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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

- **TLC Work Week** **TLC closed** July 31-Aug 4
- **First Day Fall Session** August 7
- **Labor Day-TLC** **closed** September 4
- **School Photos** September 21
- **Fall Break—** **closed** October 19-20

Tuition Rates for Fall Session 2023

Our annual tuition rate increase is effective August 7, 2023.
The new rates are as follows:
Mondays and Wednesdays **\$156 each**
Tuesdays and Thursdays **\$198 each**
Fridays **\$142**.
The monthly rate for five days will be **\$850**.



Drop off and Pick up Reminders

Every day at The Learning Center we have children scheduled to arrive from 9 to 9:15 a.m. Doctor, dentist, or other appointments need to be made before then or in the afternoon. It is very difficult for teachers to receive late children as they are busy with the classroom routines and activities. You may contact Denise if you have a conflict with this schedule to work out another alternative. Pick up times vary depending on the day. Mondays and Wednesdays begin at **2:15-2:30**; Tuesdays and Thursdays **3:45-4:00**, and Fridays **1:44 to 1:59**. We give one free pass for late pick ups per session per family. After that pass there is a late pickup fee of \$1 per minute. Children may be picked up early at any time. Just come on in and go to the child's classroom. Thank you!



Weekly Specials 2023

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 9:30	Tippi Toes Dance* 10 Children's Chapel 2:45	Children's Chapel 9:45 Music 10:00 (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	



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. Please help us with this process. Thanks!



IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Please bring 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!



Staff Anniversaries Celebrated

Each month we celebrate the work anniversaries of our staff. We are fortunate to recognize two teachers this month with another milestone in their career. There are multiple indicators of quality in a program. Most important is the longevity of staff. Join us as we celebrate this special accomplishment. Happy anniversary, Aisha Burley and Summer Jin!

Chapel with our new pastor Jim Perkin

We are delighted to share our program with our new pastor, Jim Perkin. He has jumped into chapel services with the children, playing his guitar and singing. He is delightful and enjoys them as much as they enjoy him. Come and join us one Sunday and see how our Church is changing under his leadership. Welcome Rev. Jim Perkin!



Summer Jin
2 years 8/16
Monkeys' class



Aisha Burley
1 year 8/19
Pandas' class

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 please.



Scholastic Book Orders

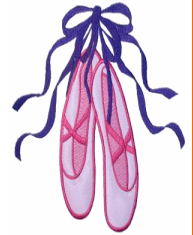
Each month we distribute order forms for children's books. Families may order on line and pay with a credit card or send in order forms with a check to the teacher. Our classrooms earn points to receive new books each month so THANK YOU for supporting Scholastic Book Club. Orders for August are due by August 25. The class code for on line orders is **NTJ46**. Checks should be included with your order. www.scholastic.com/readingclub They now ship books directly to your home if you choose that option. We appreciate you!



Tippi Toes



Tippi Toes offers positive, fun dance classes for girls and boys ages 1.6– 5 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 for summer is \$120. To enroll, please go to www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city and follow the instructions. We do have classes year round.



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



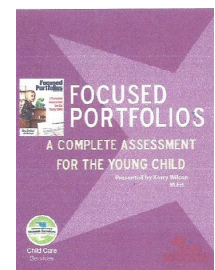
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Jordan bring her expertise to the Cubs (infants) through Cheetahs. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. They are learning nursery rhymes, finger plays, rhythm instruments and children's songs. Wednesdays are definitely a popular day because of Music class. Thank you Miss Jordan for sharing your talent with us!



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 July 19. 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. . .



Developmental Milestones

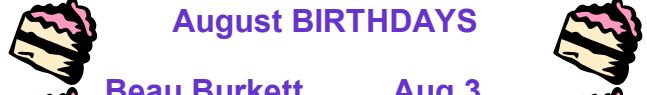
Each week we distribute copies of your child's classroom lesson plan via email. Listed are all of the learning centers with an activity planned in relation to the weekly theme. Our teachers plan the weekly themes for the entire year based on holidays, special events, and the children's interests. Children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

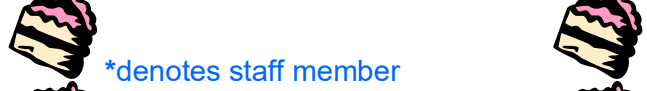
There are additional codes which relate to specific standards and indicators of a child's progress. Teachers write anecdotal records, take photos of activities or get a work sample to validate their observation of progress. We keep this together in a portfolio of each and every child. We share this information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



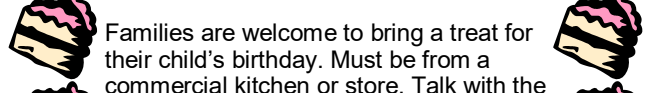
August BIRTHDAYS



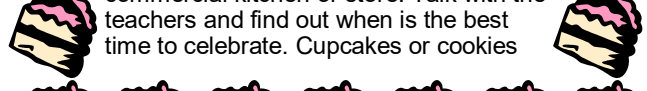
Beau Burkett	Aug 3
Thomas Burkett	Aug 3
Griffin Davis	Aug 13
Betty Elliott	Aug 16
Karla Villalobo*	Aug 20
Penelope Carpenter-	
Robertson	Aug 30
Beverly Bernitsky	Aug 31



*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



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 fun session . . .





AUGUST Afternoon Snacks



<p>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs</p>				
<p>7 Gogurts & Animal Crackers</p>	<p>8 Cheese Stick & Apples</p>	<p>9 Honey Pretzels & American Cheese</p>	<p>10 Diced peaches & Graham Crackers</p>	<p>11 Chex Mix & Apple Juice</p>
<p>14 Wheat Thins & Pepperoni</p>	<p>15 Nilla Wafers & Pudding</p>	<p>16 American Cheese & Saltines</p>	<p>17 Granola Bar & Juice</p>	<p>18 Gogurt & Animal Crackers</p>
<p>21 Nutella & Graham Crackers</p>	<p>22 Applesauce & Cheese Stix</p>	<p>23 Bananas & Saltines</p>	<p>24 Jello & Teddy Grahams</p>	<p>25 Wheat Thins & Pickles</p>
<p>28 Honey Pretzels & Yogurt</p>	<p>29 Pepperoni & American Cheese</p>	<p>30 Mandarin Oranges & Saltines</p>	<p>31 Saltines & Pickle Slices</p>	

Staff Development



On July 31 through August 4, The Learning Center teachers participated in a 40 hour training about **Conscious Discipline**, developed by Dr. Becky Bailey. This is the process of helping children, 0-5 years old, develop life long skills and concepts that promote brain development. Two hundred participants learned how to redirect children's behavior to become more cooperative and empowering for the child. Deep breathing techniques assist the teacher and the child to problem solve, learn routines, deal with emotions and feelings, make choices and so on. We will share more with you, our families, as the session goes on. Training was provided through a grant to Sunbeam Child Services and Rainbow Fleet. It was a wonderful training with hands-on activities and free resources. Watch for more information as we incorporate these practices into our daily curriculum. Wishing everyone well as the new session begins!





Tuition Schedule effective August 7, 2023

Monthly Tuition

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$156	\$198	\$156	\$198	\$142

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$454
 Tuesday, Thursday = \$396
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$850
 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 auto 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 that you add in*.
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

