



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

Muffins for Moms	May 13
Last day of spring session	May 24
Memorial Day - TLC closed	May 27-31
First day of summer session	June 3
Donuts for Dads	June 17
Fall session enrollment	June 24-28
Independence Day - TLC closed	July 4
Last day of summer session	July 26
TLC summer break - TLC closed	July 29-August 2
First day of fall session	August 5

Muffins For Moms



Please join us as we celebrate our Mothers with a "come and go" breakfast on May 13, the Monday after Mother's Day. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 9-10 a.m. Join us for muffins and fresh orange

juice. Pictures will be taken with the children and their moms. We look forward to serving them a small slice of our gratitude and appreciation. We hope you plan to attend.



If we are to reach real peace in this world... we shall have to begin with children.
 -Mahatma Gandhi

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of a child.
 -Carl Jung



Weekly Specials Spring 2019

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 9:30 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:45	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	





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

Thank you!

Imaginative Play Benefits

“Research builds a very strong case that childhood play is a required experience in order to become a civilized, fully-realized human being,” writes Karen Stephens in an *Exchange* magazine [article](#).



“Put another way,” she explains, “these are skills, knowledge, and dispositions that children are at risk of **not** developing if deprived of enough free time, space, and opportunity for creative play:

- abstract and symbolic thinking, decision-making, creative problem solving and goal setting;
- complex language development...
- emotional awareness and competence...
- social skills, such as patience, cooperation, negotiation, non-violent conflict resolution...
- formation of a moral or ethical code that distinguishes right from wrong, respect for others’ rights and ability to work toward the greater good.”

Let those children play. . .

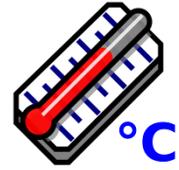


“To find a seashell is to discover a world of imagination.”

– Michelle Held

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.



Family Conferences with Teachers

Twice a year we offer Family-Teacher conferences regarding your child’s development. The teachers prepare portfolios of each child in their classroom. These are passed on from one class to the next. It is amazing to see the anecdotal records, work samples and pictures of your child’s accomplishments. The conferences are 15 minutes for each child. We will have select days for each class and you will need to sign up for a time slot. If that day isn’t convenient for you just get with your classroom teacher to schedule a time that works. This is an important way to be involved in your child’s education. Sign up sheets will be posted on the classroom doors for your time to be selected.

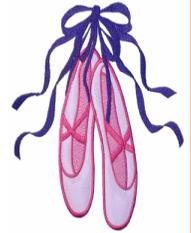
- May 6—Cheetahs
- May 7—Jaguars
- May 8—Zebras
- May 9—Monkeys
- May 10—Pandas and Cubs



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. 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

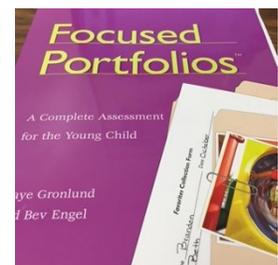


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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! 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 April 4, in the morning. 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 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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jovie McGuigan	May 3
Paxton Pendley	May 7
Fields Tigert	May 7
Brandy Jones*	May 7
Darby Kovash	May 10
Nash Orndorff	May 13
Henry Prescott	May 15
June Wagner	May 17
Jack Fitch	May 21
Alexander Powell	May 21
Cooper Roberts	May 23



**What you do makes a difference,
and you have to decide what kind of
difference you want to make.**

-Jane Goodall



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.



**Before the seed there comes the
thought of bloom.**

-E. B. White



May Afternoon Snacks 2019

FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs		1 Ham slice & Ritz Crackers	2 Graham cracker & Nutella	3 Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip
6 Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	7 Wheat Thins & Pickles	8 Carrots & Ranch Dip	9 Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	10 Veggie Straws & Apple Juice
13 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	14 Granola Bar & Juice	15 Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	16 Ham slice & Cheese Stick	17 Saltines & Pickle slices
20 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	21 Bananas & Nilla Wafers	22 Cheerios & Craisins	23 Goldfish & Apple juice	24 Last Day Parties
27 	28 TLC	29 Closed	30 Until	31 June 3

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **May 8**. 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

Happy Work Anniversary

One sign of a high quality program is the continuity of teachers. We are very happy to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Dalisa Dean. She has worked in the Pandas' class since she arrived on May 18, 2018. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor of arts degree in Human Relations. Thank you for all of the gifts you bring to TLC. Happy first year work anniversary!



Dalisa Dean
May 18
One year





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 - 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

Hours of Operation Adjustment



Effective **May 4**, The Learning Center will close on Fridays at **1:59 p.m.** This will only affect children and families who attend on Fridays which is our lowest attendance day. Tuition will be adjusted to reflect the reduction in services for Fridays. The Department of Human Services' licensing standards state that we must operate **less than** 30 hours a week. We regret any inconveniences this may cause. Your understanding and support are greatly appreciated.

