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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.*

### 2023 Calendar of Events

- Spring Break \*TLC closed March 13-17
- Summer enrollment March 21-24
- School photos April 4
- Good Friday \*TLC closed April 7
- Teacher Appreciation Week April 24-28
- Last day of spring session May 26
- Memorial Day \*TLC closed May 29-June 2
- First day of summer session June 5

### 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.



### Spring Break is March 13-17



The Learning Center will be closed for Spring Break beginning March 13. Our return date will be March 20. Have a safe and healthy break.



### Weekly Specials 2023

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 9:30	Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30 Children's Chapel 2:45	Children's Chapel 9:45 Music 10 (Everyone does music)	Amazing Athletes 9:30 Children's Chapel 2:45	Amazing Athletes 9:30
*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!



**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!



### 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 focuses 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

### Speech Screenings Continued

We have a new agency providing speech-



language screenings with written permission. They will come each week to finish screening children. If you have any concerns or wish to have your child

screened, please tell your teachers. We have a form that you can fill out. This is a "no fee" screening just to make sure our children are on track. The agency is Eagles Nest, and they provide pediatric therapy services. Should you have any question and wish to speak to them you may call 405.916.4168 and ask for Jennifer. Email is [jennifer.eaglesnestOK@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.eaglesnestOK@gmail.com)

There are additional codes which relate to specific standards and indicators of a child's progress. Teachers write anecdotal records, take photos of activities 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.

### DANGER in the Parking Lot!

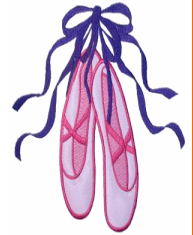
Cars have been racing through our parking lot at speeds exceeding 20 miles per hour and this is a problem. Please remember that young children are at risk with speeding cars in the parking lot. We appreciate everyone remembering that there is precious cargo every where. SLOW it down.



## 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 at 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



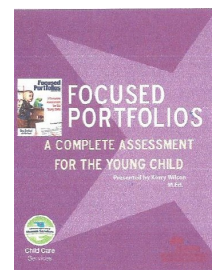
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Jordan bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We will have a "show and share" this spring to demonstrate what the children have learned. It will be in the children's classrooms later this spring. To be scheduled. . .



## 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 February 6. The drill went as usual with some children not happy with the loud alarm. It takes us less than two minutes to completely exit the building. 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.

## Tax Statements Available

The Learning Center is happy to provide you an annual statement for childcare in 2022. You simply email requesting one or call and we will print or email it. These are available upon request.



## March BIRTHDAYS

Oliva Quick March 1  
Chloe McCormick March 22  
Addison Payne March 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!



## 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 spend 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 often.

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



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# March Afternoon Snacks 2023



<b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families</b> Except for Cubs				
		<b>1</b> Ham slice & Ritz Crackers	<b>2</b> Chex Mix & Pickles	<b>3</b> Nilla Wafers & Bananas
<b>6</b> Gogurts & Juice	<b>7</b> Applesauce & Cheese Stix	<b>8</b> American Cheese & Honey Pretzels	<b>9</b> Veggie Straws & Juice	<b>10</b> Chex Mix & Juice
<b>13</b> Closed	<b>14</b> For	<b>15</b> Spring	<b>16</b> Break	<b>17</b> 2023 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b>
<b>20</b> Nutella & Graham Crackers	<b>21</b> Applesauce & Cheese Stix	<b>22</b> Pudding Cups & Saltines	<b>23</b> Granola & Juice	<b>24</b> Wheat Thins & Pickles
<b>27</b> Wheat Thins & Pepperoni	<b>28</b> Gogurt & Fruit Cup	<b>29</b> Animal crackers & Nutella	<b>30</b> Ham Slices & Ritz Crackers	<b>31</b> American Cheese & Honey Pretzels

## Staff Anniversary

Each month we recognize the work anniversaries of our staff members. This month we honor Ms. Ashley Butler. She is currently a Master Teacher with the Cheetahs. She began her career here on March 2, 2018. Ashley is second in command when the director is out. She is delightful to work with. We all learn a great deal from her. The quality of a program is based on multiple indicators but the longevity of staff is a very important one. We celebrate their milestones and wish for many more to come. Congratulations Ms. Ashley on receiving your fifth year at TLC. We are grateful to work with you!



**Ashley Butler**  
**March 2, Five years**



## 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.





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<b>Monday</b> 9 to 2:30	<b>Tuesday</b> 9 to 4:00	<b>Wednesday</b> 9 to 2:30	<b>Thursday</b> 9 to 4:00	<b>Friday</b> 9 to 1:59
<b>\$151</b>	<b>\$193</b>	<b>\$151</b>	<b>\$193</b>	<b>\$137</b>

Effective August 1, 2022

### Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$439  
 Tuesday, Thursday = \$386  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$825  
 Any combination of days based on availability.

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.  
 Late Pay Fee \$25

### New Ways to Pay On-line

We now offer on-line payments for checks and credit cards. You may set it up for monthly reoccurring 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
3. 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.
7. Make your payment due date each month before the **fifth day** of the month. You will never be late then. Late pay fee is \$25.



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