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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

- Art show March 3rd
- Spring Break \*TLC closed March 18-22
- Summer enrollment March 25-28
- Good Friday \*TLC closed March 29
- School Photos– Spring 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

### 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 Anniversary's

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



Ms. Karla Villalobo Cheetahs– 2/17/20– 4 years



Ms. Ashley Butler– Cheetahs– 3/02/18– 6 years



Ms. Melanie Fuentes– Jaguars- 3/25/21– 3 years

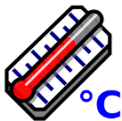
### Weekly Specials 2024

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!



## 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 take pictures. Please reach out to Carly on what time to come. Thanks!

## Art February wrap up

"The Jaguars and Cheetahs had a lovely creative month exploring color mixing, neutral vs. bright color concepts, and the color wheel. They worked hard together on large group art projects for the big art show! Be sure to attend the Spring Nichols Hills United Methodist Church art show on Sunday, March 3rd which will feature art from the preschool classes. Ask your Jaguar/Cheetah to share their favorite creative moment from this month." -Mrs. Sid



**IMMUNIZATIONS** must be kept current. Please bring an updated shot record to school.

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.



## Class spotlight: MONKEYS

Our Monkeys are moving and grooving and learning at a fast rate! They LOVE all the sensory items that Ms. Krystle and Ms. Sheryl have implemented in their lesson plans. We are learning to share, take turns, use gentle touches, and even sit at circle time for awhile! These monkeys don't miss a beat!





## 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](http://www.tippitoesdance.com/oklahoma-city) and follow the instructions. We have classes all summer, too. Call 405.361.3620 for more information.



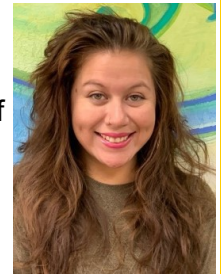
## Amazing Athletes

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!



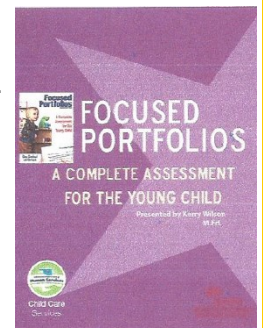
## Music Classes

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





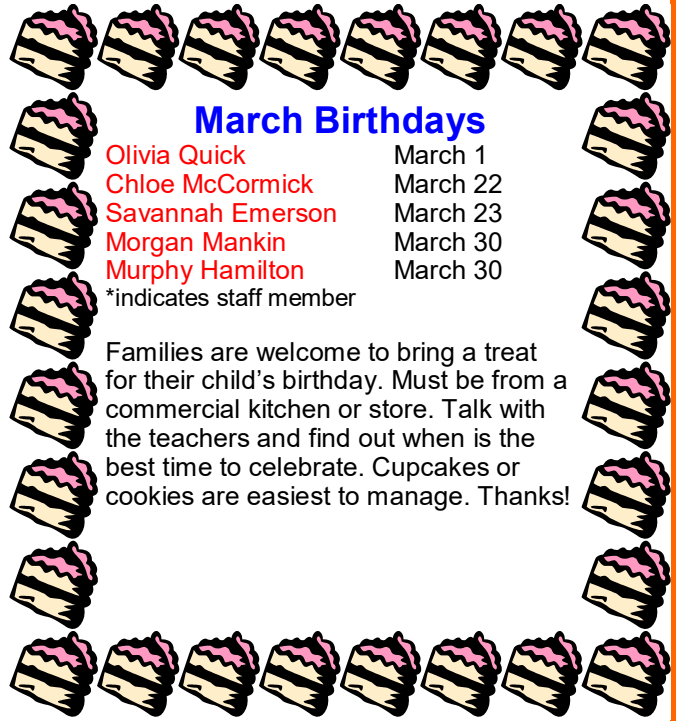
## Monthly Fire Drill

Our last fire drill was held February 22nd. 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



## March Birthdays

Olivia Quick	March 1
Chloe McCormick	March 22
Savannah Emerson	March 23
Morgan Mankin	March 30
Murphy Hamilton	March 30

\*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!

## New faces

### Ms. Sophie Scroggins– Zebras assistant teacher

Ms. Sophie has already jumped right in with our amazing Zebras! They are loving every second of having her in there, and so are we! She brings so much fun with her bright and cheery personality! Welcome, Sophie!

### Ms. Donna Coppenbarger– Tuesdays/Thursdays floater

Ms. Donna has been a huge helping hand with our cubs and pandas classes on these days! She loves rocking babies and helps give those extra cuddles when needed. Welcome, Donna!

### Ms. Baylee Carver– Floater

Ms. Baylee is helping float upstairs when Ms. Melanie is at school and also helping downstairs on the days she is here. She has jumped right in playing at centers with the kids, running outside, and assisting our teachers where needed. We are very thankful to have her on board. Welcome, Baylee!

## Thank you and we wish you well!

### Ms. Patricia

Ms. Patricia's official last day is March 8th. She is taking some much needed time to rest and recover as she has been in childcare for many years at three different centers. We are so thankful for the time that she has spent at The Learning Center. Please join us in wishing her well as she takes this time for herself!

### Ms. Cheyenne

Ms. Cheyenne's official last day is also March 8th. Ms. Cheyenne has spent much time at The Learning Center volunteering at the front desk and then officially becoming a floater back in August. Ms. Cheyenne is going to take this time to be with her mom (Ms. Patricia) and finish up her Senior year of High School. She has lots of exciting things going on with prom, graduation, and deciding what she wants to do for a career. Please join us as we wish her well as she transitions into this new adventure!





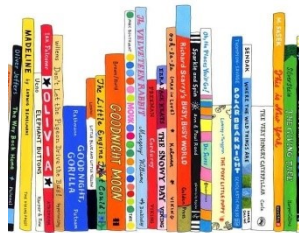
# March Afternoon Snacks 2024



<p><b>P.M. snacks are provided by TLC;</b> <b>A.M. snacks by families</b> <i>Except for Cubs</i></p>				<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Bananas &amp; String Cheese</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Bananas &amp; String Cheese</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Chex Mix &amp; Yogurt</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Cheese Stix &amp; Ritz Crackers</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Muffins &amp; Applesauce</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Go-Gurt &amp; Granola bars</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Nilla Wafers &amp; Bananas</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Applesauce &amp; Cheese Stix</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Mandarin oranges &amp; Cheese puffs</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Veggie Straws &amp; Dried fruit</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Apple chips &amp; Cheese cubes</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Spring break TLC closed</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Spring break TLC closed</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Spring break TLC closed</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Spring break TLC closed</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Spring break TLC closed</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Nutella &amp; Graham Crackers</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Applesauce &amp; Cheese Stix</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Yogurt &amp; Crackers</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Granola bar &amp; Dried fruit</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Good Friday TLC closed</p>

## 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 **March 11th**.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ccottle@nicholshillsumc.org) to get yours.





## Tuition Schedule Effective **August 7, 2023**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>\$156</b>	<b>\$198</b>	<b>\$156</b>	<b>\$198</b>	<b>\$142</b>

**(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 - 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

### 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](http://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

