



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

Fall Break-TLC closed	October 14-15
Spring 2022 Enrollment	October 18-27
Fall Festival	October 24
Halloween Parties	October 28
Thanksgiving break-TLC closed	November 24-26
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 3

Closed for Fall Break

Please remember The Learning Center will be closed on Thursday and Friday, October 14 and 15 for Fall Break. Enjoy the leaves!

Annual Fall Festival



Our annual Fall Festival is planned for **October 24**, Sunday from **5-7 p.m.**

There will be a hayride, take home s'mores, games, face painting and decorating of pumpkins. Children are welcome to attend in their Halloween costumes (but not scary ones). Join us for an early chili supper and making memories. See you there!

Enrollment time for Spring Session

Open enrollment begins **October 18**. You must **email dbuthion@nicholshillsumc.org** the schedule you would like for your child to have beginning January 3, 2022. It is first come first serve so don't delay. Emails will be time stamped so we know who came first then second and so on. First child is \$75 and second is \$60. Open enrollment for spring ends October 27.



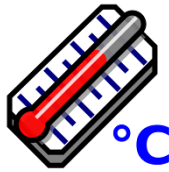
Weekly Specials 2021

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 9:30	Tippi Toes Dance* 10 Children's Chapel 2:45	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!

French on Fridays



Each Friday we will have French lessons for the Jaguars and Cheetahs. Thirty-minute lessons will take place in the children's classroom. Our French teacher is Susanne Huffman. She is an adjunct instructor at UCO in French and mother to one of our Jaguars,

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 beaucoup Madame Huffman!

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.



Art Teacher Needed

Sadly, our art teacher, Ms. Megann, has resigned due to schedule conflicts with her family. We loved her activities with the children which continue to adorn our hallways. Please let us know if you know someone with experience working with young children, 3-5 years old. Classes are thirty minutes for the Jaguars and Cheetahs each week. Love to find another teacher soon. . .



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Class Parties Scheduled

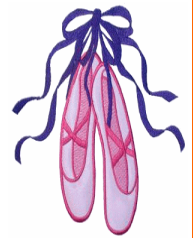
Our first class parties for fall will be held October 28 in each classroom. Families are asked to provide certain items or help with the purchase of pizzas or Chik-fil A nuggets. Watch for more details before that week. Families are asked to participate but are not obligated.



Tippi Toes



Tippi Toes offers positive, fun dance classes for girls and boys ages 1.6– 5 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 10:30-10:55 a.m. Tuition is \$40 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. Wear your Amazing Athletes' shirts on the day you attend!

Music Classes

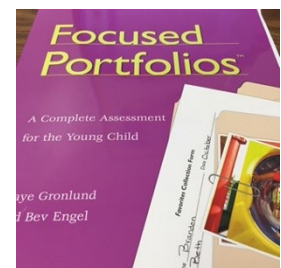


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to 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 September 17. The drill went well although the 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!

Snacks for the Classroom

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
 Cereal Bars Squeeze Pouches
 Yogurt/yogurt melts NO popcorn, or peanut products please!!
 Cheese Sticks
 Puffs
 Crackers



OCTOBER Birthdays

Colter Kauk	Oct. 9
Julie Keller*	Oct. 19
Kassy Longoria*	Oct. 24
Reece Robbins	Oct. 24
Anna Clark	Oct. 26
Lily Clark	Oct. 26
Kendall Robbins	Oct. 28

*staff member

Families are welcome to bring a treat for their child's birthday. It 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!



Scholastic Books





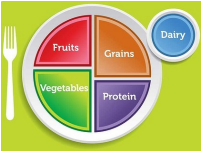


Each month we send home a multitude of catalogs for Scholastic books. Your participation provides TLC the opportunity to buy books with points based off the sales from families. You may send back the order slip with a check or select on-line to pay with a credit card. Books can be delivered here to us or to your home. Check them out. For on-line orders use the code **NTJ46**. www.scholasticbooks.com





OCTOBER Afternoon Snacks 2021



<p>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs</p>				<p>1 Ritz Crackers & Pepperoni</p>
<p>4 Jello sugar free & Honey Pretzels</p>	<p>5 Animal Crackers & Nutella</p>	<p>6 Honey Pretzels & Juice</p>	<p>7 Chex Mix & Pickles</p>	<p>8 Nilla Wafers & Pudding Cups</p>
<p>11 Nutella & Graham Crackers</p>	<p>12 Applesauce & Cheese Stix</p>	<p>13 Gogurt & Graham Crackers</p>	<p>14 </p>	<p>15 </p>
<p>18 Ham slice & Ritz Crackers</p>	<p>19 Saltines & Pickle slices</p>	<p>20 Diced Peaches & Animal Crackers</p>	<p>21 Craisins & Animal Crackers</p>	<p>22 Pita Chips & Hummus</p>
<p>25 Granola bar & Juice</p>	<p>26 Ritz Crackers & Pepperoni</p>	<p>27 Mandarin Oranges & Cheese Sticks</p>	<p>28 Veggie Straws & Ranch</p>	<p>29 Animal Crackers & Nutella</p>

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet upon request. Any family members who wish to participate are welcome to join. 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—Laura Ernst
- Monkeys—Elyse Bradley
- Zebras—Leah Roberts
- Jaguars—Mary Fitch
- Cheetahs—Wendy House

Staff Anniversary

Each month we recognize the staff members who are celebrating their work anniversary with TLC. This month we honor Lyn Morgan on her third year of service in the Cubs classroom. Continuity of staff is one of the quality indicators of a good program. Congratulations for another year of service! We are very grateful for your contributions Lyn!

Lyn Morgan

October 29

Three years!





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Monthly Tuition

Tuition Schedule effective August 3, 2021

(two-day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$141	\$179	\$141	\$179	\$128

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$410
Tuesday, Thursday = \$358
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$768
Any combination of days based on availability.

Other Fees:

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

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. NO FEE FOR CHECKING
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**.

