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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.*

2024 Calendar of Events

- Valentine Parties February 14
- Class Photos February 15
- Spring Break *TLC closed March 18-22
- Summer enrollment March 21-24
- Good Friday *TLC closed March 29
- School Photos– Spring April 18
- Teacher Appreciation Week April 29-May 3
- Last Day of Spring Session May 24

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 Carly at 405.600.5516.

Class Photos Scheduled February 15

Once a year Larch Family Photography takes a photo of each classroom. It is scheduled for Thursday, February 15. Orders will be available for purchase. These are excellent pictures for only \$10. We have last year's groups on our wall up front. Come and see.



Weekly Specials 2024

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Amazing Athletes 10:00	Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30 Children's Chapel 2:45 Art 10:00	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 time. 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!



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.

Stephen Fite Concert

We had such a great time Friday, January 19th dancing and singing at our own personal Stephen Fite concert! If you missed it— be sure to check out any future events! What family fun!





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 10-10:30 a.m. Tuition is \$45 per month. To enroll, please go to www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city and follow the instructions. We have classes all summer, too. Call 405.361.3620 for more information.



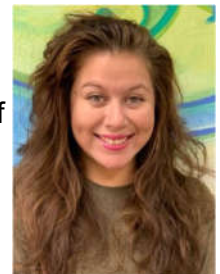
Amazing Athletes

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!



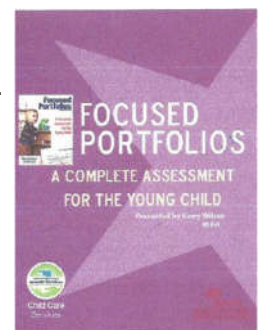
Music Classes

Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Jordan bring her expertise to the Cubs' (infants) through Cheetahs' classrooms. All of the children look forward to their music time. We will have a spring demonstration to share what the children have learned. It's a really fun experience for everyone.



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 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



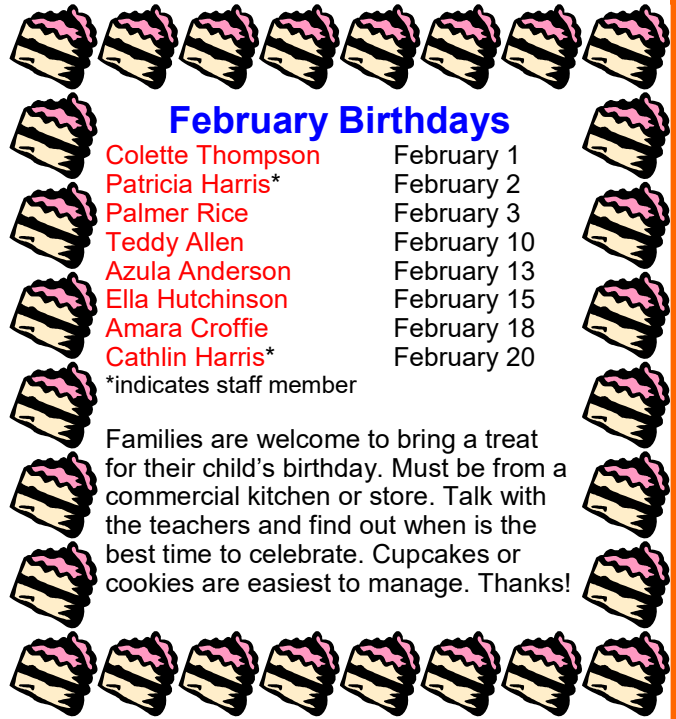
Monthly Fire Drill

Our last fire drill was held January 10. The drill went well as our children exited the building under two minutes. 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....



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 office at 405-842-1486.



February Birthdays

Colette Thompson	February 1
Patricia Harris*	February 2
Palmer Rice	February 3
Teddy Allen	February 10
Azula Anderson	February 13
Ella Hutchinson	February 15
Amara Croffie	February 18
Cathlin Harris*	February 20

*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!

A Special Note from Denise Buthion



It is with mixed emotions that I share I will be retiring from The Learning Center on January 31st. As the Director of The Learning Center for the last nine and a half years, I am looking forward to the future and what that holds. After 38 years in childcare, I know that leaving the program in the hands of Carly Cottle is the best choice for the children, families, and staff. It has been my pleasure to work with the church and families of our program. I will continue to be a member of Nichols Hills United Methodist Church and hope to see you all on Sundays. This has been a special place in my heart, and I wish you all the best.

With God's blessings,
Denise

Thank you, Denise! from The Learning Center Staff

Denise has been our TLC Director for many years. We can't thank her enough for the impact she has left on this program and the legacy she is leaving behind. We wish her well on this new adventure she is embarking on—retirement! This time in her life is much deserved and well-earned. Of course, we know she will still be around and not a complete stranger!

We love and appreciate you, Denise!
-T.L.C. Staff





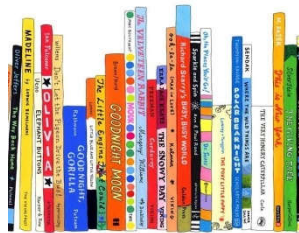
February Afternoon Snacks 2024



P.M. snacks are provided by TLC; A.M. snacks by families Except for Cubs				
1 Bananas & String Cheese	2 Chex Mix & Yogurt	3 Cheese Stix & Ritz Crackers	4 Muffins & Applesauce	5 Go-Gurt & Granola bars
8 Nilla Wafers & Bananas	9 Applesauce & Cheese Stix	10 Mandarin oranges & Cheese puffs	11 Veggie Straws & Dried fruit	12 Apple chips & Cheese cubes
15 Cinnamon Chex & Yogurt	16 Yogurt smoothies & Goldfish	17 Cinnamon Bread & Cream Cheese	18 Animal Crackers & Nutella	19 Rice cakes & Applesauce
22 Nutella & Graham Crackers	23 Applesauce & Cheese Stix	24 Yogurt & Crackers	25 Granola bar & Dried fruit	26 Chex mix & Fruit
27 Goldfish & Applesauce	28 Fruit Cup & Cheese cubes	29 Pot Luck		

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! The love of reading is instilled very early. Help your child to love books by purchasing new ones and reading them to your child.

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. Should you have any question and wish to speak to them you may call 405.916.4168 and ask for Jennifer. Her email is jennifer.eaglesnestOK@gmail.com.



The Learning Center 2023 Childcare Statements

The Learning Center 2023 childcare statements are available upon request. Email Carly at ccottle@nicholshillsumc.org to get yours.





Tuition Schedule Effective **August 7, 2023**

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

(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.

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

New 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.” Establish a Profile. – This will allow you to make future payments without re-entering your information.
5. Enter Payment Amount and Child’s Name.
6. Enter Payment Method.
7. 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.
8. Make your pay due date each month before the fifth day of the month. You will never be late.

“When you get, give. When you learn, teach.”
 - Maya Angelou

