



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.*

### 2022 Calendar of Events

- First Day of spring session **January 3**
- MLK Day **\*TLC closed January 17**
- Class Photos **February 8**
- Valentine Parties **February 14**
- Spring Break **\*TLC closed March 14-18**
- Summer enrollment **March 21-25**
- School photos **April 5**
- Good Friday **\*TLC closed April 15**
- Teacher Appreciation Week **April 25-29**
- Last day of spring session **May 27**
- Memorial Day **\*TLC closed May 30-June 3**
- First day of summer session **June 6**

### Safety Precautions Continue

Drop off and pick up procedures will continue at the assigned doors. 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!

### 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. See page five for contacts.



The TLC staff wishes to thank you all for your cards, photos, plants and gifts plus gift cards. Your gifts mean a lot to us and we are very grateful for the loving nature of our families. Thank you all very much!



### Weekly Specials 2022

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 9:30	Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30 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 \$45 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!



### 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 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 français. Merci Madame Huffman!



**IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Please bring an updated shot record to school.**

**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.



### Family Surveys Feedback

We are thrilled to share that we received 86% return from our family surveys. There were excellent suggestions and ideas to help us better meet your families' needs. Following our goal setting session on December 23, we are incorporating several changes to our daily information sheets, weekly photos, developmental milestones and so on. Each week the lesson plans are mailed out electronically. Each category or learning area has an early learning guideline that is a developmental milestone for that age group. We are happy to provide more detail to you all. Thank you for participating in this survey.



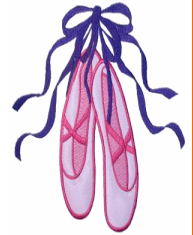
### SING YOUR ABC'S AND STAY GERM-FREE!



## Tippi Toes



Tippi Toes offers positive, fun dance classes for girls and boys ages 1.6 – 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 \$45 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

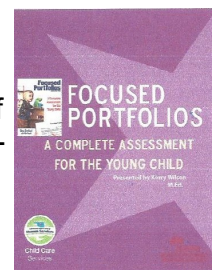


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We usually have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration to share what the children have learned. Sadly this year we have scratched 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 December 14. The drill went well at just one minute 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.

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



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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kinsley Collins	January 3
Callahan Rowan	January 7
Seger Smith	January 7
Joanna Gatewood	January 8
Bennett Parsons	January 8
John Ernst	January 8
Genevieve Beaver	January 14
Diederik Nuveen	January 21
Barrett Hixon	January 22
Ace Barby	January 23
Parker Pettigrew	January 24
William Stewart	January 28
Summer Jin*	January 31

\* 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!





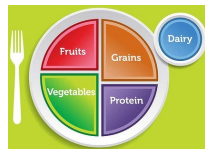
The Learning Center will be closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 17, 2022.





# January Afternoon Snacks 2022



<b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs</b>				
<b>3</b> Wheat Thins & Pepperoni	<b>4</b> Granola Bar & Juice	<b>5</b> Ham slice & Ritz Crackers	<b>6</b> Chex Mix & Pickles	<b>7</b> Nilla Wafers & Bananas
<b>10</b> Gogurts & Juice	<b>11</b> Applesauce & Cheese Stix	<b>12</b> American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	<b>13</b> Veggie Straws & Juice	<b>14</b> Chex Mix & Juice
<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> Saltines & Pickle Slices	<b>19</b> Pepperoni & American Cheese	<b>20</b> Animal Crackers & Nutella	<b>21</b> Diced peaches & Gogurt
<b>24</b> Nutella & Graham Crackers	<b>25</b> Applesauce & Cheese Stix	<b>26</b> Pudding Cups & Saltines	<b>27</b> Granola & Juice	<b>28</b> Wheat Thins & Pickles

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet upon request. 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—Vanessa Stewart	405.341.5603
Pandas—Carmen Croffie	918.892.7641
Monkeys—Laura Ernst	405.823.4308
Zebras—Leah Roberts	405.250.0463
Jaguars—Elyse Bradley	248.515.9211
Cheetahs—Wendy House	405.250.8424

## 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 by purchasing new ones and reading them to your child.



WE MUST CARE ABOUT THE  
WORLD OF OUR CHILDREN  
AND GRANDCHILDREN, A  
WORLD WE MAY NEVER SEE.  
-BERTRAND RUSSELL



Tuition Schedule effective August 3, 2021



## Monthly Tuition

(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. Five minutes grace given.

### New Ways to Pay On-line

We now offer on-line payments for checks and credit cards. You may set it up for monthly recurring 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](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.
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.
8. Make your pay due date each month before the fifth day of the month. You will never be late then.

**“When you get, give. When you learn, teach.”**

**– Maya Angelou**

