



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

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

### FALL TUITION INCREASE

Our fall tuition increase is scheduled to go into effect August 5. Please read page six of this newsletter for the specific rate per day. Five full days a month will go to \$715. Please adjust your budgets for August tuition.



*We must be the peace we wish to see in children.*  
 -Janet Gonzalez-Mena



### 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 10:00 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	



## Importance of Playtime

“NPR’s Morning Edition recently reported on new studies which indicate that, when it comes to young children, engaging in unstructured play with other kids may be better for your child’s development than any academic task,” writes Brian Gresko on Babble.com. “Play helps kids learn how to regulate emotions, solve problems, and make plans. A better predictor of a kid’s academic success in the 8th grade is how well they socialize with their peers in the 3rd grade. Playtime isn’t wasted time, if you’re concerned with academics; in fact it’s just the opposite. Playtime is essential for young children, though you won’t likely see this reflected in your kids’ school. Kindergartens, and even preschool classes within the public school system, operate under orders to focus on academic skills that can be measured by assessments...” Deb Curtis and Jess Guiney, writing in an [Out of the Box Training Kit](#), also talk about the importance of play and social interaction for children’s optimal development: “Vygotsky’s learning theories about social constructivism support the ideas that:

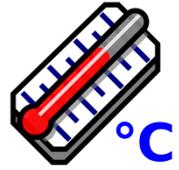
1. Children learn in relationship with others
2. Being able to fully engage with like-minded friends can scaffold children’s development more readily than can teacher-directed activities.”

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## 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 greatest gift you ever give is your honest self.



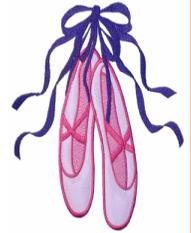
-Fred Rogers



## 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. Wear your Amazing Athletes' shirts on the day you attend!

## Music Classes

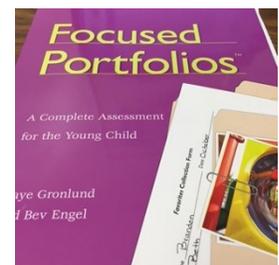


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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 June 27, in the late afternoon. The children exited the building in one minute and 25 seconds. 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 and a towel. 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. Not usually a problem in July



## 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!

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Moss Robertson	July 2
Wyatt Williams	July 5
Barrett Jennings	July 5
Melita James*	July 9
Marvin Clark	July 15
Coe Fitzgerald	July 15
Sienna Simon	July 21
Olivia Mansell	July 21
Bennett Smith	July 23
Edie Little	July 25
Dutch Lippoldt	July 27
Penelope Henry	July 28
Rosie Rowan	July 31

\* denotes staff birthday



## 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.



Let your children go if you want to keep them.

-Malcolm Forbes



# July Afternoon Snacks 2019

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

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **July 17**. 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—Laura Ernst
- Pandas—Mary Fitch
- Monkeys—Emmy Tigert
- Zebras—Courtney Santana
- Jaguars—Mary Fitch
- Cheetahs—Annette Boyd

## Employee Anniversaries

Each month we celebrate the work anniversaries of our staff. The continuity of staff is an indicator of a high quality program. We recognize the importance of seeing the same smiling faces every day and want to acknowledge the contributions they make to TLC. This month we have two members to recognize. Ms. Brandy Jones is celebrating her second year on July 3. She is the mother of two children, McKenzie and Kingston, and works in our Monkeys classroom. Next we have Denise Buthion, our director. This is her fifth year with TLC. She joined our program July 31. We are grateful to these ladies for the many gifts they provide The Learning Center. Thank you for another wonderful year!



Brandy Jones  
July 3  
2 years



Denise Buthion  
July 31  
5 years



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

### Annual Price Increase August 5

Each year our tuition increases in August.  
The new amounts will be as follows:

Mondays \$131  
Tuesdays \$167  
Wednesdays \$131  
Thursdays \$167  
Fridays \$119



All five days will be \$715 per month.  
M, W, F will be \$381  
T, Th will be \$334

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