



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

Christmas Parties	December 19
Last day of fall session	December 20
Christmas Break- <b>TLC closed</b>	December 23-1/1
First day of spring session	January 2

### Munchkin Music Christmas Program

Please plan to join us **December 11** for the Munchkin Music Christmas Program. It will begin promptly at 10:30 and last about 30 minutes for the whole school. Remember to bring your cameras and loved ones to see what all of our children have been learning. Children are encouraged to wear holiday dress. Refreshments will be served following the demonstration.



**The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.**

**-Helen Keller**



### Weekly Specials 2019

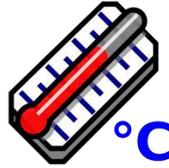


Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 9:30 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:45	Art 10:00 Children's Chapel 2:45 Storyteller 3 p.m.	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10 (Everyone does music)	Amazing Athletes 10:00 Children's Chapel 2:45 Storyteller 3 p.m.	Amazing Athletes (Monkeys and older participate in this)
*cost extra \$40 monthly	Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	



## 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.



## Meet our art teacher

Our art 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 began October 1.



With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.

-Eleanor Roosevelt



## New Classroom Orientations

When children move up to the next classroom we want to provide as smooth a transition as possible. We will hold **group orientations** to meet the staff and hear about the new classroom routines, schedules, and items to bring. Here is the group orientation schedule:  
CUBS → to Pandas = 12/16 @ 2:35.  
PANDAS → Monkeys = 12/16 @ 2:35.  
MONKEYS → Zebras = 12/17 @ 4:05.  
ZEBRAS → Jaguars = 12/17 @ 4:05.  
JAGUARS → Cheetahs = 2/18 @ 2:35  
If you are not sure which class your child will be in for Spring Session just ask your current teacher or the front desk.



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please watch the main news channels, 4, 5, or 9, to see the list of school closings when there is **ice or snow**. Our school will be listed under **Nichols Hills United Methodist Church**. We will text and email you all to the best of our ability. When in doubt you may always text your teacher, home room representative or Denise. We hope to eliminate any confusion or inconvenience when the inclement weather arrives. It looks like it is going to be an active winter, weather-wise. Be safe!



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



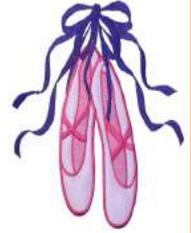
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## Tippi Toes



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

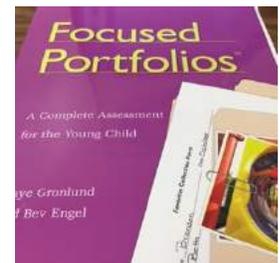


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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 November 14, in the afternoon. The staff exited the building in one minute. Make sure you practice what to do at home, too. What does your plan look like? Where does your family meet? Things to think about before the time is necessary. . .

## 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..



## 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!

*Christmas Eve*  
**CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**

Tuesday, December 24, 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.



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 1212 Bedford Drive / Nichols Hills, OK 73116

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<b>Avery Keith</b>	<b>December 3</b>
<b>Denise Buthion*</b>	<b>December 10</b>
<b>Lydia Gilson</b>	<b>December 11</b>
<b>JJ Schoppa</b>	<b>December 11</b>
<b>Lyn Morgan*</b>	<b>December 12</b>
<b>Norah Johnson</b>	<b>December 13</b>
<b>Henry Schulhoff</b>	<b>December 13</b>
<b>Ashley Butler*</b>	<b>December 15</b>

\*denotes staff member



## 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.



**Childhood is a short season.**  
**-Helen Hayes**





# December Afternoon Snacks 2019



<b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families</b> Except for Cubs				
<b>2</b> American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	<b>3</b> Granola Bar & Grape Juice	<b>4</b> Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	<b>5</b> Ham slice & Cheese Stick	<b>6</b> Saltines & Pickle slices
<b>9</b> Goldfish & Apple juice	<b>10</b> Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	<b>11</b> Graham crackers & Nutella	<b>12</b> Carrots & Ranch Dip	<b>13</b> Fruit snacks & Pretzels
<b>16</b> Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	<b>17</b> Bananas & Nilla Wafers	<b>18</b> Cheerios & Craisins	<b>19</b> Class Christmas Parties	<b>20</b> Hummus & Pretzels
<b>23</b> Closed	<b>24</b> Until	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> January	<b>27</b> 2, 2020 

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) **will NOT** meet in December. 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

## Benefits of Music Education

“A growing body of evidence supports the developmental benefits of music learning,” reports Leon R. de Bruin in an article on the Australian Association for Research in Education website: “Findings from recent neuroscientific research have highlighted the benefits music making has on learners’ brains. It helps develop:

- their capacity to work faster and more efficiently
- ability to tap into multiple skill sets,
- creativity, as well as
- linguistic neural connections between language and music that prime neural networks for learning.”

Source: “[Music ed isn’t a luxury. All our children should be learning music.](#)” by Leon R. de Bruin, [aare.edu.au](#), October 21, 2019



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



Peace is not just that absence of violence but the  
manifestation of human compassion.  
-Dalai Lama

