



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.*

2022 Calendar of Events

- 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
- Fall Enrollment June 20-24
- Independence Day *TLC closed July 4
- Last day of summer session July 29
- Teacher Work Week *TLC closed Aug 1-5
- First Day Fall Session August 8

Safety Precautions

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!

School Pictures Scheduled

Spring photos will be taken of the children on **April 5** by Larch Family Photography. There is a \$1 sitting fee for the shoot. Proofs will be returned within a week so you may select which picture and package you would like. If your child doesn't normally attend on that day you may bring them for picture taking **between 10:30--11 a.m.** They are very efficient and waiting is not long. Siblings may request individual and pictures together. Just let your teacher know. No obligation to purchase anything.

Easter Egg Hunt



Our children will hunt for eggs on **Tuesday, April 12, 11 a.m.** Staff will hide the eggs that families have provided and collect them in decorated sacks. Sorry but no visitors will be allowed.



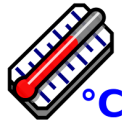
Weekly Specials 2022

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10:00	Tippi Toes Dance* 10 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 each 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!



Family Conferences Scheduled

Twice a year we offer teacher-family conferences to share your child's growing accomplishments in our program. These may be done virtually or in person. The conferences are typically 15 minutes long to check in with each other on any information regarding your child. Let us know which format you prefer and when. The week of **April 18-22** is the time set for the Family Conferences. Teachers will reach out to you to schedule.

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



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



Developmental Milestones

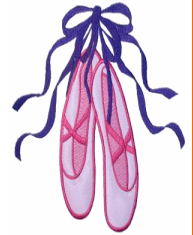
Each week we distribute copies of your child's classroom lesson plan via email. Listed are all of the learning centers with an activity planned in relation to the weekly theme. Our teachers plan the weekly themes for the entire year based on holidays, special events, and the children's interests. Children are learning in every task and activity that we have. We follow Oklahoma Early Learning Guidelines which focus on different areas to support children's over all development. You will see ELG listed at the bottom of each center with a code of: CS for Creative Skills, M for Math, HS for Health and Safety, PD for Physical Development, SE for Social & Emotional, LA for Language Arts, SP for Social and Personal skills, SS for Social Studies, S for Science. There are additional codes which relate to specific standards and indicators of a child's progress. Teachers write anecdotal records, take photos of an activity or get a work sample to validate their observation of progress. We keep this together in a portfolio of each and every child. We share this information with you during family conferences. Should you wish to look over your child's portfolio at any time you are welcome to do so. Teachers work on these every day to capture the full picture of your child's development at TLC.



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 10:30-11 a.m. Tuition is \$45 per month. To enroll, please go to 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

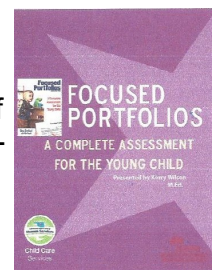
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We usually have a Christmas Music Program and spring demonstration 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 March 3. The drill went well at just one minute and 25 seconds 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:

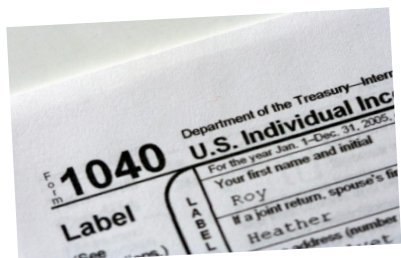


- ◆ Men's and women's deodorant
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Toothbrushes (prefer four pack)
- ◆ Body lotions 8 oz.
- ◆ Laundry detergent 8 or 10 oz. *Tide* or *Gain*
- ◆ Sample size perfume or cologne



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.



Tax Statements are available upon request. We can email it to you or print off. Just let us know if you would like a statement for your 2021 taxes.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Madelyn Lunsford	April 2
Frankie Turpin	April 7
Vallie Clay	April 9
Josie Conway	April 9
Elin Gunderson	April 13
Chase Bradley	April 15
Ella Tabor	April 16
Brody Caple	April 18
Josie Smith	April 22
Doc Douglass	April 23
Kristi Steakley*	April 22
Georgia Gomez	April 30

*denotes 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!

Teacher Appreciation Week April 25-29

Each year our teachers are celebrated for their commitment to early childhood care and education. Some fun things to do for teachers:

1. Have your child dictate a letter about what they like about the teachers in their classroom
2. Send a flower to them
3. Bring a sweet treat or drink
4. Make a bookmark and let your child decorate it
5. Use your imagination.

We will send out more information later this month. Watch for it please. . . Thanks!

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



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April Afternoon Snacks



FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs				
				1 Chex Mix & Apple Juice
4 Gogurts & Animal Crackers	5 Cheese Stix & Apple Juice	6 Honey Pretzels & American Cheese	7 Diced peaches & Graham Crackers	8 Ritz Crackers & Juice
11 Wheat Thins & Pepperoni	12 Nilla Wafers & Applesauce	13 American Cheese & Saltines	14 Granola Bar & Juice	15 Closed Good Friday
18 Nutella & Graham Crackers	19 Applesauce & Cheese Stix	20 Pudding Cups & Saltines	21 Jello & Teddy Grahams	22 Wheat Thins & Pickles
25 Honey Pretzels & Yogurt	26 Pepperoni & American Cheese	27 Mandarin Oranges & Saltines	28 Saltines & Pickle Slices	29 Gogurt & Animal Crackers

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)



Our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet upon request. 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 405.343.5603
- Pandas—Carmen Croffie 918.892.7641
- Monkeys—Elyse Bradley 248.515.9211
- Zebras—Leah Roberts 405.250.0463
- Jaguars—Laura Ernst 405.823.4308
- Cheetahs—Wendy House 405.250.8424

Happy Work Anniversary

Each month we recognize the work anniversary of our staff members. This month we celebrate

Isabelle Zeka for her first-year anniversary, **April 23**. Isabella has an associate degree in Early Childhood Education. She works with the Monkeys' classroom. We are very grateful for her many gifts to TLC. Please congratulate her on this accomplishment. Way to go Isabella!



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 - 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. Five minutes grace given.

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

1. Click "The Learning Center."
2. Click "Payment."
3. Establish a Profile. – This will allow you to make future payments without re-entering your information.
4. Enter Payment Amount and Child's Name.
5. Enter Payment Method.
6. 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.

Wherever there is a human being, there is a chance for a kindness.

-Seneca

