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 expensive. It is price-  
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## THE LEARNING CENTER

Our mission is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

### 2023 Calendar of Events

- Labor Day-TLC **closed** September 4
- Vision Screenings September 14
- School Photos September 21
- Fall Break- **closed** October 19-20

### 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. Monday & Wednesdays close by 2:30, Tuesday & Thursdays close by 4 and Fridays 1:59.**  
 Thanks!

### Tuition Rates for Fall Session 2023

Our annual tuition rate increased in August. The new rates are as follows:  
 Mondays and Wednesdays **\$156**  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays **\$198**  
 Fridays **\$142**.  
 The monthly rate for five days will be **\$850**.  
 This is a 7.4% increase.



**Wash Your Hands After...**

1

Playing with pets

2

Using the bathroom

3

Sneezing, blowing your nose & coughing

4

Touching a cut or open sore

5

Playing outside

6

AND Before...  
Eating

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



### Weekly Specials

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10:00	Tippi Toes Dance* 10 Art 10:30 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. 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!



### Chapel with our 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!



### 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

**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



### Meet Our Newest Staff Members

We are thrilled to introduce you to our newest staff member, Carrie Garrett. Carrie has years of experience as a curriculum specialist and a Pre-school Teacher. She is back and enjoying her time with our Zebra class!

Join us in welcoming Carrie to our team of amazing ladies at TLC!



## 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 from 10:30-11 a.m. Tuition is \$45 monthly. To enroll, please go to [www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city](http://www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city) and follow the instructions. We do



## 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 brings 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.

## Art Classes Return

We are thrilled to announce the return of art classes for the Jaguars and Cheetahs. Our new teacher, Ms. Sidney, is a mother of two young girls with a background in education and a lifelong love of art. Thirty minute lessons will be given upstairs in the Art Studio, which is dedicated to hands-on exploration of different art mediums. Welcome Ms. Sidney!



## Monthly Fire Drill



Our last fire drill was held on Sept 21. The drill went okay on completely exiting 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?



## Speech Screenings Continued

We have an 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 with their development. The agency is Eagles Nest, and they provide pediatric therapy

## 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.

## Trunk or Treat 10/28

We invite all families to join us to kick off our 75th anniversary celebration with Trunk or Treat October 28th from 4:00pm-6:00pm.

## Halloween parties 10/31

We will have Halloween parties in class the day of Halloween. Children are welcome to wear their costumes, but please no face masks.



## October BIRTHDAYS

Nadia Varghese	10/3
Elliot Grant	10/5
Graham Brown	10/7
Stetson Shadid	10/10
Teddy Ranallo	10/14
MJ Thompson	10/21
Nora Campbell	10/22

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




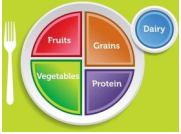



Each month we send home a plethora of catalogs for you to order books from Scholastic. You may have them delivered to your home or to the school. We distribute them upon arrival. Every dollar you spend affords us free books! Please encourage your child to pick up a book and read (could be just reading 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.





# October Afternoon Snacks



<p><b>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs</b></p>				
				
<p><b>3</b> Gogurts &amp; Animal Crackers</p>	<p><b>4</b> Cheese Stix &amp; Apple Juice</p>	<p><b>5</b> Honey Pretzels &amp; American Cheese</p>	<p><b>6</b> Diced peaches &amp; Graham Crackers</p>	<p><b>7</b> Chex Mix &amp; Apple Juice</p>
<p><b>10</b> Wheat Thins &amp; Pepperoni</p>	<p><b>11</b> Nilla Wafers &amp; Applesauce</p>	<p><b>12</b> American Cheese &amp; Saltines</p>	<p><b>13</b> Granola Bar &amp; Juice</p>	<p><b>14</b> Gogurt &amp; Animal Crackers</p>
<p><b>17</b> Nutella &amp; Graham Crackers</p>	<p><b>18</b> Applesauce &amp; Cheese Stix</p>	<p><b>19</b> Pudding Cups &amp; Saltines</p>	<p><b>20</b> Jello &amp; Teddy Grahams</p>	<p><b>21</b> Wheat Thins &amp; Pickles</p>
<p><b>24</b> Honey Pretzels &amp; Yogurt</p>	<p><b>25</b> Pepperoni &amp; American Cheese</p>	<p><b>26</b> Mandarin Oranges &amp; Saltines</p>	<p><b>27</b> Saltines &amp; Pickle Slices</p>	<p><b>28</b> Pot Luck</p>



## 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 - 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

### 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](http://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**

