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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

TLC work week	TLC CLOSED	July 29-Aug 2
First Day of Fall Session		August 5th
Labor Day	TLC CLOSED	September 2
Vision Screening		September 12
Fall Pictures		September 23
Fall break	TLC CLOSED	October 17-18

### Drop off/Pick up

Drop off and pick up procedures will now take place at your child's class if they are downstairs. Please leave hugs and kisses at the door. Jaguars and Cheetahs will continue to drop off at the front door.

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

### 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 July 15th.



### 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).

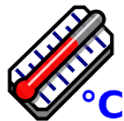
### Weekly Specials 2024

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Letz GO Sports 9:30	Tippi Toes Dance* 10:30 Children's Chapel 2:45 Art 10:00	Children's Chapel 9:45 Music 10:00 (Everyone does music)	Letz GO Sports 9:30 Children's Chapel 2:45 Art 2:30	Letz GO Sports 9:30
*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!

## Monthly Fire Drill

Our last fire drill was held July 18th. 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....



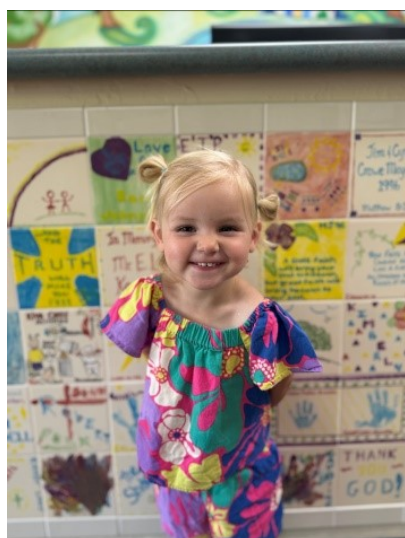
## Family Legacies

Another sign of a lasting program is having family legacies. Did you know we have multiple families that have mom or dad who graduated from TLC that are now sending their babies here? We love being able to provide loving care for each generation. If this is you please email Carly so we can get you spotlighted!

### Featured:

Current students: **Eliza Peck– Zebras class**  
Mom: **Rachel Peck's baby footprint on TLC's front desk wall**

**We love and appreciate you, Peck family!**





## 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.



## Let's GO Sports

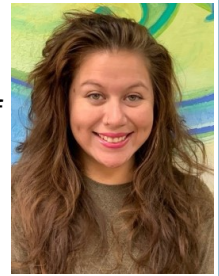
Let's GO sports is an introduction into the basic fundamentals and mechanics of nine different sports and focuses on self-confidence, practicing teamwork, and improving seven key areas of motor development. Young children need guidance in building their balance, agility and strength training within a 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 shirts on the day you attend!



## Music Classes

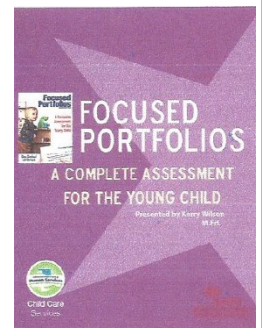
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Jordan bring her expertise to the Cubs' (infants) through Cheetahs' classrooms. All of the children look forward to their music time. We will have a spring demonstration to share what the children have learned. It's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



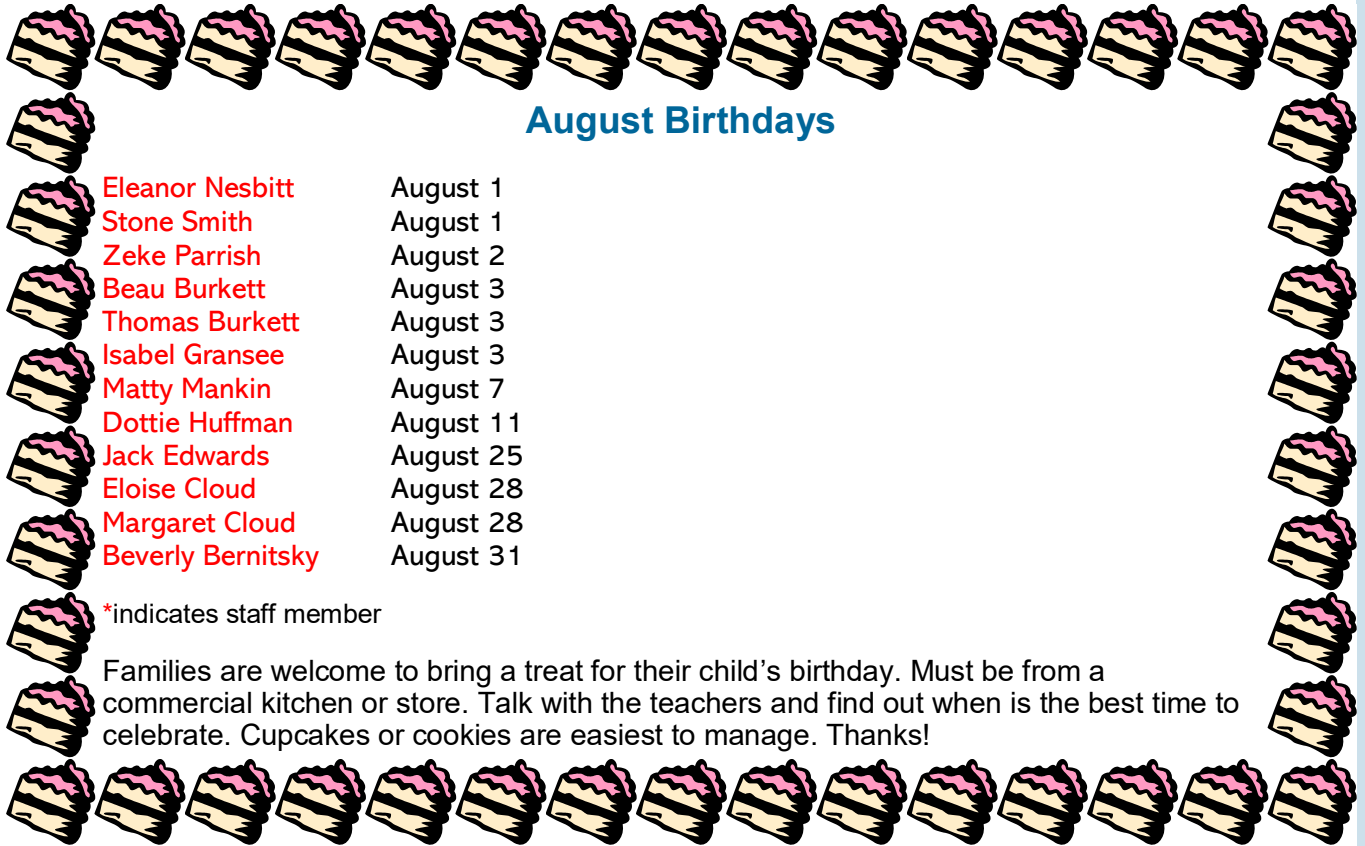
## Focused Portfolios

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







## August Birthdays

	Eleanor Nesbitt	August 1
	Stone Smith	August 1
	Zeke Parrish	August 2
	Beau Burkett	August 3
	Thomas Burkett	August 3
	Isabel Gransee	August 3
	Matty Mankin	August 7
	Dottie Huffman	August 11
	Jack Edwards	August 25
	Eloise Cloud	August 28
	Margaret Cloud	August 28
	Beverly Bernitsky	August 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!



Please join us for service at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. We offer two traditional services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday School classes are offered at 9:45 a.m. Children and youth services are offered. We would love to see you!

### Blessing of the Backpacks

As a new school year begins, we would like to invite your family to join us in worship on August 18th at 10:50 a.m. for a special moment in the service. During our Children's Conversation, we will invite all of our children to bring their school backpacks forward for a blessing and to receive a tag to hang on their backpacks reminding them of God's presence throughout their year.

-Pastor Jim





# August Afternoon Snacks 2024



P.M. snacks are provided by TLC; A.M. snacks by families <i>Except for Cubs</i>				
<b>5</b> Cheese Puffs & Go-Gurt	<b>6</b> Nutri-Grain Bars	<b>7</b> Cheese Stix & Ritz Crackers	<b>8</b> TLC CLOSED	<b>9</b> TLC CLOSED
<b>12</b> Nilla Wafers & Bananas	<b>13</b> Applesauce & Cheese Stix	<b>14</b> Mandarin Oranges & Cheese Puffs	<b>15</b> Veggie Straws & Dried Fruit	<b>16</b> Apple Chips & Cheese Cubes
<b>19</b> Goldfish & Applesauce	<b>20</b> Whole Fruit Strips	<b>21</b> Graham Crackers & Pudding	<b>22</b> Ritz Crackers & Pepperoni	<b>23</b> Oranges & Crackers
<b>26</b> Nutella & Graham Crackers	<b>27</b> Applesauce & Cheese Stix	<b>28</b> Yogurt & Crackers	<b>29</b> Granola Bar & Dried fruit	<b>30</b> Cheese Puffs & Applesauce

**Welcome!!!**



**Jacey Jay**

Please welcome back our new Art teacher, Jacey Jay! Jacey Jay worked at The Learning Center 7 years ago. She has worked at the Erna Crouch Preschool for the last six years. Her degree is in Education. We are thrilled to have her back at The Learning Center! She has so many creative ideas to incorporate Art special with all of our classes. Welcome, Jacey! We are excited to watch you grow at TLC!

**Rachel Henderson**

Please help us welcome our new Cheetahs teacher, Rachel Henderson! Rachel has experience working with all ages through 12th grade. She has her degree in Education and a Masters degree in Administration. She also has two little ones of her own. We are thrilled to have her bring her expertise to the Cheetah class and TLC! Welcome, Rachel!





## 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 - 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 offer on-line payments for checks and credit cards. You may set it up for monthly recurring payments or a single payment. 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

