



Remember to sign your child in and out daily-required by DHS. Thank you-



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## THE LEARNING CENTER

Our mission is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

### 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### Spring School Photos Scheduled

Larch Family Photography is scheduled to complete our spring photos on April 4. There will be an envelope for you to put in a \$1 for the sitting fee. This lets them know you do want your child photographed. They are wonderful pictures with excellent prices. Proofs come back within a week! We start taking pics at 9 a.m.



### Easter Egg Hunt April 18

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will happen rain or shine. Each family is asked to provide a dozen plastic eggs with wrapped candy inside. No one is obligated to participate. Each child will need a basket or bag to collect their eggs. We will begin at **3:00 p.m.** Families are welcome to join the fun!



**The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it.**

**-Lou Holtz**



### 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 \$40 monthly	Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	



## PROMOTING THOUGHTFULNESS

In her article, "Best Brains in Science Under Five: Helping Children Develop Intentionally," Judy Harris Helm suggests one of the challenges is "to engage children in the intellectual life by supporting the development of traits such as curiosity and the disposition to be thoughtful." She suggests a number of strategies including the following to help children learn to be thoughtful:

- Listen carefully to children's conversations and identify topics of interest.
- Choose topics for project work that have potential for hands-on learning.
- Lift up children's questions by recording on chart paper; review these and add more. Be especially supportive and ask questions that indicate deep thought.
- Add materials to the classroom related to children's interest as they emerge. Encourage children to contribute materials.
- Don't jump in and tell children answers or go immediately to a book or the Internet. Today's answers can be found in seconds, but this creates child dependence on adults who have mastered the skills of reading and writing and not how young children learn.
- Don't be afraid to provoke children's thinking. Challenge them to find an answer, create a model, or do observational drawing.

Source: ExchangeEveryday

## BOOKS TO ENCOURAGE THOUGHTFULNESS

Amos and Boris by William Steig  
Can I Help? By Marilyn Janowitz  
The Great Big Turnip" (many versions available)  
Helping Out by George Ancona  
Henrietta's First Winter by Rob Lewis  
Herman the Helper by Robert Kraus  
I Like to Help by Karen Erickson & Maureen Roffey  
Island Baby by Holly Keller  
Is Susan Here? By Janice Udry  
Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola  
"The Little Red Hen  
Manners by Alike  
Mommies Don't Get Sick by Marilyn Hafner  
The Shoemaker and the Elves (many versions)

## 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 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.

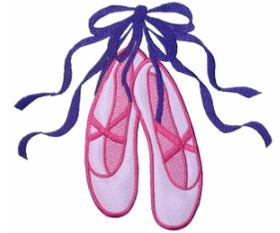
**IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Please bring an updated shot record to school.  
Thank you!**



## 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

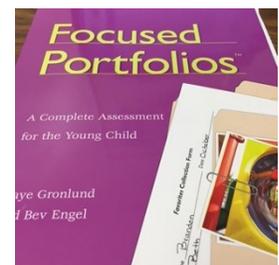


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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! Our **Munchkin Music Program will be held May 1** in our Fellowship Hall.

## 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 March 11, 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 once again. Thank goodness it was rather warm! 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.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Skylar Lincoln*	April 2
Theadora Means	April 5
Hudson Smith	April 9
Lucca Santana	April 10
Eleanor DeWalt	April 12
Krystle Reed*	April 15
Mabel Clark	April 21
Kristi Steakley*	April 22
Jude Teeselink	April 24
August Espinoza	April 27
Eeva Espinoza	April 27
Emerson Robbins	April 28
Braxton Brownrigg	April 28



\* denotes staff member

**It is little by little that the bird builds its nest.**

**-Nigerian Proverb**



## 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.



**A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on.**

**-Carl Sandburg**



# April Afternoon Snacks 2019



<b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families</b> Except for Cubs				
				
<b>1</b> Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	<b>2</b> Wheat Thins & Pickles	<b>3</b> Carrots & Ranch Dip	<b>4</b> Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	<b>5</b> Veggie Straws & Apple Juice
<b>8</b> American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	<b>9</b> Granola Bar & Juice	<b>10</b> Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	<b>11</b> Ham slice & Cheese Stick	<b>12</b>  Good Friday
<b>15</b> Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	<b>16</b> Bananas & Nilla Wafers	<b>17</b> Cheerios & Craisins	<b>18</b> Goldfish & Apple juice	<b>19</b> Gogurts & Mixed fruit cups
<b>22</b> Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip	<b>23</b> Saltines & Pickle slices	<b>24</b> Black olives & American Cheese	<b>25</b> Graham cracker & Nutella	<b>26</b> Ham slice & Ritz Crackers

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **April 10**. 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

## Teacher Appreciation Week April 29—May 3

Each year we recognize our teachers for their work with our precious children. The Parent Advisory Committee has proposed the following ideas:

**Monday (April 29) Memories**-prepared notes for each teacher with your child's handprint, coloring, decoration, etc. A word about what they enjoy about Ms. . . .or TLC.

**Tuesday (April 30) Treats**-bring your teacher her favorite drink to school. "Teachers favorites" list will be provided.

**Wednesday (May 1) Flowers**-each child is asked to bring one flower to their teacher. Just one from the garden or the market.

**Thursday (May 2) Gift Cards**-a gift card for Sonic, Starbucks, Panera, car wash, 7-11, Walmart, Target or any other place you like.

**Friday (May 3) Fun**-catered lunch for staff and token of appreciation for their efforts.

All week we will provide different treats for the mornings to kick the day off. Sounds like FUN!





## 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

### New Flooring Installed

We are so excited to announce our latest improvement. Over spring break we had workmen install new flooring in the main hall, side hall, Cubs', Pandas' and Zebras' classrooms. The workmen hammered and sawed while our office staff worked. The end result is beautiful. We know you will appreciate these floors as much as the staff do! Our first level plan is now completed. Here are some photos of the process.

