



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.*

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Valentine Parties	February 14
Spring Break- TLC closed	March 12-16
Summer session enrollment	March 19-23
Good Friday- TLC closed	March 30
Muffins for Moms	May 14
Last day of spring session	May 26
Memorial Day- TLC closed	May 28-June 1
First day of summer session	June 4
Donuts for Dads	June 8
Fall session enrollment	June 25-29
Independence Day- TLC closed	July 4
Last day of summer session	July 27
TLC summer break- TLC closed	July 30-August 3
First day of fall session	August 6

Tax Statements Available

The Learning Center is happy to provide a tax statement for your tuition paid in 2017. 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.



We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color.

-Maya Angelou



To reach real peace in the world, we will have to begin with the children. -Gandhi



Weekly Specials Spring 2018

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10 Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30	Art Lessons 10 & 2:30 Children's Chapel 2:45 (Monkeys & older in art)	Children's Chapel 9:45 Munchkin Music 10 (Everyone does music)	Amazing Athletes 10 Children's Chapel 2:45	Amazing Athletes 10 (Monkeys and older participate in this)
*cost extra \$35 monthly	Chapel is for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	Chapel for 3 yrs & up	



Classroom Photos

We are pleased to offer classroom photos of each class with Larch Family Photography. These photos will **not** take the place of the individual spring photos in March. Envelopes will be sent home to pre-pay for the class photo which is \$10.00. Checks should be made out to Larch Family Photography. The photos will be taken **February 15** in each classroom with the teachers. Consider this a fun souvenir for your family. Just bring your envelope with a check and your child's best smile. No obligation if you do not want a photo.



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!



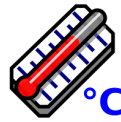
Cars have been racing through our parking lot at speeds exceeding 20 miles per hour and this is a problem. Please remember that young children are at risk with speeding cars in the parking lot. We appreciate everyone remembering that there is precious cargo every where. SLOW it down. . .

Recycle plastic bags

The Learning Center uses many plastic bags for soiled clothing or diapers. If you shop and have extra plastic bags we would love to take them off your hands. Bring one – bring a bunch. We appreciate them all. Thanks!



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 available when we know they will be available. Please help us with this process. Thanks!

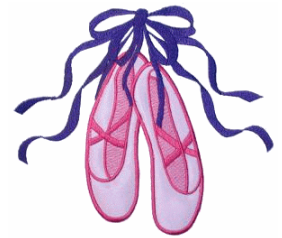
Amazing Athletes Game Night

Each year our school participates in the OKC Blue halftime performance. Children two years and older go out on the court and display their skills to the crowd. It is so much fun and the children love it! Tickets are \$12 per person and can be purchased by calling **405.429.7834** or emailing tmask@okcthunder.com. Flyers have been sent home for the Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs classrooms to announce the Game Night **February 23. OKC Thunder Blue** will play against the Austin Spurs. Please plan to join us and wear your Amazing Athletes' shirt.



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 \$35 per month. To enroll, please go to www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city and follow the instructions.



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. Enjoy your new Amazing Athletes' shirts!

Music Classes



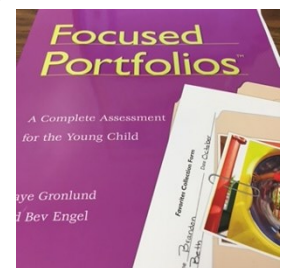
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and Spring Demonstration to 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 Drills



Our last fire drill was conducted January 5, in the morning. The children exited the building in just under one minute. All the classes go straight to the BIG outdoor playground. Teachers take attendance and talk to the children about the process so they can learn about fire safety. Each class practices going to our tornado shelter (downstairs) monthly as well. Make sure you practice what to do at home, too.



Art Classes with Ms. Vanessa

Each Tuesday four classrooms (Monkeys, Zebras, Jaguars and Cheetahs) participate in Art class. The art studio is upstairs and the children enjoy going to work! The

Monkeys' classroom has art class in their room or outdoors (if the weather is nice.) You will see some evidence of their creativity in the hallways of our church. Some of their creations will be sent home as well. Ask your child to share with you what he or she has been working on. They can definitely tell you which artifact is theirs!



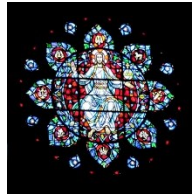
Services at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

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!



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

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

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Jacey Jay*	February 2
Gannon Guffey	February 4
Paige Huchton	February 4
Ruby Wilson	February 5
Cannon Butler	February 8
Gracie Bell Smith	February 12

*indicates staff member

★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!



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February Afternoon Snacks 2018

			1 Ham & Cheese Roll ups	2 Bananas & Cheerios
5 Cereal Bars & Apple Juice	6 Hummus & Pita chips	7 Animal Crackers & Yogurt dip	8 Honey Pretzels & Pickles	9 Fruit snacks & Nilla Wafers
12 Black Olives & Ritz Crackers	13 Wheat Thins & Pickles	14 Carrots & Ranch Dip	15 Pepperoni & Cheese Stix	16 Veggie Straws & Apple Juice
19 American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	20 Granola Bar & Juice	21 Chex Mix & Mandarin Oranges	22 Applesauce & Cheese cubes	23 Cheerios & Craisins
26 Pudding Cups & Graham Crackers	27 Cream Cheese & Tortillas	28 Veggie Straws & Ranch Dip	FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC AM snacks by families Except for Cubs	

STAFF WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Each month we are blessed to celebrate the work anniversaries of our staff. This is very important to the quality of our program. Without our teachers our program would not be able to exist. One of the measures of quality is the continuity of staff. Thank you all for your contribution to The Learning Center. Please join us in recognizing the following staff members on their career milestone.



Michell Williams
February 5
2 years Pandas



Jessica Mayberry
February 13
1 year Monkeys



Ashley Edwards
February 20
1 year Pandas





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Tuition Schedule effective August 7, 2017

Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$122	\$155	\$122	\$155	\$122

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$366
 Tuesday, Thursday = \$310
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$676
 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

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) typically meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Parlor at **2 p.m.** On **February 7** we will meet to discuss the upcoming Valentine's day parties . Any family members who wish to participate are welcome to join us. The PAC serves as feedback for the director, helps to distribute information, assist with special celebrations and so on. The following are the people who represent the classrooms are:

- Cubs—OPEN
- Pandas—Jamie Johnson
- Monkeys—Marina Williams
- Zebras—Mary Fitch
- Jaguars—Annette Boyd
- Cheetahs—OPEN

