



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.*

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Classroom Photos	February 6
Valentine's Day Parties	February 13
Spring Break closed	March 16-20
Summer enrollment	March 23-27
Children's Photos	April 2
Good Friday closed	April 10
Teacher Appreciation Week	April 27-May 1
Muffins for Moms	May 11
Last day spring session	May 22

Class Photos Scheduled

February 6 will be the day scheduled for TLC class photos. Each classroom will have one photo taken. Pre-paid envelopes will be provided for these photos.



Please return your envelope on or before February 7. Children must be here before 10 a.m. for this picture. If your child does NOT attend on that day (Thursday) you may bring him or her for the picture. It moves quickly so please come by 10 a.m. You will definitely want one of these. Photos are \$10. Checks should be made out to Larch Photography. Check out the class group photos from last year at the Front Desk reception area.



The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

-Denis Waitley



Weekly Specials 2020

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 9:30 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:45	Art 10:00 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	



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.



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

Thank you!



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!



The best smell is bread; the best savour, salt; the best love, that of children.

-George Herbert

In an article in *The Guardian*, Nicola Davis writes, "Children should be encouraged to spend time outdoors to reduce their risk of becoming shortsighted, experts have said. Shortsightedness is rising around the world, with the condition said to have reached epidemic proportions in East Asia: estimates suggest about 90% of teenagers and young adults in China have the condition..."

Several studies have found children who spend more time outdoors have a lower risk of myopia. While some report that looking into the distance could be important, others say exposure to outdoor light is key."



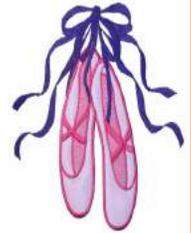
Source: "Children urged to play outdoors to cut risk of shortsightedness,"



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

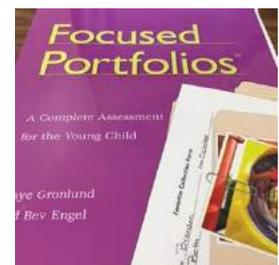


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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 January 9, in the afternoon. The staff and children 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 at front desk.



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!

2019 Tax Statements Available

We have statements available for your annual child care costs. These are printed upon request which takes about 15 seconds. Please stop by the office and let us know if you would like one.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eloise Shadid	February 11
Naomi Springs	February 13
Sloane Hixon	February 19
Emmi Miller	February 21



Family Survey Results

Our annual family survey concluded on January 3. There were forty-seven respondents out of 91 families. Each year your input helps us to form new goals for the year. Thank you for participating in the Survey Monkey 2019 Family Survey. We are grateful for the feedback.



Did you know. . .

“Play is crucial. Parents don't need to own lots of toys or buy lots of things. If a child has access to some sticks and some rocks and an adult to play with, great things can be achieved. The cognitive processes required for imaginary play on the playground are more demanding than sitting there looking at flashcards.”

Source: “Forget flash cards, play with sticks. An expert explains how children learn,” by Casey Lee-Williams, weforum.org, October



FEBRUARY Afternoon Snacks 2020

FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs				
   				
3	4	5	6	7
American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	Granola Bar & Grape Juice	Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	Ham slice & Cheese Stick	Saltines & Pickle slices
10	11	12	13	14
Goldfish & Apple juice	Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	Graham crackers & Nutella	Valentine Parties 3:30	Fruit snacks & Pretzels
17	18	19	20	21
Cheese Cubes & Apple juice	Bananas & Nilla Wafers	Cheerios & Craisins	Saltines & Pickles	Hummus & Pretzels
24	25	26	27	28
Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	Applesauce & Cheese Stix	Diced Peaches & Animal Crackers	Jello sugar free & Honey Pretzels	Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet January 15. This group typically meets the third 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, assists 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—OPEN
- Pandas—Laura Ernst
- Monkeys—Amy Gillett
- Zebras—Susan Abernathy
- Jaguars—Marina Williams
- Cheetahs—Laura Gilson

Work Anniversary Celebrated

We are pleased to celebrate the four-years anniversary of Michell Walker. February 5, 2016 she began her TLC career. Currently Ms. Michell is working part-time while she attends OSU-OKC Nursing program. Her schedule allows her to be here as a floater and work the front desk. Michell is very artistic and assists the teachers with her creativity in their classrooms. Congratulations Ms. Michell on this achievement! Join us in celebrating her work milestone.

Michell Walker
4 years 2/5



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



Amazing Athletes' Participate in Thunder Blue Half-time Show



The children from TLC, who participate in Amazing Athletes, will be the half-time show during the Thunder Blue game March 28th. Tickets are free for the children who register and adults are \$12 a ticket. Come and see our Thunder Blue future stars and our children perform at the Cox Center. You will see all of the coaches too. Sign up on-line by March 13. You won't want to miss it.

