



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.*

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| First day of spring session 2018 | January 2 |
| Dr. MLK Birthday- TLC closed | January 21 |
| Valentine Parties | February 14 |
| Spring Break- TLC closed | March 12-16 |
| Summer session enrollment | March 19-23 |
| Good Friday- TLC closed | March 30 |
| Muffins for Moms | May 14 |
| Last day of spring session | May 26 |
| Memorial Day- TLC closed | May 28-June 1 |
| First day of summer session | June 4 |
| Donuts for Dads | June 18 |
| Fall session enrollment | June 25-29 |
| Independence Day- TLC closed | July 4 |
| Last day of summer session | July 27 |
| TLC summer break- TLC closed | July 30-August 3 |
| First day of fall session | August 6 |

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please watch the main news channels, 4, 5, or 9, to see the list of school closings when there is ice or snow. Our school will be listed under [Nichols Hills United Methodist Church](#). We will text and email you all to the best of our ability. When in doubt you may always text your teacher, home room representative or Denise. We hope to eliminate any confusion or inconvenience when the inclement weather arrives. It looks like it is going to be an active winter, weather-wise. Be safe!



Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently.
 -Maya Angelou



Weekly Specials Spring 2019

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	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 (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	



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.

I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers.

- Kahlil Gibran



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!



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 out. with this process. Thanks!

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**. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy. Thank you!

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. . .

Attitude of Gratitude

The staff at TLC wants to thank you all for the Christmas gifts, treats, flowers and gift cards. Your generosity is much appreciated! It is our pleasure to work with YOU!



"A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality." - John Lennon



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 10:30-10:55 a.m. Tuition is \$40 per month. To enroll, please go to www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city and follow the instructions to enroll!



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 Cheetahs. This program is a year-round activity. Enjoy your new Amazing Athletes' shirts!

Music Classes

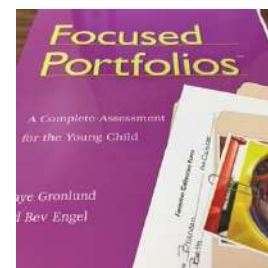


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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 Fire Drill



Our last fire drill was conducted December 11, in the afternoon. The children exited the building in less than two minutes. 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.



IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Please

bring an updated shot record to school. Thank you!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Lillian Diamond	January 3
Maizie Lowry	January 6
Avett Traynor	January 9
Belle Thompson	January 14
Jude McGuigan	January 18
Colt Butler	January 19
Henrietta Dockendorf	January 23
Greta Goodrich	January 31
Sloane LeMay	January 31



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!

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 always welcome.



January Afternoon Snacks 2019

FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC AM snacks by families Except for Cubs	1 	2 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	3 Honey Pretzels & Pickles	4 Fruit snacks & Nilla Wafers
7 Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	8 Wheat Thins & Pickles	9 Carrots & Ranch Dip	10 Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	11 Veggie Straws & Apple Juice
14 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	15 Granola Bar & Juice	16 Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	17 Applesauce & Cheese cubes	18 Cheerios & Craisins
21 	22 Cereal Bar & Apple Juice	23 Goldfish & Fruit cups	24 Cheese Stix & Wheat Thins	25 Ham slice & Ritz Crackers
28 Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip	29 Saltines & Pickle slices	30 Black olives & American Cheese	31 Graham cracker & Apple Juice	

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet January 9. This group typically meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Parlor at **2 p.m.** Any family members who wish to participate are welcome to join us. The PAC serves as feedback for the management team, helps to distribute information, assist with special celebrations and so on. We would welcome your input as to how to involve families in our program or any other suggestions for improvements. So far the communication has improved with your help. Your involvement is always appreciated! The following people who represent the classrooms are:

Cubs—Mary Fitch
 Pandas—Susan Abernathy
 Monkeys—Jamie Johnson
 Zebras—Marina Williams
 Jaguars—Mary Fitch
 Cheetahs—Annette Boyd

We are convinced that early childhood is one of the most significant and influential phases of life—especially the first 1,000 days. It determines the basis for every child's future health, well-being, learning and earnings potential, and sets the groundwork for young children's emotional security, cultural and personal identity, and for developing competencies, resilience and adaptability.
 -Quote from G20 Summit on Early Childhood Ed





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

Happy Work Anniversary



We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to recognize **Miss Mary Proctor** on her work anniversary at The Learning Center. **January 6, 2007** she joined the program in the Cubs as a teacher. Her **twelve years** here have provided us with wonderful continuity in the infant room. Each month when her children celebrate their first birthday she makes a wonderful sign that is special and unique for just that child. She is such a joy to work with and we appreciate her gentle ways very much. Thank you Miss Mary for all your contributions to make our program so special. Happy anniversary!

"Life is the flower for which love is the honey." - Victor Hugo

