



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

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

Thanksgiving Feast Scheduled

The teachers have decided to hold a Thanksgiving Feast for all of our TLC families. We invite you to attend this meal on **Tuesday, November 20, at noon**. There will be sign up sheets to contribute specific items that the teachers will then prepare. An e-vite will be sent out with more details soon. Turkey will be provided by TLC. Please plan to join us for this special celebration.



Among the things you can give and still keep are your word, a smile, and a grateful heart.

-Zig Ziglar



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!

TEACHER-FAMILY CONFERENCES

Twice a year we have teacher-family conferences to review the developmental milestones that our children are achieving. This is a terrific time to see your child's portfolio of experiences, work samples and goals. Please sign up on the classroom door for your child's twenty-minute conference. This is a very rewarding time for our staff to share with you away from the children. We will have our conferences **the week of November 26-30**. This is your time to be involved in your child's education. We hope to see you there!



If you carry your childhood with you, you never become older.



-Tom Stoppard

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.



There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread.

-Mother Teresa



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 a.m. and now 11:15-11:45 a.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.

Music Classes

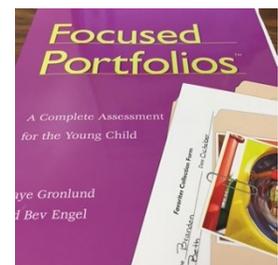
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Summer Campers. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and Spring Demonstration 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 October 4 during naptime (not a planned drill .) The children exited the building in one minute after being sound asleep. Thank goodness the weather was good that day. 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!



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.

November Birthdays

Naomi Wall	November 12
Jaxon Peterson	November 13
Jake Miskovsky	November 25



November Afternoon Snacks 2018



<p>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC. AM snacks by families</p>			<p>1 Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip</p>	<p>2 Granola Bar & Juice</p>
<p>5 Fruit snacks & Saltines</p>	<p>6 Hummus & Pita chips</p>	<p>7 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip</p>	<p>8 Honey Pretzels & Pickles</p>	<p>9 Cereal Bars & Apple Juice</p>
<p>12 Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>13 Applesauce & Cheese cubes</p>	<p>14 Cheerios & Craisins</p>	<p>15 Pepperoni & Ritz crackers</p>	<p>16 Pickles & Saltines</p>
<p>19 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels</p>	<p>20 Carrots & Ranch Dip</p>	<p>21 Closed</p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23 Closed</p>
<p>26 Hummus & Pita Chips</p>	<p>27 Apples & Nutella</p>	<p>28 Cheese Stix & Wheat Thins</p>	<p>29 Bananas & Vanilla Wafers</p>	<p>30 Graham Crackers & Apple juice</p>

Seven Reasons Art & Music Are So Important

1. Early musical development builds fundamental auditory and rhythmic understanding and increases spatial temporal reasoning. (*Schiller, 1999*)
2. Creating art enables children to develop fine motor skills, eye-hand discrimination (*Koster, 2005*), visual discrimination (*Morrow, 2007*) and foundational math skills. (*Roberts & Harpley, 2007*)
3. Art increases a child's problem-solving skills. (*Douglas, 2001*)
4. Dramatic play supports the development of long-term memory and increases mental capacities for recall. (*Liebermann, 1995*)
5. Children use props in dramatic play and dance to demonstrate the ability to think symbolically. (*Miller & Gaskins, 2009*)
6. Fundamental dance techniques help children develop coordination, balance, sequencing, and spatial awareness skills. (*Rupnow, 2000*)
7. Art, music and dance invite children to develop social and emotional skills by symbolically representing their feelings, thoughts and imaginations. (*Seefeldt & Galper, 2008; Gaskins & Miller, 2009*)

source: Mother Goose Time, 2018





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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 second Wednesday of each month in the Parlor at **2 p.m.** Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **November 14**. 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

