



Remember to sign your child in and out-daily-required by DHS. Thank you-



Denise Buthion
 Director
 (405) 842-5325
 dbuthion@nicholshillsumc.org



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

Last day of spring session	May 27
Memorial Day *TLC closed	May 30-June
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!

Gratitude for Staff Appreciation

The Learning Center Staff wants to thank all of our families for their wonderful gifts and thoughtfulness during our Staff Appreciation Week. As you know staffing has been difficult this spring and we are working diligently to find the best fit for our children. Your ongoing support and encouragement means the world to us. The flowers, cards, food and gifts were delightful! Thank you to the classroom reps for their work in coordinating and procuring the goodies. We love you all!



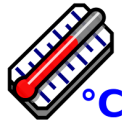
Weekly Specials 2022

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10:00 Art 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!



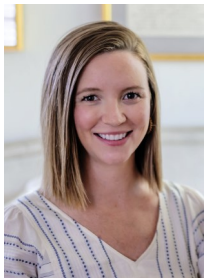
Drop-In Charges Due

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. Due to staffing issues we are encouraging virtual meetings after hours of operation. Let us know which format you prefer and what time. The week of **May 9-13** is the time set for the Family Conferences.

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

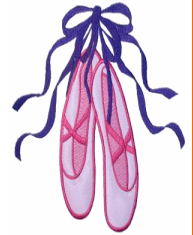
Each week we distribute copies of your child's classroom lesson plan via email. Listed are all of the learning centers with an activity planned in relation to the weekly theme. Our teachers plan the weekly themes for the entire year based on holidays, special events, and the children's interests. Children 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

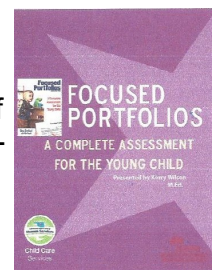
Each week we have Miss Andrea from Munchkin Music bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We will have a **Spring Sing Music Program** so we can demonstrate what the children have learned. Each month we send out songs, finger plays and key concepts that Andrea is working on with the children. Watch for this information this month in an email. Ms. Andrea's last day with the children will be May 27 as she is retiring from teaching. She cannot be replaced-but we will try to find another incredible music teacher. We are happy for Ms. Andrea. . . and wish her well.



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 April 26. The drill went well at just one minute and 10 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:



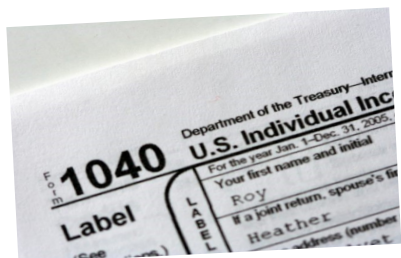
- ◆ Men's and women's deodorant
- ◆ Toothpaste

- ◆ Toothbrushes (prefer four pack)
- ◆ Body lotions 8 oz.
- ◆ Laundry detergent 8 or 10 oz. *Tide* or *Gain*
- ◆ Sample size perfume or cologne

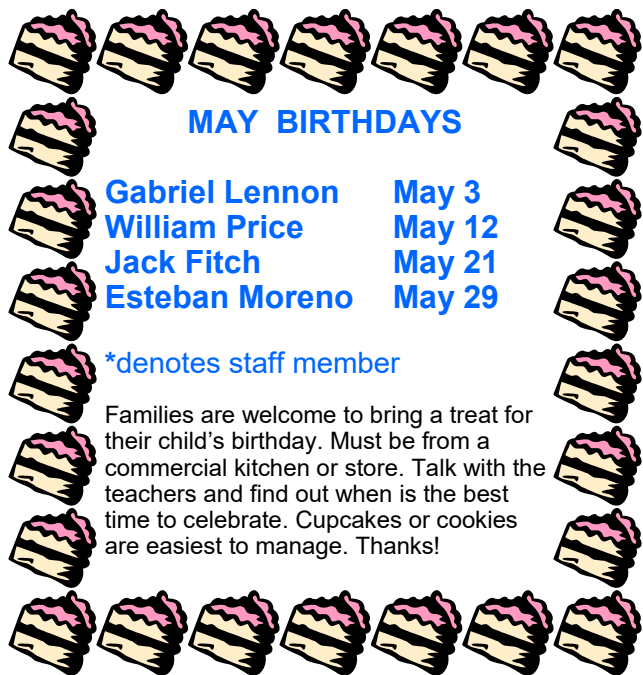


Services at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church

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.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Gabriel Lennon	May 3
William Price	May 12
Jack Fitch	May 21
Esteban Moreno	May 29

*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!



Art Classes Return in May

We are so excited to announce we have a new art teacher. She will begin lessons in the Jaguars and Cheetahs. We hope to add Monkeys to the mix soon. Her name is Ms. Nicole and she has many years of experience in the art world. Art classes will be moving to Mondays in the morning. New displays will be coming soon!





MAY Afternoon Snacks



FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs				
2 Gogurts & Animal Crackers	3 Cheese Stix & Apple Juice	4 Honey Pretzels & American Cheese	5 Diced peaches & Graham Crackers	6 Chex Mix & Apple Juice
9 Wheat Thins & Pepperoni	10 Nilla Wafers & Applesauce	11 American Cheese & Saltines	12 Granola Bar & Juice	13 Gogurt & Animal Crackers
16 Nutella & Graham Crackers	17 Applesauce & Cheese Stix	18 Pudding Cups & Saltines	19 Jello & Teddy Grahams	20 Wheat Thins & Pickles
23 Honey Pretzels & Yogurt	24 Pepperoni & American Cheese	25 Mandarin Oranges & Saltines	26 Saltines & Pickle Slices	27 Pot Luck Last Day of Spring Session

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

We are so happy to share the second work anniversary of our teacher, Ms. Patricia, in the Zebras' classroom. On **May 15, 2020**, she joined The Learning Center staff and has remained consistently with our two-year old children. Also, she has blessed our church by assisting with Sunday School children each week. She is a hard worker and dedicated teacher. Thank you so much, Ms. Patricia, for all the gifts you bring to our school and church.



Patricia Harris

Two years



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

