



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

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

### FALL FESTIVAL SCHEDULED

The annual Fall Festival-Chili Cook Off is scheduled for **October 27, 5-7 p.m.** We will have some of the best tasting chili you've



ever had plus face painting, pumpkin bowling, hay rides through the park and more. Children will get a chance to decorate pumpkins and earn prizes from the

different games. This is a Nichols Hills United Methodist Church and TLC event. You are welcome to dress up (nothing too scary.) There will be candy for the little ones. Plan to join us!

### SPRING 2020 ENROLLMENT TIME

After fall break we will begin enrollment for **spring session 2020**. Enrollment is \$75 for the first child and \$60 for the second. This fee will need to be paid before the end of the month to secure your spot. October 28 begins open enrollment for families NOT already attending. Please make sure your families' needs are met by re-enrolling by October 25. Spots cannot be guaranteed after that date. Let Denise know ASAP.



Just to be alive is a grand thing.  
 -Agatha Christie



### Weekly Specials 2019

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 9:30 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:45	Children's Chapel 2:45 Art 10:00	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	



## Misuse of Hand Sanitizers are Poisonous

When children misuse alcohol-based sanitizers they may cause harm. Cases have been reported of kids with eye irritation, vomiting and even worse. From 2011 to 2014, there were more than 70,000 calls to poison control centers across the U.S. for children who ingested, inhaled or got hand sanitizer in their eyes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Hand sanitizers that contained alcohol were cited in more than 65,000 of the calls. Alcohol-based sanitizers contain either ethanol, which is found in alcoholic beverages, or isopropyl alcohol, also known as rubbing alcohol. The sanitizers can contain 60 to 95% alcohol by volume; non-alcoholic based hand sanitizers contain other chemicals.

Washing hands with soap and water is the preferred method of hand hygiene.



Step 2:  
Make a  
lather

Source: Misuse of Hand Sanitizer Linked to Poisoning Cases In Kids; Miller, Sara. G. March 2017  
[www.livescience.com](http://www.livescience.com)

## Welcome new art teacher!

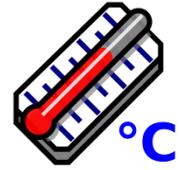


We are happy to resume art classes. Our new instructor is Erica Oji. She is the owner of Heart Studios. Her passion is bringing creativity to the children who need it most. Our program will enable her to do just that. Her work with the Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs begins October 1. Welcome Erica to TLC.



## 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!**



Any time you sincerely want to make a change, the first thing you must do is to raise your standards.

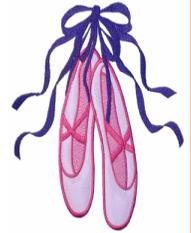
-Anthony Robbins



## 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

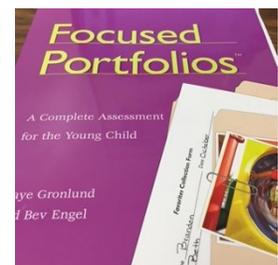


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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 September 11, in the morning after arrival time. The children exited the building in one minute. Make sure you practice what to do at home, too. What does your plan look like?

## Toiletries for John Marshall

One of the ministries of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church is collecting items for students at John Marshall. Here are some items needed:

- ◆ Men's and women's deodorant
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Toothbrushes (prefer four pack)
- ◆ Body lotions 8 oz.
- ◆ Laundry detergent 8 or 10 oz. *Tide* or *Gain*
- ◆ Sample size perfume or cologne

You may leave these contributions up front..



## Speech-Language Screenings Scheduled

We are excited to welcome the speech pathologists from The Speech & Reading Room to screen our children at TLC. The earlier you are able to detect some language issue the easier it is to correct. Should you want your child screened we would need a signed permission slip returned to the front desk. This is primarily for children two years old and older. This is a complimentary screening so don't delay in signing up. They will be here **October 7-11**.



## 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!



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Micah Teeselink	October 1
Jovie Holbert	October 5
Jett Kudron	October 10
Lincoln Sadler	October 17
Shep Staley	October 18
Eno Lin	October 24
Caroline Ford	October 25
Kendall Robbins	October 28



## 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.



Children are the best audience: they are curious, enthusiastic, impulsive, generous, and pleased by simple joys. They laugh easily at the ridiculous and are willing to believe the absurd. Children are not ironic, disillusioned, or indifferent, but hopeful, open-minded, and open-hearted, with a voracious hunger for pictures and stories.



-Eric Rohmann





# October Afternoon Snacks 2019



<b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families</b> Except for Cubs	<b>1</b> Wheat Thins & Pickles	<b>2</b> Carrots & Ranch Dip	<b>3</b> Fruit snacks & Pretzels	<b>4</b> Veggie Straws & Apple Juice
	<b>7</b> American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	<b>8</b> Granola Bar & Juice	<b>9</b> Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	<b>10</b> Ham slice & Cheese Stick
	<b>14</b> Goldfish & Apple juice	<b>15</b> Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	<b>16</b> Graham cracker & Nutella	<b>17</b> Fall Break
	<b>21</b> Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	<b>22</b> Bananas & Nilla Wafers	<b>23</b> Cheerios & Craisins	<b>24</b> Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip
	<b>28</b> Mixed fruit & Wheat Thins	<b>29</b> Halloween Parties 3:30	<b>30</b> Ham slice & Ritz Crackers	<b>31</b> Apple slices & String cheese

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **10/9**. 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—Amy Gillett
- 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 three teachers' anniversaries. Help us congratulate them on another year of TLC employment.



Misha Springs  
1 year 10/29



Lyn Morgan  
1 year 10/29



Lala Dawkins  
1 year 10/30



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 - 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

### Active and Joyful Engagement

“To learn the word ‘the,’ Kristen Bauter’s kindergartners used to sit at their desks with a worksheet and circle words scattered across the page. Now, the 5-year-olds stand at a station digging through shredded blue paper to find cardboard fish marked ‘the’. It’s a change for the Watertown City School District in far upstate New York, where Bauter works. This year, the district has implemented a [play-based learning curriculum](#) for kindergartners and first-graders in its five elementary schools, an effort to make learning more developmentally appropriate and to cultivate students’ social-emotional skills.” So begins an article by Kate Stringer on the website, [the74million.org](#). It’s also in alignment with the state of New York’s new standards for early learners,” Stringer explains, “which encourage play and ‘active, joyful engagement’... That makes sense to early-learning researchers, who have long argued for play-based education for young students. Years of research have demonstrated the importance of play for childhood development, yet the ‘either/or’ argument between play and academics, with their strict standards and assessments, has inhibited making playtime more prominent in the early grades.” In the popular book, [Really Seeing Children](#), Deb Curtis writes about how important it is for educators to truly understand and respect children’s play-based learning. She explains: “Seeing children is about seeing the details of their remarkable ideas and actions. Studying what you observe and seeing yourself as a teacher-researcher to find children’s skills and competencies enhances your own professional development and informs your practice when responding and planning for children. Seeing children’s astonishing ways brings the joy and wonder back to your teaching.”

Source: “[A New Push for Play-Based Learning: Why Districts Say It’s Leading to More Engaged Students, Collaborative Classmates ... and Better Grades](#),” by Kate Stringer, [the74million.org](#), February 6, 2018

