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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

- School Photos– Spring \$1 April 18
- Teacher Appreciation Week April 29-May 3
- Spring Music Performance May 22
- Last Day of Spring Session May 24
- Memorial Day *TLC closed May 27-31
- First Day of Summer Session June 3
- Fall Enrollment June 24-26
- Last Day of Summer Session July 26th
- First Day of Fall Session August 5th

Drop off/Pick up

Drop off and pick up procedures will continue at the assigned doors. We appreciate the cooperation you all are giving!

Drop off is 9-9:15 a.m. every day and pick up is 15 minutes before closing.

Drop off/pick up survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M3DBSQ6>

Staff Anniversaries

Program quality is often measured by some key indicators, such as the consistency in staff. This month we are fortunate to recognize two teachers. All are wonderful and we are thankful for their dedication. Join us as we celebrate! Congratulations, ladies!



Ms. Dana Williams Cubs/Pandas floater– 4/04/2023– 1 year



Ms. Bianca Fuentes– Jaguars/Cheetahs floater– 4/06/2023– 1 year

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!

Individual spring photos April 18

Individual portraits will be taken upon permission April 18th. Please send \$1 in your child's bag before or on this day if you wish for them to be photographed. Portraits will be available to order. If you do not attend on this day, you are also welcome to come to have pictures taken. Please reach out to Carly on what time to come. Thanks!

Class spotlight: Zebras

Our Zebras are thriving and learning all things Pre-School! Pictured below is their fun pajama day! The Zebras had a reading day and celebrated with pillows, blankets, and popcorn! It was a great day to be a Zebra. Ms. Carrie and Ms. Sophie are doing a wonderful job and the kids are learning so much!



Art March wrap up

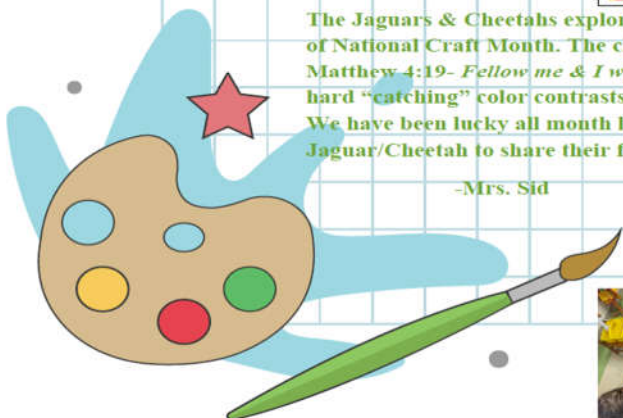
Creative Christian Connection Art Class

Month's High

March

The Jaguars & Cheetahs explored colorful crafts this month in celebration of National Craft Month. The classes were inspired through the passage Matthew 4:19- *Fellow me & I will make you fishers of Men.* They worked hard "catching" color contrasts in their shamrock, fish, & rice art pieces. We have been lucky all month long counting our golden blessings. Ask your Jaguar/Cheetah to share their favorite creative moment from this month.

-Mrs. Sid





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

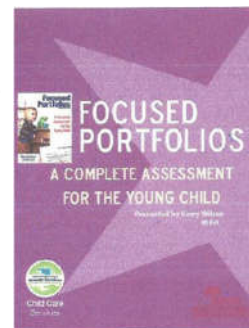
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Jordan bring her expertise to the Cubs' (infants) through Cheetahs' classrooms. All of the children look forward to their music time. We will have a spring demonstration to share what the children have learned. It's 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 March 25th. 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....



Service Times:
Worship
8:30 a.m.

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Worship
10:50 a.m.

Easter Sunday
Egg Hunt
10:15 a.m.

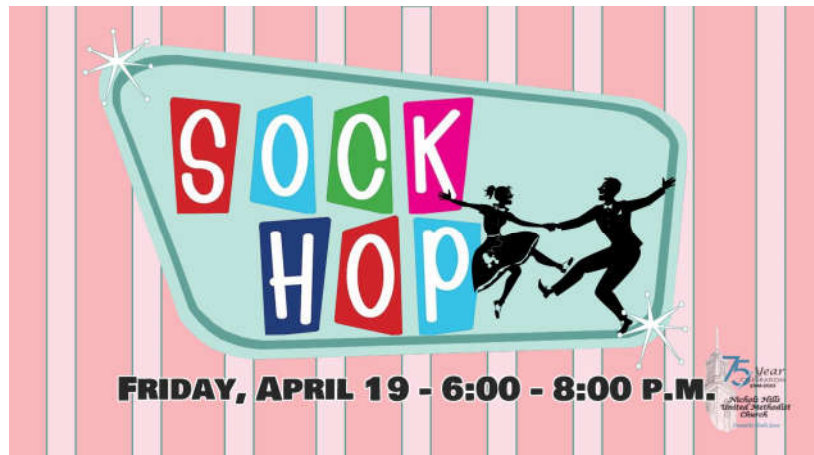


April Birthdays

	Madelyn Lunsford	April 2	
	Frankie Turpin	April 7	
	Chase Bradley	April 15	
	Krystle Reed*	April 15	
	Ella Tabor	April 17	
	Clayton Green	April 21	
	Doc Douglass	April 23	
	William Goetzinger	April 27	
	Avery Schoppa	April 27	

*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!



April 19, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - **Sock Hop** - Fellowship Hall

“Hey, TLC! Grab your poodle skirts and cashmere sweaters, dust off your saddle oxfords, roll-up your shirts and jeans, and get ready to bunny hop! A fun-filled family Sock Hop is the perfect way to dance our way into the Church’s 75th Anniversary celebration! All ages are invited and it’s free of charge. Hamburgers and Shakes will be served and a DJ will play music the entire time. Just as our Church was established in the 1940’s, so was the first sock hop by the American Junior Red Cross to raise funds during World War II. So, Cool Cats, start practicing your best dance moves for the dance contest and get your hot rods revved up. Let’s Go to the Hop!”





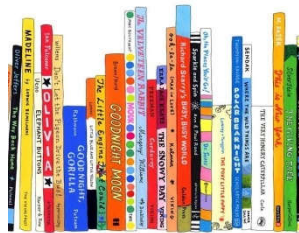
April Afternoon Snacks 2024



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
8 Nilla Wafers & Bananas	9 Applesauce & Cheese Stix	10 Mandarin oranges & Cheese puffs	11 Veggie Straws & Dried fruit
15 Goldfish & Applesauce	16 Whole fruit strips	17 Graham crackers & Pudding	18 Ritz crackers & Pepperoni
22 Nutella & Graham Crackers	23 Applesauce & Cheese Stix	24 Yogurt & Crackers	25 Granola bar & Dried fruit
29 Bananas & String Cheese	30 Gold fish & Apple sauce		

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. Orders due this month by **April 24th**.

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 = \$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

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

