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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

- Last day of spring session **May 26**
- Memorial Day ***TLC closed May 29-June 2**
- First day of summer session **June 5**
- Fall Enrollment **June 20-23**
- Independence Day ***TLC closed July 4**
- Last day of summer session **July 28**
- Teacher Work Week ***TLC closed July 31-Aug 4**

New Classroom Orientations

The summer session begins June 5. The children who are moving up to the next age group will have the opportunity to meet the next teachers with their families. Class Orientations will be the last week of May. We offer these as an opportunity for you and your child to meet the new teachers and see the classrooms. Here is the schedule-

- New Pandas May 22 at 2:30
- New Monkeys May 23 at 4:00
- New Zebras May 24 at 2:30
- New Jaguars May 25 at 4:00
- New Cheetahs May 26 at 2:00



If you are unable to make this day let us know and we will take you to the new

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**



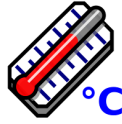
Weekly Specials 2023

| Mondays | Tuesdays | Wednesdays | Thursdays | Fridays |
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| 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 |
| *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 us an updated shot record to school.



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!



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.



Sunscreen for Children Daily

Each child six months and older needs to have sunscreen applied daily before they arrive at school. We will re-apply the sunscreen in the afternoons with written permission. If your child has any sensitivity to sunscreens we ask you to bring your child's brand to school. Our program supplies Rocky Mountain Sunscreen which has 35% SPF. Hats are always encouraged when possible. Hopefully we will have some fun days outside without rain. Each



family will need to sign a permission slip for the sunscreen. Again, if you want us to use your brand we can do that, but still need permission slips signed. Ask your teacher for one and give it back to her. Here's to a safe

summer. . .

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

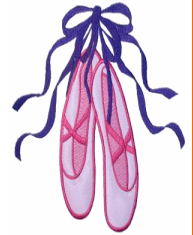
There are additional codes which relate to specific standards and indicators of a child's progress. Teachers write anecdotal records, take photos of activities or get a work sample to validate their observation of progress. We keep this together in a portfolio of each and every child. We share this information 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.



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. Dance recital will be on Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. at Bishop McGuiness High School Auditorium. We are first on the schedule so don't be late! See you there-



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



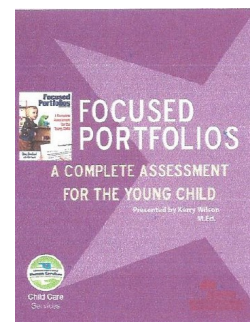
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Jordan bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. They are learning nursery rhymes, finger plays, rhythm instruments and children's songs.



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 28**. The drill went well at **LESS** than two minutes 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

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.

Teacher Appreciation Week A Major Success-

Working with young children is a gift that we appreciate immensely. Working with families that are so appreciative of our work is most gratifying. We thank you all for your participation in the gift cards, food, and presents. Together



appreciated!

we make a very successful team for our future leaders and shakers. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness. We definitely felt



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| | Oaklynn Birmingham | 5/1 | |
| | Gabriel Lennon | 5/3 | |
| | Maebre Davis | 5/26 | |
| | Evelyn Farr | 5/27 | |
| | Freddy Ridley | 5/28 | |

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

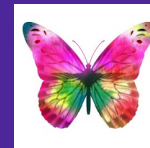
Scholastic Book Orders

Each month we distribute order forms for children's books. Families may order on line and pay with a credit card or send in order forms with a check to the teacher. Our classrooms earn points to receive new books each month so **THANK YOU** for supporting Scholastic Book Club. Orders for May are due by **May 12**. The class code for on line orders is **NTJ46**.



Teachers plant butterflies of hope and love deep in the hearts and minds of children.




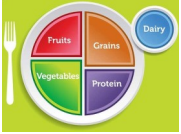



Marlyn Applebaum





May Afternoon Snacks



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| FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs |  |  |  |  |
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| 1 Gogurts & Animal Crackers | 2 Cheese Stix & Apple Juice | 3 Honey Pretzels & American Cheese | 4 Diced peaches & Graham Crackers | 5 Chex Mix & Apple Juice |
| 8 Wheat Thins & Pepperoni | 9 Nilla Wafers & Applesauce | 10 American Cheese & Saltines | 11 Granola Bar & Juice | 12 Ritz Crackers & Cheese stick |
| 15 Nutella & Graham Crackers | 16 Applesauce & Cheese Stix | 17 Pudding Cups & Saltines | 18 Jello & Teddy Grahams | 19 Wheat Thins & Pickles |
| 22 Honey Pretzels & Yogurt | 23 Pepperoni & American Cheese | 24 Mandarin Oranges & Saltines | 25 Saltines & Pickle Slices | 26 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.



Celebrating Work Anniversary

Each month we recognize the work anniversaries of our staff members. This month we honor Ms. Patricia Harris, teacher with the Zebras. She has worked her entire tenure in the Zebras' classroom. The quality of a program is based on multiple indicators, but the longevity of staff is a most important one. We celebrate their milestones and wish for many more years. Congratulations Ms. Patricia! We are fortunate to work with you!



Ms. Patricia
3 years
Zebras' classroom





Tuition Schedule effective August 3, 2022

(Two day minimum, all ages)

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| \$151 | \$193 | \$151 | \$193 | \$137 |

Monday, Wednesday, Friday \$439
 Tuesdays, Thursdays = \$386
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$825
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.
 Late Pay Fee \$25

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

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

