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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

- First day Spring Session January 2
- MLK Day *TLC closed January 15
- Family Concert January 19
- 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

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 or Denise 405.819.0776



Special Family Concert Scheduled



We have a special family event planned for January 19 at 5:30 p.m. Stephen Fite, from Melody House Music, will perform a **live concert** in our Fellowship Hall. Children and adults of all ages will enjoy the interactive program with songs and dance. There will be refreshments served following the concert. Please join us!



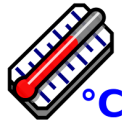
Weekly Specials 2024

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.



Family Surveys Feedback



We received 81% of families participation regarding our family surveys. They are anonymous which hopefully provides honest feedback. There were helpful

suggestions and ideas to help us to better meet your family's needs. Following your suggestions we are incorporating some changes to our daily information sheets, weekly photos, developmental milestones and so on. Each week the class lesson plans are mailed out electronically. Each category or learning area has an Early Learning Guideline that is a developmental milestone for that age group. We are happy to provide more detail to you all. Thank you for participating in this survey. We will definitely improve communication in the future.



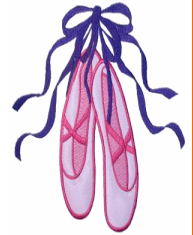
The Learning Center will be closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, **January 15, 2024.**



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 do have classes all summer, too. Need more information? Call 405.361.3620



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

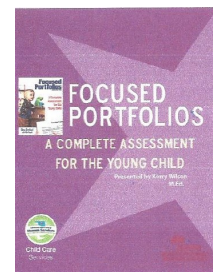


Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Jordan bring her expertise to the Cubs' (infants) through Cheetahs' classrooms. All of the children enjoy their music time and look forward to it. We will have a spring demonstration to share what the children have learned. Also a real 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 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 December 20. 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 842-1486.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kinsley Collins	January 3
Bianca Fuentes*	January 4
Eliza Peck	January 8
Palmer Stuart	January 9
Dana Williams*	January 10
Scout Schlotz	January 10
Ginny Miller	January 12
Diederik Nuveen	January 21
Parker Pettigrew	January 24
William Stewart	January 28
Harper Green	January 28
Astrid Parrish	January 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!

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.





January Afternoon Snacks 2024



<p>FYI: PM snacks are provided by TLC; AM snacks by families Except for Cubs</p>				
	2 Chex Mix & Yogurt	3 Cheese Stix & Ritz Crackers	4 Muffins & Applesauce	5 Gogurts & 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	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
29 Goldfish & Applesauce	30 Fruit Cup & Cheese cubes	31 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.



GRACIAS, MERCI, GRAZI, THANK YOU!

The Learning Center staff appreciates all of the holiday treats, gift cards, and presents from Christmas. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are truly thoughtful families. We love you all!

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. Email is jennifer.eaglesnestOK@gmail.com





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.

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

