional wild goose chase. That's what wild geese are for.
 —Source unknown

