



Remember to sign your child in and out daily-required by DHS. Thank you-



# THE LEARNING CENTER

## Management Team

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Our mission is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

## 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of the Young Child	April 11-15
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 2-6
Muffins for Moms	May 6
Last day of spring session	May 27
<b>Memorial Day-TLC Closed</b>	<b>May 30</b>
Summer break	May 31-June 3
First day of summer session	June 6
<b>Independence Day-TLC Closed</b>	<b>July 4</b>
Last day of summer session	July 29
Summer Break	August 1-5
First day of fall session	August 8

## April Birthdays

Chasidy Kizzee*	4/4
Janelle Burris*	4/8
Roman Reust	4/9
Hudson Smith	4/9
Braeden Zuercher	4/9
Isabel Saak	4/16
Colin Smith	4/16
Emilia Gibson	4/21
Logan Shults	4/24
Mason Magness	4/30

### \*\*Calendar Dates Adjusted\*\*

Please note that our last day of the **spring session** is now **MAY 27**. The staff break is May 30-June 3. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope that it will be helpful to you. Our summer session will begin June 6. Water play, snow cones, fun outdoors will begin then.



\*indicates staff member



## Weekly Calendar of Events for Spring Session

<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>
Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	Children's Chapel 2:45	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10:15	Children's Chapel 9:45 Amazing Athletes* 10:30	Amazing Athletes* 10:00

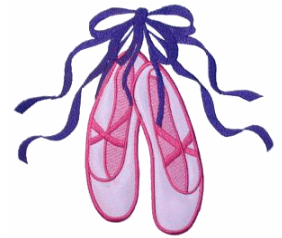
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## Tippi Toes



Tippi Toes Dance Company is our dance program at TLC. Children, ages two and older, are eligible to participate in this elective activity. Dance promotes self-confidence and healthy habits! Each Monday our dance instructor, Miss Rachel, gathers the children for a 25 minute lesson. There will be a spring recital held for families and friends to see the unfolding development of our children. You are welcome to try a class for free before enrolling. Monthly tuition for dance is \$35 per child and there is an enrollment fee



## 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, strength training within a non-competitive, learning-based environment. Each class will focus on two different sports and incorporate 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 \$40 a month and lessons are each Thursday and now a class on Fridays, too. The program is for Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs. This program is a year round activity. Enroll today for just \$20 (enrollment fee) and get your tee-shirt for Amazing Athletes.

## Music Classes

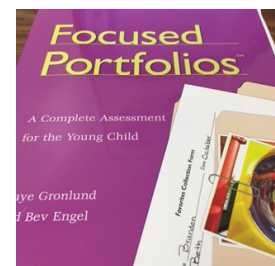


Your monthly tuition includes Music class each Wednesday. Each Wednesday we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs (4 year olds.) All of the children enjoy their music time. We have a program in May to share what the children have learned. Each 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 from our Parent Advisory Committee classroom Representative.

## 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 March 31 in the afternoon. The children exited the building and went straight to the BIG outdoor playground. Teachers take roll and talk to the children about the process so they can learn about safety. Each class practices going to our tornado shelter (downstairs) each month as well. Make sure you practice what to do at home.

## 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. Wednesdays and Thursdays our chapel time is 9:45 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays we have chapel 2:45-3 p.m. Families are always welcome to join us.



## 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!

## naeyc WEEK of the YOUNG CHILD™

**April 11-15, 2016**

Each year our national organization, NAEYC, focuses on the need for quality child care in every community in our country. During this week we will celebrate our families, children, teachers, program and the joy of being a child. Some of the activities that we have planned include:

- Monday—Hat day (hats off to you as parents for bringing your little one to TLC)
- Tuesday – Moon Bounce and Stephen Fite Concert (Jaguars and Cheetahs go to concert)
- Wednesday—Spirit Day (wear TLC shirt)
- Thursday—Kooky dress day (mismatch clothes and socks, backwards shirts )
- Friday—Messy play day (wear clothing that can get dirty/messy for sensory play)

**IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Bring an updated shot record to school following vaccinations. Thank you!**

April 2016



*Be not afraid of life.  
Believe that life is worth  
living, and your belief  
will help create the fact.*

*-Henry James*

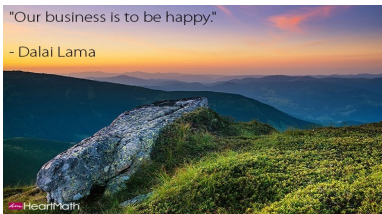






## IRS Tax Forms Available

The Learning Center is happy to provide a tax statement for your tuition paid in 2015. It takes just a minute and will be given upon request. Let us know if you would like one. We thank you all for your patronage.



## Happy Anniversary Chasidy



On April 6 we will celebrate the work anniversary of one year for Chasidy Kizzee. We are so happy to have her in our Monkeys' classroom. She brings such joy and security to our little friends. Thank you Miss Chasidy for working so diligently on behalf of our children and program. You make a difference every day.



## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)



Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet **April 11** in the Parlor at 1:45 p.m. This group typically meets the second Monday of each month. Any family members who wish to participate are welcome to join us. The PAC will serve as feedback for the management team, help 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. So far the communication has improved. Your involvement is always appreciated! The following people who represent the classrooms are:

Cubs— need a new volunteer  
 Pandas—Ashley Wilson  
 Monkeys—Paige Woolbright and Kristi Pointer  
 Zebras— Jennifer Akin  
 Jaguars—Sarah Lausen and Marina Williams  
 Cheetahs—Jeri Lunsford, Chair of the PAC

## Teacher-Family Conferences

### April 25-29

Twice a year we schedule teacher-family conferences to discuss the progress of children in our program. The children have had vision, hearing and language screenings. Now we will share with you the developmental milestones that our children have reached. Sign up sheets will be on the classroom doors. Each classroom will have a specific day for conferences, but if that day doesn't work for you then talk to your child's teacher for a more convenient time. Some conferences will be held before or after our regular day. Watch for the sign up sheets. Conferences will be held April 25-29. We are happy to meet with you at any time that you would like a conference. We will schedule them every fifteen minutes.



Our summer tee shirts will arrive in late April and will be distributed to all who enrolled for summer session. These will we worn for field trips and spirit days! Lime green is the color chosen for summer.

April 2016~				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				<b>1</b> <b>Graham crackers &amp; Nutella</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Dill Pickles and Saltines</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Carrots &amp; ranch dip</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Pretzel thins &amp; hummus</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Turkey &amp; cheese rollups</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Pita chips &amp; Apple slices</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Tortillas &amp; cream cheese with jelly</b>	<b>12</b> <b>American cheese &amp; Ritz Crackers</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Granola bars &amp; Soy butter</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Vanilla wafers &amp; Bananas</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Animal crackers &amp; Yogurt dip</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Goldfish &amp; grapes</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Apple slices &amp; cheese cubes</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Go Gurts &amp; Teddy Grams</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Veggie Straws &amp; Ranch dip</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Pudding cups &amp; Vanilla wafers</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Cereal bars &amp; Cheese stix</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Chex mix &amp; Go Gurts</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Mixed fruit cups &amp; graham crackers</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Fruit Loops &amp; Bananas</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Pot luck</b>

## Notes from a Nurse

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**Tooth brushing:** As soon as your child has a tooth, you should use fluoridated toothpaste to brush it twice a day. There is lots of advice on how to brush the teeth, but the important thing is to clean each tooth thoroughly, top and bottom, inside and out. A smear of toothpaste (the size of a grain of rice) is all that is needed up to age three. After three, a pea sized amount may be used. Parents should dispense the toothpaste so the child does not get too much. They should also assist with brushing until age six to eight or so, and then continue to monitor for correct form. Teach your child to spit out the toothpaste, not to swallow it, and not to rinse.

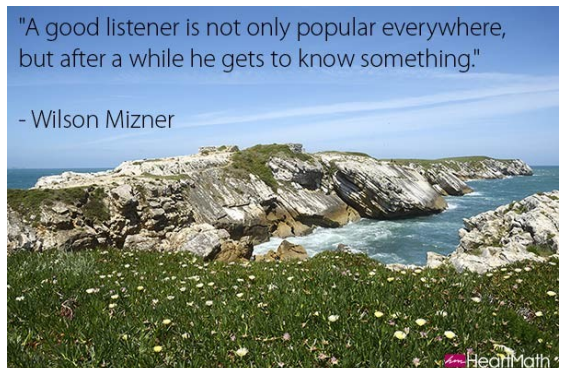
**Sugar:** Limit sugar intake, especially with "sticky sugar" foods like caramel, toffee, gum and dried fruits like raisins. Brush the teeth well after these foods. In addition, do not allow your child to have any sugar-containing liquid in a sippy cup for a prolonged period.

**Find a Dentist:** Both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommend that all children see a pediatric dentist and establish a "dental home" by age one.

**All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality.**  
**-Martin Luther King, Jr.**

"A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something."

- Wilson Mizner



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