



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

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

Fall Field Trip Scheduled

Once a year the **Cheetahs** and **Jaguars** take a field trip to the pumpkin patch. It is scheduled for **October 4**. We are going to Chester's Party Barn and Pumpkin Patch in Piedmont. Chaperones are needed to help with this excursion. If you would like to take your child please let your child's teacher know. There will be pony rides, a petting zoo, hayride and corn maze. Each child will get to pick their own pumpkin to take home. These two classes have tie-dyed shirts for the trip so everyone will match. Tickets have already been purchased so let your teacher know if you will be driving. Fall is finally arriving!



The heart is the first feature of working minds.
 -Frank Lloyd Wright



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	



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!



Fall Festival—Chili Cook Off

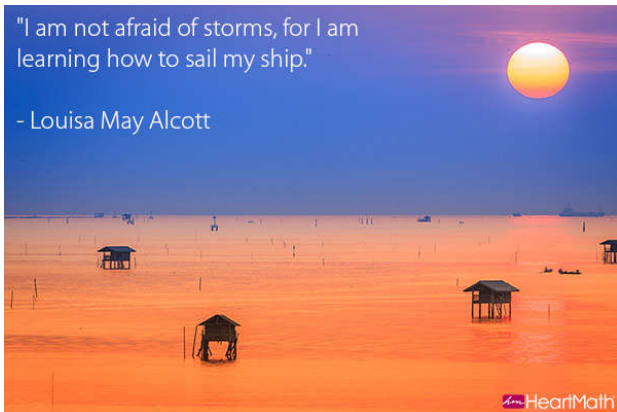
The annual Fall Festival-Chili Cook Off is scheduled for **October 28, 5-7 p.m.** We will have some of the best tasting chili you've ever had plus face painting, pumpkin bowling, hay rides through the park and more. Children will get a chance to decorate pumpkins and earn prizes from the different games. This is a Nichols Hills United Methodist Church and TLC event. You are welcome to dress up (nothing too scary.) There will be candy for the little ones. Plan to join us!

FALL BREAK

Remember that The Learning Center will be **closed for Fall Break October 18–19.** We will return to normal business hours on Monday. Enjoy your time with your little ones!

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."

- Louisa May Alcott



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:

- **Men and Women's Deodorant***
- **Toothpaste* Toothbrushes (4-pack)**
- **8 oz. body lotions**
- **Small Laundry Detergents** (10 oz. size Tide or Gain)
- **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.

When we see the face of a child, we think of the future.

-Desmond Tutu



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

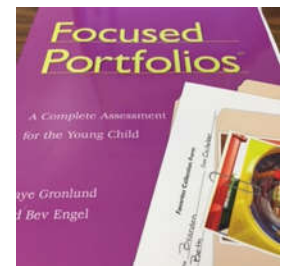
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Summer Campers. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and Spring Demonstration 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 September 14. The children exited the building in one minute and five seconds. 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

We are proud to celebrate the **third work-anniversary** of **Toneeka Smith**. On **October 26** she joined The Learning Center team. She began as a floater and then became the Master Teacher of the Zebras. Toneeka is passionate about her work with the two-year olds. Anyone who has visited her classroom can see that she is very creative and talented. Her co-workers look up to her for advice and ideas. Her children and families love their "Neeka". We are grateful for her three years of contributions to our program. Congratulations Toneeka!



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.

October Birthdays

Micah Teeselink	October 1
Henry Pettifer	October 2
Kevin Vernon	October 2
Jett Kudron	October 10
Lincoln Sadler	October 17
Ashley Huling*	October 21
Kendall Robbins	October 28
Molly Dixon*	October 31
Elise Scherm	October 31
*staff	



October Afternoon Snacks 2018

1 Pepperoni & Ritz crackers	2 Pickles & Saltines	3 Bananas & Vanilla Wafers	4 Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip	5 Granola Bar & Juice
8 Fruit snacks & Saltines	9 Hummus & Pita chips	10 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	11 Honey Pretzels & Pickles	12 Cereal Bars & Apple Juice
15 Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	16 Applesauce & Cheese cubes	17 Cheerios & Craisins	18 Fall  TLC	19 Break Closed
22 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	23 Carrots & Ranch Dip	24 Cheezy Tortillas	25 Mixed fruit & Wheat Thins	26 Graham Crackers & Apple juice
29 Pudding cups & Graham Crackers	30 Apples & Nutella	31 Cheese Stix & Wheat Thins		FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC. AM snacks by families

Enrollment for Spring Session 2019

We will begin visiting with each family regarding their schedule needs for the next session, October 22-26. Our current families have the first opportunity to get the days they want until 10/26. Enrollment is \$75 for the first child and \$60 for the second. This fee will need to be paid before the end of the month to secure your spot. November 1, the enrollment process will be open to the community at large. Please make sure you know your needs and communicate to Denise.



Never underestimate young children, for, if you do, you are bound to be surprised.

-Selma Wasserman, Serious
Players in the Primary Classroom





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, October 24 . 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

Calm mind brings inner strength and self-confidence, so that's very important for good health.

-Dalai Lama

