



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

Christmas Parties	December 22
Last day of fall session	December 22
Christmas Break-TLC closed	Dec 23-Jan 2
First day of spring session	January 3

### Christmas Break Scheduled

Please note that The Learning Center will be **closed** December 23 through January 2 for the holidays. Let's all return healthy on **January 3**.



### Electronic Family Surveys



Each family will receive an electronic survey (which you may access below) to let us know how we are meeting your needs. Twice a year we ask you to submit your responses on Survey Monkey.

Should only take a minute to select responses and add comments. This helps us with our annual goals and other reports for DHS. We need every family to submit their input and you may remain anonymous. We are grateful for all of the ways you support TLC. Link is below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X8ZH8LK>

Stay clean, stay safe, keep your hands off your face.



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### Weekly Specials

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10:00	Children's Chapel 2:45 Tippi Toes Dance* 10	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 every where. 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 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 Madame



### SING YOUR ABC'S AND STAY GERM-FREE!



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Candlelight Christmas Eve Services:  
Friday, December 24 at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

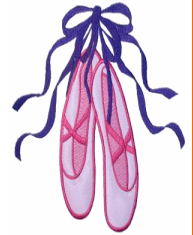
Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.  
Online Worship: [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://facebook.com/nicholshillsumc)  
1212 Bedford Drive • Nichols Hills, OK 73116 • [nicholshillsumc.org](http://nicholshillsumc.org)



## 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](http://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

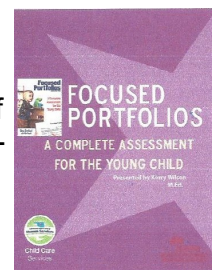


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We usually have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to share what the children have learned. Sadly this year we have scratched many events to keep everyone healthy and safe. For 2021 Ms. Andrea will record the class doing their repertoire and email it to each family. Also monthly 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 November 16. The drill went well at just one minute and 30 seconds to completely exit the building. The children don'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.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please watch the main news channels, 4, 5, or 9, to see the list of school closings when there is **ice or snow**. Our school will be listed under [Nichols Hills United Methodist Church](#). We will text and email you all to the best of our ability. When in doubt you may always text your teacher, home room representative or Denise. We hope to eliminate any confusion or inconvenience when the inclement weather arrives. It looks like it is going to be an active winter, weather-wise. Be safe!



## December Birthdays

Melanie Fuentes*	December 6
Lincoln Hamilton	December 8
Matthew Means	December 8
Denise Buthion*	December 10
JJ Schoppa	December 11
Lyn Morgan*	December 12
Ashley Butler*	December 15
Emersyn Tanner	December 16
Rockwell Stout	December 18
Teddy Drennen	December 20
Bowen Brownrigg	December 26
Hallie Richards	December 28

\*indicates 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!



## Family-Teacher Conferences

Conferences were to be held in November. If you missed yours please make sure you schedule one with your child's teacher. We offer virtual or after hours sessions. These meetings last about 15-20 minutes per child. We enjoy sharing with you the developmental milestones that we see your child accomplishing. Plan to join us at this time.





# December Afternoon Snacks 2021



<p><b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs</b></p>				
		<p><b>1</b> Diced Peaches &amp; Honey Pretzels</p>	<p><b>2</b> Chex Mix &amp; Pickles</p>	<p><b>3</b> Nilla Wafers &amp; Bananas</p>
<p><b>6</b> Gogurt &amp; Juice</p>	<p><b>7</b> Applesauce &amp; Cheese Stix</p>	<p><b>8</b> American Cheese &amp; Honey Pretzels</p>	<p><b>9</b> Veggie Straws &amp; Juice</p>	<p><b>10</b> Granola bar &amp; Juice</p>
<p><b>13</b> Ham slice &amp; Ritz Crackers</p>	<p><b>14</b> Saltines &amp; Pickle Slices</p>	<p><b>15</b> Pepperoni &amp; American Cheese</p>	<p><b>16</b> Animal Crackers &amp; Nutella</p>	<p><b>17</b> Ritz Crackers &amp; Gogurt</p>
<p><b>20</b> Nutella &amp; Graham Crackers</p>	<p><b>21</b> Wheat Thins &amp; Pepperoni</p>	<p><b>22</b> Christmas Parties</p> 	<p><b>23</b> Closed For</p>	<p><b>24</b> Christmas Break <i>Merry Christmas</i></p> 

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

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

## Scholastic Books

Each month we send home a plethora of catalogs for you to order books from Scholastic. You may have them delivered to your home or to the school. We distribute them upon arrival. Every dollar you spends affords us free books! Please encourage your child to pick up a book and read (could be just reading the pictures). The love of reading is instilled very early. Help your child to love books!

## Happy New Year!

The Learning Center will return January 3, 2022. We pray you have healthy, happy and relaxing holidays. Remember to make your New Year's Resolutions. See you soon.





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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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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

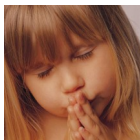
To make electronic payments follow these steps:

Go to Nichols Hills UMC Website – [nicholshillsumc.org](http://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**.



**We must care about the world of our children and grandchildren, a world we may never see.**

**—Bertrand Russell**

