



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

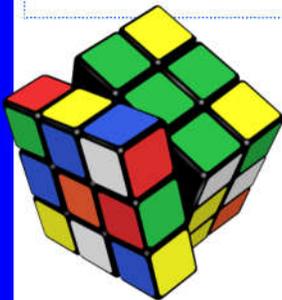
First day of fall session	August 3
Labor Day-TLC closed	September 7
Fall Break-TLC closed	October 15-16
Spring Enrollment	October 12-25
Fall Festival	October 25
Halloween Parties	October 29
Thanksgiving break-TLC closed	November 25-27
Christmas Parties	December 22
Last day of fall session	December 22
Christmas Break-TLC closed	Dec 23-Jan 1
First day of spring session	January 4

Increase Effective August 3

Each year the tuition increases for the fall session. The new prices will be:

Mondays and Wednesdays	\$136
Tuesdays and Thursdays	\$173
Fridays	\$124

This is 3.5% increase from last year. FYI



Having a positive mental attitude is asking how something can be done rather than saying it can't be done.
-Bo Bennett

Safety Precautions Continue

Drop off and pick up procedures will continue at the assigned doors. Temps are taken and hands washed upon arrival. We appreciate the cooperation you all are giving us to keep everyone healthy. Thanks!



Weekly Specials 2020

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 French 10:00
*cost extra \$40 monthly	Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	French 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!



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

Thank you!



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



New Special Activity: French on Fridays

Beginning in August we will have French lessons on Fridays for the Jaguars and Cheetahs. Thirty-minute lessons will take place in the children's classroom. Our new French teacher is Susanne Huffman. She is an adjunct instructor at UCO in French and mother to one of our Zebras, Oliver. Susanne has a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Oklahoma and another degree in Modern Language in French from the University of Central Oklahoma. We are thrilled to have Susanne teach our oldest groups the beginning of conversational francais. Bienvenue Madame Huffman!



SING YOUR ABC'S AND STAY GERM-FREE!



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Snacks for the Classroom

We are now requesting families participate with the morning snacks in their child's class. Once a month we are asking for a contribution for the morning snacks. What are some healthy, nutritious and popular items? See the list of ideas. Remember it must be from a store or commercial kitchen. Unopened too.



- Fresh fruits
- Crackers (graham, animal, Ritz)
- Veggies
- Gold Fish
- Cereal Bars
- Squeeze Pouches
- Yogurt/yogurt melts
- NO popcorn, or peanut products please!!
- Cheese Sticks

Cultivation to the mind is as necessary as food to the body.

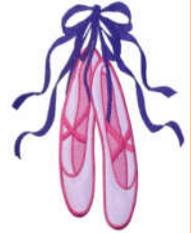
-Marcus Tullius Cicero



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

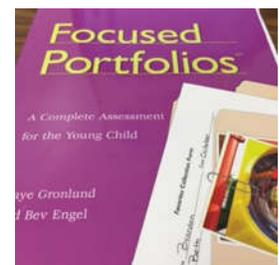


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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 held July 9. The drill went well although the new little ones didn't like the loud noise of the alarm. 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 30 seconds. Please stop by the office and let us know if you would like one.



August Birthdays

	Colton Corbett	Aug 8	
	Carver Cook	Aug 11	
	Bennett Williams	Aug 12	
	Lillian Smith	Aug 13	
	Hadley House	Aug 15	
	Vaughn Manzer	Aug 16	
	Karla Villalobo*	Aug 20	
	August Haddad	Aug 21	

Families are welcome to bring a treat for their child's birthday. Must be from a commercial kitchen or store. Talk with the teachers and find out when is the best time to celebrate. Cupcakes are easiest to manage. Thanks!



Classroom Requests

We are needing some used towels and wash cloths for our classrooms. If you have additional ones that you do not want please bring them to us in any condition. Extra clothing is always appreciated as well.



Stay clean, stay safe, keep your hands off your face.





August Afternoon Snacks 2020



FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs				
3 Granola bar & Pickles	4 Gogurt & Graham Crackers	5 Ritz Crackers & Pepperoni	6 Veggie Straws & Juice	7 Animal Crackers & Nutella
10 Wheat Thins & Ham slices	11 Animal Crackers & Nutella	12 Honey Pretzels & Juice	13 Chex Mix & Pickles	14 Nilla Wafers & Pudding Cups
17 Nutella & Graham Crackers	18 Applesauce & Cheese Stix	19 Diced Peaches & Animal Crackers	20 Jello sugar free & Honey Pretzels	21 Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip
24 Ham slice & Ritz Crackers	25 Saltines & Pickle slices	26 Pepperoni & Ritz Crackers	27 Gogurts & Juice	28 Veggie Straws & Ranch

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet upon request. 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. The following people who represent the classrooms are:



- Cubs—Open
- Pandas—Leah Roberts
- Monkeys—Laura Ernst
- Zebras—Jack Fitch
- Jaguars—Emmy Tigert
- Cheetahs—Marina Williams

Staff Anniversary

It is such a pleasure to celebrate another year with Ms. Keyneisha Prather, Jaguars' classroom teacher. She has worked since August 5, 2011 at The Learning Center. During these years she had her son Kaiden, 6 years old, and completed her Associate of Arts degree in Early Care & Education from Rose State College. Her plan is to continue her education in the evenings at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). Ms. Key brings such joy and zest to her classroom and is second in command with the staff in the director's absence. We are grateful for her years of service. We hope to continue working with her as long as she likes. Congratulations Ms. Key for your 9 years of service and dedication to TLC.



Keyneisha Prather



Tuition Schedule effective **August 3, 2020**



Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$136	\$173	\$136	\$173	\$124

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$408
Tuesday, Thursday = \$346
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$740
Any combination of days based on availability.

Other Fees:

- Enrollment Fee (per session) \$75 - 1st child; \$60 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

New Ways to Pay On-line

We now offer on-line payments for checks and credit cards. You may set it up for monthly re-occurring payments or not. There is **no fee for the checks**, but there is a 3% fee for Visa, Mastercard or American Express. Naturally the old-fashioned way of writing checks and giving them to us still works! Please read below.

To make electronic payments follow these steps:

Go to Nichols Hills UMC Website – nicholshillsumc.org

1. Click "The Learning Center."
2. Click "Payment."

Establish a Profile. – This will allow you to make future payments without re-entering your information.

5. Enter Payment Amount and Child's Name.
6. Enter Payment Method.
7. There is a **3% processing fee** for *Debit or Credit Card payments*.
For Debit or Credit Card payments, click "Help offset processing fee." This is not optional.

