



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.*

2021 Calendar of Events

Last day of spring session	May 28
Memorial Day *TLC closed	May 31-June 4
First day of summer session	June 7
Enrollment for fall session	June 14-25
Independence Day *TLC closed	July 5
Last day summer session	July 30

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!

Thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week!

The staff thoroughly enjoyed the special week and your participation. We are very grateful for all of the lovely families we get to work with. It is a joy to work with such amazing children. Thank you all for your support and confidence-



Last Day of Spring Session

Our last day of the spring session is **May 28**. We will celebrate our last day with a class party at the end of the day. Memorial Day is the following Monday and we will be closed that entire week. Time has flown by us! We will be getting ready for the summer session which begins **June 7**. See you then!



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!



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 everywhere. **SLOW** it down.



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!



Parent-Teacher Conferences Offered

We are offering parent-teacher conferences the week of May 3-7. These conferences are 20 minutes of hearing about what your child is learning. We can meet virtually or after hours when children are gone. Please sign up with your classroom teacher at drop off and pick up times. This is one of the best ways that families can support their children's development. Caring for children is a true partnership! Let us know when you can meet during that week and we will do our best to accommodate that time.

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.



"I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it."

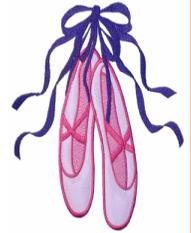
- Pablo Picasso



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. **Spring recital will be held May 15 at 5 p.m. The Cube at Council Road Baptist Church (7903 NW 30th St, Bethany, OK 73008)**



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

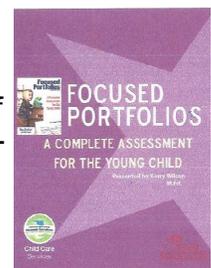


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We usually have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration 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 April 26. The drill went well at just one minute and 15 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:

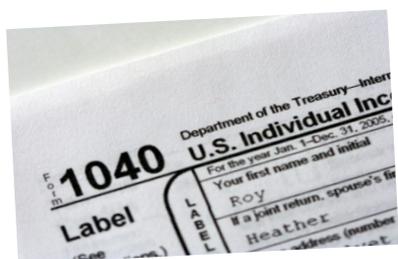


- ◆ Men's and women's deodorant
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Toothbrushes (prefer four pack)
- ◆ Body lotions 8 oz.
- ◆ Laundry detergent 8 or 10 oz. *Tide* or *Gain*
- ◆ Sample size perfume or cologne

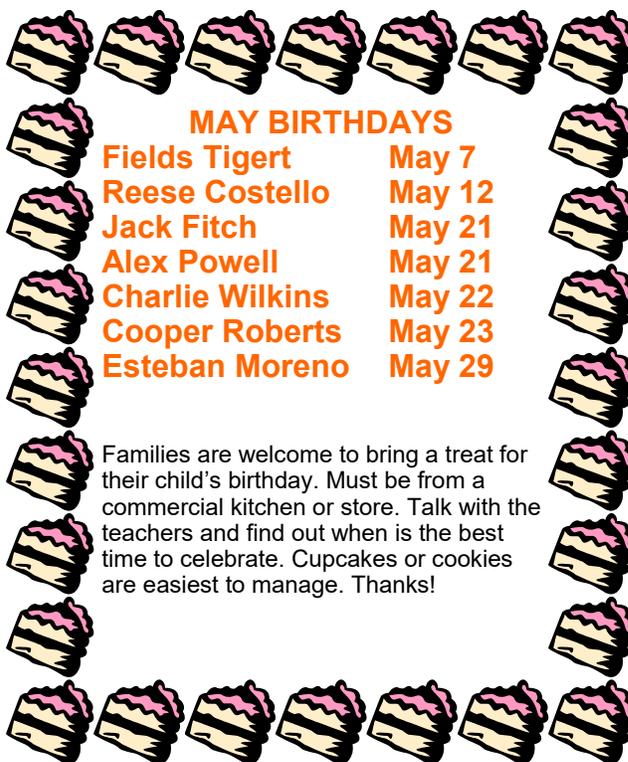


Services at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Fields Tigert	May 7
Reese Costello	May 12
Jack Fitch	May 21
Alex Powell	May 21
Charlie Wilkins	May 22
Cooper Roberts	May 23
Esteban Moreno	May 29

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 book order forms for children's books. Families may order on line and pay with a credit card or send in order forms to us with a check. Our classrooms earn points to receive new books each month so THANK YOU for supporting Scholastic Book Club. Orders for May are due by the 14. 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 your support!



"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

- Mother Teresa





MAY Afternoon Snacks



<p>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs</p>				
<p>3 Gogurts & Animal Crackers</p>	<p>4 Cheese Stix & Apple Juice</p>	<p>5 Honey Pretzels & American Cheese</p>	<p>6 Diced peaches & Graham Crackers</p>	<p>7 Ritz Crackers & Juice</p>
<p>10 Wheat Thins & Pepperoni</p>	<p>11 Nilla Wafers & Applesauce</p>	<p>12 American Cheese & Saltines</p>	<p>13 Granola Bar & Juice</p>	<p>14 Jello & Teddy Grahams</p>
<p>17 Nutella & Graham Crackers</p>	<p>18 Applesauce & Cheese Stix</p>	<p>19 Pudding Cups & Saltines</p>	<p>20 Chex Mix & Pepperoni</p>	<p>21 Wheat Thins & Pickles</p>
<p>24 Honey Pretzels & Yogurt</p>	<p>25 Pepperoni & American Cheese</p>	<p>26 Mandarin Oranges & Saltines</p>	<p>27 Saltines & Pickle Slices</p>	<p>28 Class Parties End of Session</p>

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

Staff Anniversary Celebrated

We are so happy to celebrate the **one year anniversary** of Ms. Patricia Harris who works in the Zebras' classroom.



She joined The Learning Center on **May 15, 2020** smack dab in the beginning of the pandemic. Her courage to join our program is something we will always cherish. During that difficult time few people were wanting to work in childcare. Patricia even works on Sundays in our church

nursery. She is a true asset for Nichols Hills UMC and TLC. Thank you so very much Ms. Patricia for all of your contributions to quality care.



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

