



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

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

### Donuts for Dads

Plan to join us in celebrating our dads with a “come and go” breakfast on **June 17, 9-10 a.m.** We will have some yummy donuts, fresh squeezed orange juice and tasty muffin bites for everyone. If a dad is unable to attend any special person in your child’s life is welcome to be here. Photos will be taken so plan to drop by for this special event.



**Childhood is not a race to see how quickly a child can read, write and count. It is a small window of time to learn and develop at the pace that is right for each individual child. Earlier is not better.**

**-Magda Gerber**



### Weekly Specials SUMMER 2019

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 9:30 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:45 Snow cones 1:15	SPLASH DAY 10:00 Art Lessons 1:30 Children’s Chapel 2:45 (Zebras & 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	



## Executive Functions in Play

“When children spend more time in structured activities, they get worse at working toward goals, making decisions, and regulating their behavior,” wrote Ellen Wexler in an article on edweek.org.

“Instead, kids might learn more when they have the responsibility to decide for themselves what they’re going to do with their time. Psychologists at the University of Colorado and the University of Denver studied the schedules of 70 six-year olds, and they found that the kids who spent more time in less-structured activities had more highly-developed self-directed executive function.

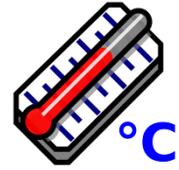
Self-directed executive function develops mostly during childhood, the researchers write, and it includes any mental processes that help us work toward achieving goals—like planning, decision making, manipulating information, switching between tasks, and inhibiting unwanted thoughts and feelings. It is an early indicator of school readiness and academic performance, according to previous research cited in the study, and it even predicts success into adulthood. Children with higher executive function will be healthier, wealthier, and more socially stable throughout their lives.”

Wexler goes on to explain: “The study is the first of its kind, and the researchers believe it’s relevant to debates parents are already having on blogs and at soccer games—but it’s also resonating with educators advocating the importance of free play in classrooms.”

Source: [“Too Many Structured Activities May Hinder Children’s Executive Functioning,”](#) by Ellen Wexler, edweek.org, July 2, 2014

## 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!



## 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.



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

Thank you!

**The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards.**

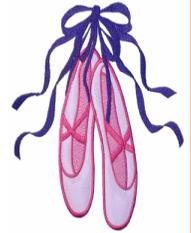
-Anatole France



## 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. We do have classes all summer, too.



## 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

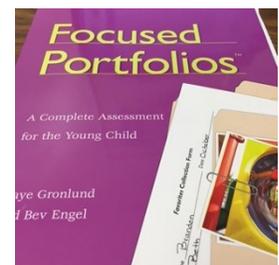


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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 May 14, in the late afternoon. The children exited the building in less than one minute. Many of the classrooms were already outside except for the Cubs. Make sure you practice what to do at home, too.

## Art Classes with Ms. Vanessa

Each Tuesday classrooms (Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs) participate in Art class. The art studio is upstairs and the children enjoy going to work! 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.



## SPLASH DAY ON TUESDAYS

Each Tuesday (weather permitting) we ask that the children come in their swim suit or water play clothing for SPLASH day. Sunscreen should be applied before they arrive to school. A change of clothing is needed for each child. We will do this until the end of the summer session. Splash day is in the morning so please come prepared. We have sprinklers, water tables and pat mats to celebrate the wonderful day. Again, weather permitting.



## 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!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

LaRodree Dawkins*	June 1
Julian Tinney	June 3
Luke Lausen	June 5
Agnes Fleischfresser	June 9
Camryn Green	June 16
Mary Proctor*	June 20
Charlie Williams	June 21
Charlie Palazzolo	June 22
Lyndon Ruddle	June 26
Michell Walker*	June 29
Cooper Lausen	June 30
Berkley Birmingham	June 30



## 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. All are welcome.

**Whenever you see a successful business, someone once made a courageous decision.**



**-Peter Drucker**



## June Afternoon Snacks 2019

<b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families</b> Except for Cubs				
<b>3</b> Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	<b>4</b> Wheat Thins & Pickles	<b>5</b> Carrots & Ranch Dip	<b>6</b> Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	<b>7</b> Veggie Straws & Apple Juice
<b>10</b> American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	<b>11</b> Granola Bar & Juice	<b>12</b> Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	<b>13</b> Ham slice & Cheese Stick	<b>14</b> Saltines & Pickle slices
<b>17</b> Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	<b>18</b> Bananas & Nilla Wafers	<b>19</b> Cheerios & Craisins	<b>20</b> Goldfish & Apple juice	<b>21</b> Potluck snacks
<b>24</b> Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip	<b>25</b> Graham cracker & Nutella	<b>26</b> Ham slice & Ritz Crackers	<b>27</b> Apple slices & String cheese	<b>28</b> Goldfish crackers & Applesauce

### Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **June 12**. 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—OPEN
- Pandas—Mary Fitch
- Monkeys—Emmy Tigert
- Zebras—OPEN
- Jaguars—Mary Fitch
- Cheetahs—Annette Boyd



Tuition Schedule effective **May 1, 2019**



**Monthly Tuition**

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$126	\$161	\$126	\$161	\$116

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$368  
 Tuesday, Thursday = \$322  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$690  
 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

**Employee Anniversary**

On June 28 we will celebrate the first year anniversary for Ashley Huling with TLC. She has done so much in her first year with us. She completed her training and received her Child Development Associate certificate. This requires 120 hours of training, an observation by a professional in our community and an extensive portfolio of her competency. We are proud

to have her on our team. Congratulations!



Ashley H.  
 June 28  
 1 year

