



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

Labor Day- TLC closed	September 2
Fall Break- TLC closed	October 17-18
Spring Enrollment	October 21-25
Halloween Parties	October 25
Fall Festival	October 27
Thanksgiving Break- TLC closed	November 27-29
Christmas Parties	December 20
Last day of fall session	December 20
Christmas Break- TLC closed	December 23-1/1
First day of spring session	January 2

FALL TUITION INCREASED

Our fall tuition increase went into effect **August 5**. Here are the monthly rates for:



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

Children attending five days a week will be \$715. Please see Denise if you have questions.

Grandparents “Come & Go” Breakfast

Join us **September 9** for a “come & go” breakfast of muffins and juice to celebrate being a grandparent. It is indeed the world’s best job! We will offer breakfast from **9-10 a.m.** Any significant person in your child’s life is welcome to attend. Photos will be taken.



Weekly Specials 2019

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 9:30 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:45	Children’s Chapel 2:45	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	





Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.
-Marian Wright Edelman

Fall Pictures Scheduled

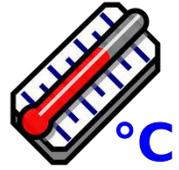
Twice a year we schedule school photos of our children. This year we will take pictures on **September 19**. The photos will begin at **9 a.m.** and last until they finish all the children which typically lasts until 11. Our photographers are Larch Family Photography from Yukon, Ok. They do a fabulous job and can get just about any child to smile— hard to believe.

If your child does attend on Thursdays you are welcome to bring them by. It is always nice to have parents or grandparents take a photo with their children. There is a \$1 fee for the setting which can be paid the day you come. Should you not want your child photographed please let us know. Proofs come back quickly and prints are delivered within a week. Mark your calendar for school pictures.



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!

Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.

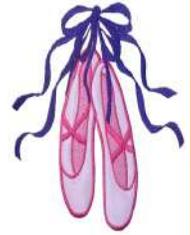
-Albert Einstein



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

Music Classes

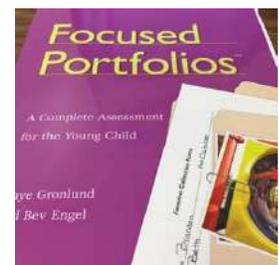


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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 August 16, in the morning after arrival time. The children exited the building in one minute and fifteen seconds. Make sure you practice what to do at home, too.



**Be careful what you teach.
It might interfere with what
they are learning.**

-Magda Gerber

Kids and Screens— Dangers

The **American Academy of Pediatrics** recommends no screen time for children under 2 and less than 2 hours per day for older children.

They also recommend that parents create an electronic-media-free environment in children's bedrooms.

- Screen time can be habit-forming: the more time children engage with screens, the harder time they have turning them off as older children.
- Screen time for children under 3 is linked to irregular sleep patterns and delayed language activities.
- Toddler screen time is also associated with problems in later childhood, including lower math and school achievement, reduced physical activity, being bullied, and increased BMI.

Source: Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood
www.commercialfreechildhood.org



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!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Misha Springs*	9/1
Nora Staley	9/2
Vann Staley	9/2
Josie England	9/14
Harper Prescott	9/15
McKenzie Moore	9/15
Reynolds Smith	9/16
Knox Orndorff	9/19
Hattie Morgan	9/19
Oliver Huffman	9/25
Jasmine Brown*	9/27
Joaquim Ritto	9/28
J Schulhoff	9/29

* denotes staff



**Children must be
taught how to
think, not what
to think.**
-Margaret Mead

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.



September Afternoon Snacks 2019

<p>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs</p>				
<p>2 <i>Happy Labor Day!</i> </p>	<p>3 Wheat Thins & Pickles</p>	<p>4 Carrots & Ranch Dip</p>	<p>5 Fruit snacks & Pretzels</p>	<p>6 Veggie Straws & Apple Juice</p>
<p>9 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels</p>	<p>10 Granola Bar & Juice</p>	<p>11 Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>12 Ham slice & Cheese Stick</p>	<p>13 Saltines & Pickle slices</p>
<p>16 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip</p>	<p>17 Bananas & Nilla Wafers</p>	<p>18 Cheerios & Craisins</p>	<p>19 Goldfish & Apple juice</p>	<p>20 Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers</p>
<p>23 Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip</p>	<p>24 Graham cracker & Nutella</p>	<p>25 Ham slice & Ritz Crackers</p>	<p>26 Apple slices & String cheese</p>	<p>27 Hummus & Pretzels</p>

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet 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—OPEN
- Monkeys—Susan Abernathy
- Zebras—Courtney Santana
- Jaguars—Annette Boyd
- Cheetahs—Laura Gilson

Teacher Anniversaries

Each month we recognize the teachers who are celebrating an anniversary with The Learning Center. One of the indicators of a high quality program is the longevity of the teachers. We are proud to celebrate two teachers' anniversaries. Help us to congratulate them on another year of TLC employment.



Kristi Steakley
1 year 9/10



Marita Barkus
3 years 9/19



Tuition Schedule effective August 5, 2019



Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$131	\$167	\$131	\$167	\$119

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$381
Tuesday, Thursday = \$334
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$715
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

Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.
-Fred Rogers

