



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.*

2021 Calendar of Events

- Good Friday *TLC closed April 2
- School photos April 6
- Teacher Appreciation Week April 26-30
- Muffins for Moms May 10
- Last day of spring session May 28
- Memorial Day *TLC closed May 31-June 4
- First day of summer session June 7

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 to keep everyone healthy. **Drop off is 9-9:15 a.m. every day and pick up is 15 minutes before closing.** Thanks!

School Pictures Scheduled

Spring photos will be taken of the children on **April 6**. There is a \$1 sitting fee for the shoot. Proofs will be returned within a week so you may select which picture and package you would like. If your child doesn't normally attend on that day you may bring them for the picture taking between 9-11 a.m. They are very efficient and waiting is not long. Siblings may request individual and pictures together. Just let your teacher know. No obligation to purchase anything.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our children will hunt for eggs on **Thursday, April 1**. No pranking. Staff will hide the eggs that families have provided and collect them in decorated sacks. Sorry but no visitors will be allowed this year. Thank you all for your support!



Weekly Specials 2021

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10:00	Art 10:00 Tippi Toes Dance* 10 Children's Chapel 2:45	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10 (Everyone does music)	Amazing Athletes 9:30 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. We will call to see if your child is well. Everyone wants to know if someone has something contagious. Especially during this pandemic. 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!



French on Fridays

Each week French lessons are given on Fridays for the Jaguars and Cheetahs. Thirty-minute lessons take place in the children's classrooms. Our 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. Merci Madame Huffman!

Art Classes with Ms. Megann

Each Tuesday the Jaguars and Cheetahs have a thirty minute art lesson. They are learning about the different concepts in art such as names of the tools, techniques, colors, shapes, etc. The best part is the unique expression of each child. It is our goal that the children enjoy the process and not the end product. It seems they are doing just that.



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

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.



Teacher Appreciation Week April 26-30

Each year our teachers are celebrated for their commitment to early childhood care and education. Some fun things to do for teachers:

1. Have your child dictate a letter about what they like about the teachers in their classroom
2. Send a flower to them
3. Bring a sweet treat or drink
4. Make a bookmark and let your child decorate it
5. Use your imagination.

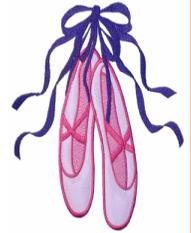
We will send out more information later this month. Watch for it. . .



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 Tuesdays from 10-10:30 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

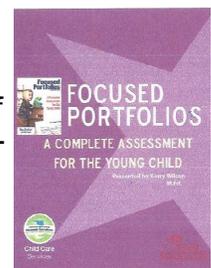


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We usually have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to share what the children have learned. Sadly this year we have scratched these events to keep everyone healthy and safe. Each month we do 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.

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 March 12. The drill went well at just one minute and 25 seconds to completely exit the building. The loud noise of the alarm definitely gets everyone's attention. 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:

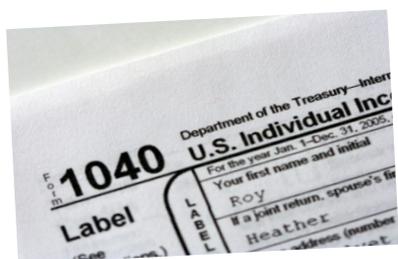


- ◆ Men's and women's deodorant
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Toothbrushes (prefer four pack)
- ◆ Body lotions 8 oz.
- ◆ Laundry detergent 8 or 10 oz. *Tide* or *Gain*
- ◆ Sample size perfume or cologne



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.



Tax Statements are available upon request. We can email it to you or print off. Just let us know if you would like a statement for your 2020 taxes.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Madelyn Lunsford	April 2
Winston Allen	April 7
Vallie Clay	April 9
Lucca Santana	April 10
Elin Gunderson	April 13
Chase Bradley	April 15
Krystle Reed*	April 15
Ella Tabor	April 16
Josie Smith	April 22
Kristi Steakley*	April 22
August Espinoza	April 27
Eeva Espinoza	April 27

*denotes staff member

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 or cookies are easiest to manage. Thanks!

Scholastic Book Orders

Each month we distribute order forms for children's books. Families may order on line and pay with a credit card or send in order forms with a check to the teacher. Our classrooms earn points to receive new books each month so THANK YOU for supporting Scholastic Book Club. Orders for April are due by April 16. The class code for on line orders is **NTJ46**. www.scholastic.com/readingclub They now ship books directly to your home if you choose that option. We appreciate you!



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April Afternoon Snacks



FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs				
			1 Chex Mix & Pickles	2
5 Gogurts & Animal Crackers	6 Cheese Stix & Apple Juice	7 Honey Pretzels & American Cheese	8 Diced peaches & Graham Crackers	9 Ritz Crackers & Juice
12 Wheat Thins & Pepperoni	13 Nilla Wafers & Applesauce	14 American Cheese & Saltines	15 Granola Bar & Juice	16 Jello & Teddy Grahams
19 Nutella & Graham Crackers	20 Applesauce & Cheese Stix	21 Pudding Cups & Saltines	22 Granola & Juice	23 Wheat Thins & Pickles
26 Honey Pretzels & Yogurt	27 Pepperoni & American Cheese	28 Mandarin Oranges & Saltines	29 Saltines & Pickle Slices	30 Gogurt & Animal Crackers

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 volunteer needed
- Pandas—Ivy Pierce
- Monkeys—Laura Ernst
- Zebras—Mary Fitch
- Jaguars—Emmy Tigert
- Cheetahs—Marina Williams

Meet Ms. Melanie Fuentes

We are pleased to introduce our newest staff member Ms. Melanie. She is 21 years old and a student at OSU-OKC. Her plan is to complete her general studies this coming December and transfer to UCO. It is her goal to become an elementary school teacher. Melanie loves the beach, rom/com movies and spending time with her friends and family. She and Ms. Emily are working together in the Jaguar classroom. The children seem to enjoy her very much. Welcome Ms. Melanie to TLC.



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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."
3. Establish a Profile. – This will allow you to make future payments without re-entering your information.
4. Enter Payment Amount and Child's Name.
5. Enter Payment Method.
6. There is a **3% processing fee** for *Debit or Credit Card payments*.

Wherever there is a human being, there is a chance for a kindness.

-Seneca

