



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

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Spring Break- <b>TLC closed</b>     | <b>March 18-22</b> |
| Summer session enrollment           | March 25-29        |
| Good Friday- <b>TLC closed</b>      | <b>April 19</b>    |
| Muffins for Moms                    | May 13             |
| Last day of spring session          | May 24             |
| Memorial Day- <b>TLC closed</b>     | <b>May 27-31</b>   |
| First day of summer session         | June 3             |
| Donuts for Dads                     | June 17            |
| Fall session enrollment             | June 24-28         |
| Independence Day- <b>TLC closed</b> | <b>July 4</b>      |
| Last day of summer session          | July 26            |
| TLC summer break- <b>TLC closed</b> | July 29-August 2   |
| First day of fall session           | August 5           |



Please make note that The Learning Center will be **closed the week of March 18 through 22** for spring break. Let's hope the weather cooperates.

### Summer Enrollment Scheduled

Our summer enrollment for our current families is scheduled for March 25-29. Please make sure you have made your selection before the end of the week. The enrollment fee is \$75 for the first child and \$60 for the second. It is important to not delay so that you get the days that you want.



**There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.**  
 -Nelson Mandela



### Weekly Specials Spring 2019

| Mondays  | Tuesdays  | Wednesdays   | Thursdays                                     | Fridays   |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Amazing Athletes 10<br>Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30 | Art Lessons 10 & 2:30<br>Children's Chapel 2:45<br>(Monkeys & older in art) | Children's Chapel 9:45<br>Munchkin Music 10<br>(Everyone does music) | Amazing Athletes 10<br>Children's Chapel 2:45 | Amazing Athletes<br>(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                         |   |



## Character & Ethical Development

Writing in two companion books, [Child Development](#) and [Child Development II](#), both David Elkind and Marjorie Kostelnik discuss how affording children true play experiences can support character development and concepts of ethical behavior.

“Character can be defined as the disposition to make socially responsible choices,” explains Elkind in *Child Development II*. “That is to say, we have the choice to be honest or dishonest, truthful or deceitful, compassionate or insensitive...The disposition to make socially responsible choices is not in-born and must be learned. When children have the opportunity to engage in true play, they are learning to consider options and make choices...Children who play their own games learn to take the other child’s point of view. True play thus encourages character building, problem solving, decision making and perspective taking skills.”

Marjorie Kostelnik, in *Child Development*, discusses the teacher’s role in supporting children’s ethical behavior during play experiences. Here’s one example she gives:

“Several children and their teacher are sitting in the block area discussing how to keep people safe while playing with the materials there. At the children’s direction, the adult prints on large poster paper:

Don’t throw blocks.  
Watch out for toes.  
Everybody picks up blocks at clean-up time.

The children display these ‘rules’ near the block shelf for everyone to refer to throughout the day. Asking children to help establish the expectations they will live by is a common early childhood practice. It is also a strategy for modeling ethical behavior in the classroom.”

Source: ChildCareExchange.com

## 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 appreci-



## 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.

**IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Please bring an updated shot record to school.**

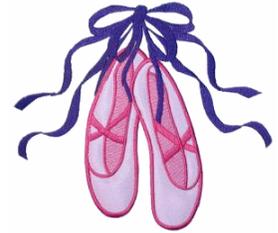
**Thank you!**



## 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](http://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

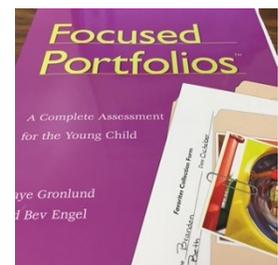


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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 February 15, in the morning. The children exited the building in less than two minutes. Our alarm company was here checking out the system at the same time. Thank goodness it was a warm day! 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.



Teachers are people who start things they never see finished, and for which they never get thanks until it is too late.



-Max Forman



## 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!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Miles Dodson        | March 1  |
| Key Prather*        | March 7  |
| Jessica Mayberry*   | March 8  |
| Shep Frankenfield   | March 12 |
| Logan Thal          | March 15 |
| Ouisie Edwards      | March 17 |
| Marita Barkus*      | March 21 |
| Charlie Fullenwider | March 22 |
| Aiden Lala          | March 22 |
| Anderson Lala       | March 22 |
| Wyatt DeWalt        | March 22 |
| Maxwell Boyd        | March 23 |
| Margo Murphy        | March 30 |



\* denotes staff member

## 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.



**One person with passion is better than forty people merely interested.**

**-E. M. Forster**



## March Afternoon Snacks 2019

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|--|---|---|---|--|
| <b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC AM snacks by families</b><br>Except for Cubs |  |  | Oh so<br><b>LUCKY</b><br>to have<br>you!                              | <b>1</b><br>Animal Crackers<br>&<br>Yogurt dip                       |
| <b>4</b><br>Pudding Cups<br>&<br>Graham Crackers                                   | <b>5</b><br>Wheat Thins<br>&<br>Pickles   | <b>6</b><br>Carrots<br>&<br>Ranch Dip   | <b>7</b><br>Pepperoni<br>&<br>Ritz Crackers                           | <b>8</b><br>Veggie Straws<br>&<br>Apple Juice                        |
| <b>11</b><br>American<br>Cheese &<br>Honey Pretzels                                | <b>12</b><br>Granola Bar<br>&<br>Juice  | <b>13</b><br>Chex Mix<br>&<br>Mandarin Oranges                                    | <b>14</b><br>Ham slice<br>&<br>Cheese Stick                           | <b>15</b><br>Cheerios<br>&<br>Craisins                               |
| <b>18</b><br><span style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em;">Closed</span>             | <b>19</b><br><span style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em;">For</span>               | <b>20</b><br><span style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em;">Spring</span>            | <b>21</b><br><span style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em;">Break</span> | <b>22</b><br><span style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em;">2019</span> |
| <b>25</b><br>Veggie Straws<br>&<br>Ranch Dip                                       | <b>26</b><br>Saltines<br>&<br>Pickle slices                                       | <b>27</b><br>Black olives<br>&<br>American<br>Cheese                              | <b>28</b><br>Graham cracker<br>&<br>Apple Juice                       | <b>29</b><br>Ham slice<br>&<br>Ritz Crackers                         |

### Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **March 13**. 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—Emmy Tigert  
 Zebras—Marina Williams  
 Jaguars—Mary Fitch  
 Cheetahs—Annette Boyd

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"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it. "



-Marian Wright Edelman

### Happy Work Anniversary Ashley B

It is our pleasure to celebrate the one year work anniversary of Miss Ashley B in the Jaguars' class. March 2 was our lucky day when she joined TLC. We are grateful to work with her every day! Happy



first anniversary and here's to many more.

**Ashley Butler**  
**March 2, first year**





## 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

### Did you know. . .



“Play is crucial. Parents don't need to own lots of toys or buy lots of things. If a child has access to some sticks and some rocks and an adult to play with, great things can be achieved. The cognitive processes required for imaginary play on the playground are more demanding than sitting there looking at flashcards.”

Source: [“Forget flash cards, play with sticks. An expert explains how children learn.”](#) by Casey Lee-Williams, *weforum.org*, October 3, 2016

