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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

- Meet the Teacher **December 17, 18**
- Christmas Program **December 18**
- Last Day of Fall Session **December 19**
- Staff Development Day **December 20**
- Winter Break **Dec 20-Jan 5**
- First Day of Spring **January 6**

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.

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

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 are due this month by December 10th.



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	



IMMUNIZATIONS must be kept current. Please bring an updated shot record to school. Thank you!



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. 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!

Sick policy

Yuck! The sick season is beginning. To keep everyone healthy please keep your child home if they are ill. They need to be symptom-free for 24 hours without medication to return to school. Please refer to our family handbook for more information on this policy. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone healthy!



Monthly Fire Drill

Our last fire drill was held on November 18th. The drill went well as our children exited the building in 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....



New Classroom Orientations

When children move up to the next classroom we want to provide as smooth a transition as possible. We will hold group orientations to meet the staff and hear about the new classroom routines, schedules, and items to bring. [Here is the group orientation schedule:](#)
Tuesday, December 17th– 4:05 P.M.
Wednesday, December 18th– 2:35 P.M.
If you are not sure which class your child will be in just ask your current teacher or the front desk.

The Learning Center Presents:

Candy Cane Christmas Program

**Wednesday, December 18th
10:30 A.M.**

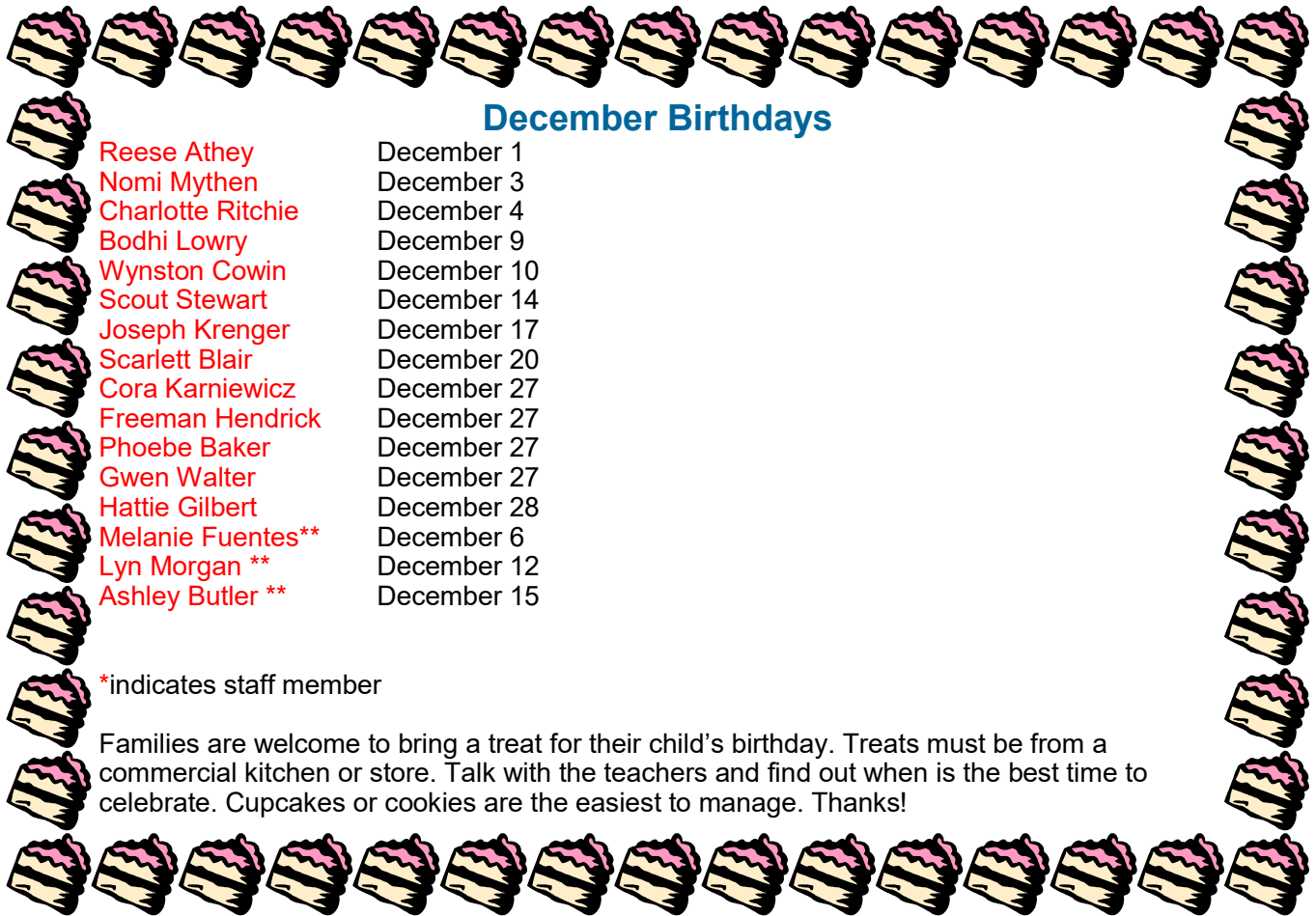


We are so excited to present to our families a Christmas music program on Wednesday, December 18th at 10:30 A.M. This program is for Wednesday classes only and Cubs-Cheetahs will be participating. Doors will open at 10:00 A.M. and it will be located in Fellowship Hall. Once the program is finished, parents are welcome to check out their children for the day with their child's teacher in their assigned spot. There will be refreshments and cookies for you after. Please make sure your child's teacher sees you sign them out. Thank you!

The Weather Changed

Please send appropriate extra clothes and remember to bring a jacket. We go outside everyday weather permitting.





December Birthdays

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| Reese Athey | December 1 |
| Nomi Mythen | December 3 |
| Charlotte Ritchie | December 4 |
| Bodhi Lowry | December 9 |
| Wynston Cowin | December 10 |
| Scout Stewart | December 14 |
| Joseph Krenger | December 17 |
| Scarlett Blair | December 20 |
| Cora Karniewicz | December 27 |
| Freeman Hendrick | December 27 |
| Phoebe Baker | December 27 |
| Gwen Walter | December 27 |
| Hattie Gilbert | December 28 |
| Melanie Fuentes** | December 6 |
| Lyn Morgan ** | December 12 |
| Ashley Butler ** | December 15 |

*indicates staff member

Families are welcome to bring a treat for their child's birthday. Treats 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 the easiest to manage. Thanks!



Please join us for worship at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. We offer a traditional service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School classes are offered at 9:00 a.m. Children and youth services are offered. We would love to see you!

THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES
 FINDING FAITH IN THE STORY OF **THE GRINCH**
 Beginning Sunday, December 1

Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
 Tuesday, December 24
 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, December 1 - 10:00 a.m. - The Heart That Grew Three Sizes Sermon Series Begins
Tuesday, December 24 - 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Services:





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.



Let's GO Sports

Let's GO sports is an introduction to 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

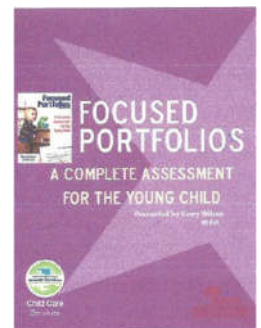
Your monthly tuition also includes Music class on Wednesdays. Each week we have Miss Jordan brings her expertise to the Cubs' (infants) through Cheetahs' classrooms. All of the children look forward to their music time. We will have a spring demonstration to share what the children have learned. It's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





December Afternoon Snacks 2024



<p>P.M. snacks are provided by TLC; A.M. snacks by families Except for Cubs</p>				
<p>2 Cheese Cubes & Crackers</p>	<p>3 Yogurt & Banana</p>	<p>4 Pudding & Graham Crackers</p>	<p>5 Oranges & Veggie Straws</p>	<p>6 Apple Chips & Cheese Cubes</p>
<p>9 Goldfish & Applesauce</p>	<p>10 Whole Fruit Strips</p>	<p>11 Quartered Grapes & Cheese Slices</p>	<p>12 Ritz Crackers & Pepperoni</p>	<p>13 Oranges & Crackers</p>
<p>16 Pudding & Graham Crackers</p>	<p>17 Applesauce & Cheese Stix</p>	<p>18 Yogurt & Crackers</p>	<p>19 Granola Bar & Dried Fruit</p>	<p>20 TLC CLOSED</p>

Happy Holidays

Welcome!



Katelynn Eaton— Monkeys



Aiyana Stevenson— Monkeys



Amanda Morales— Cubs/Pandas Floater



Aya Schwegal—Pandas





Tuition Schedule Effective **January 1st, 2025**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
\$161	\$203	\$161	\$203	\$147

(Two day minimum, all ages)

Examples: Monday, Wednesday, Friday = \$469
Tuesday, Thursday = \$406
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday = \$875
Any combination of days based on availability.

Other Fees:
Enrollment Fee (per session) \$100 - 1st child; \$85 each additional child
Drop-In Rate \$40 per day Monday / Wednesday / Friday
\$50 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 U.M.C. 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 the Payment Amount and the 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

