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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.*

2025 Calendar of Events

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| □ First day of spring session 2025 | January 6 |
| □ Dr. Martin Luther King Day-TLC closed | January 20 |
| □ Class photos | February 6 |
| □ Valentine Parties | February 13 |
| □ Spring Break-TLC closed | March 17-21 |

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 January 16th.



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.

Weekly Specials 2025

| Mondays | Tuesdays | Wednesdays | Thursdays | Fridays |
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| 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!

New things coming in 2025...!

Look out for new ways to communicate. Thank you Samantha Trousdale, Lauren Shadid, and Rachel Peck!

There are so many surprises coming in 2025... I will let you in on one! There will be opportunities to attend your child's class party! We are looking forward to getting you all in the building.

Monthly Fire Drill

Our last fire drill was held on December 10th. 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....



The Weather Changed

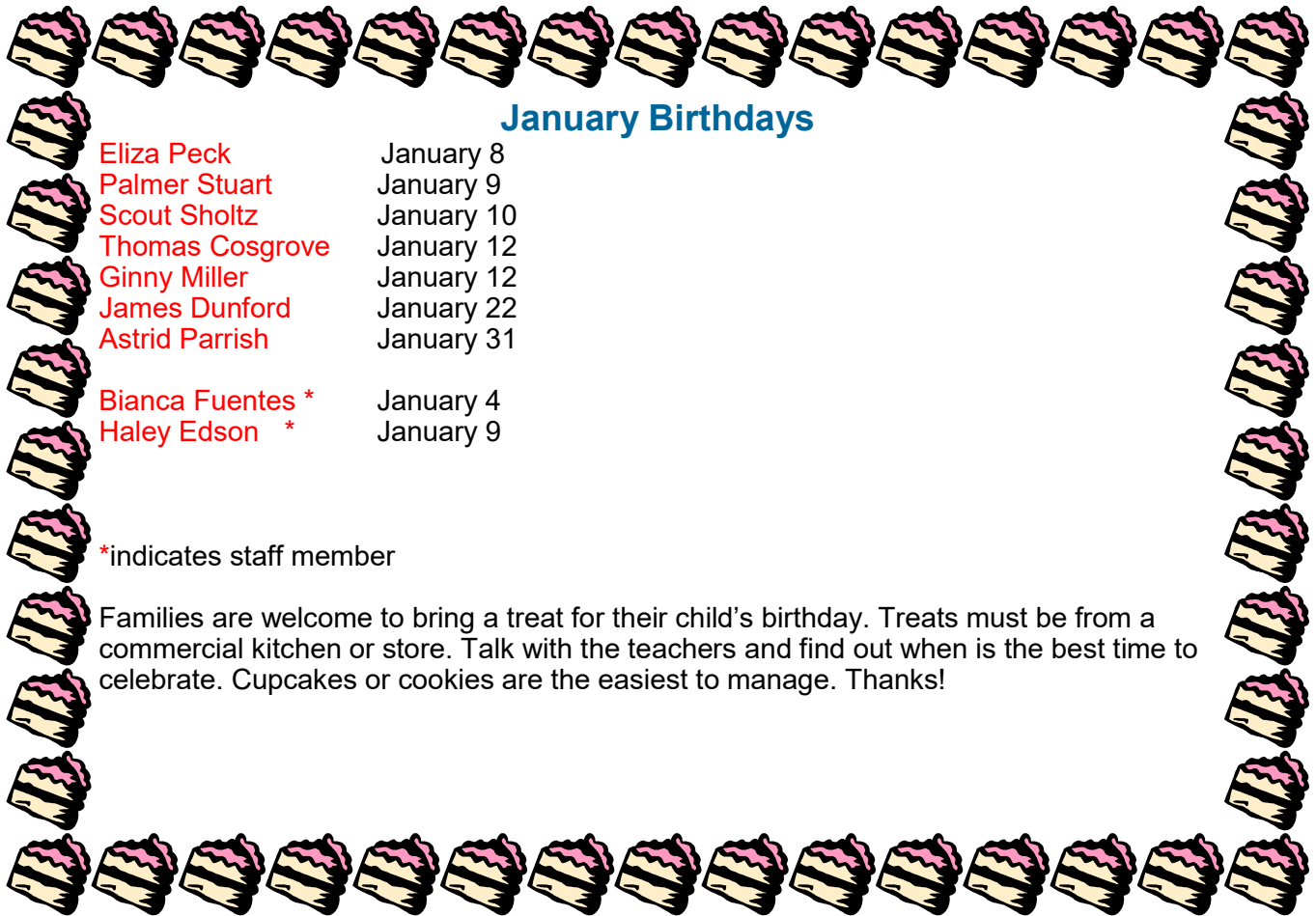
Please send appropriate extra clothes and remember to bring a jacket. We go outside everyday weather permitting.

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!

SING YOUR ABC'S AND STAY GERM-FREE!





January Birthdays

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| Eliza Peck | January 8 |
| Palmer Stuart | January 9 |
| Scout Sholtz | January 10 |
| Thomas Cosgrove | January 12 |
| Ginny Miller | January 12 |
| James Dunford | January 22 |
| Astrid Parrish | January 31 |
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| Bianca Fuentes * | January 4 |
| Haley Edson * | January 9 |

*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!



NICHOLS HILLS
united methodist church

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!



Wednesdays Evenings
Beginning January 8, 2025
6:00 p.m. Dinner / 6:45 p.m. Classes
Sign up in the Sanctuary

Thrive

Mind • Body • Spirit

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|  <small>Taught by: Mary Tevington</small> |  <small>Taught by: Rev. Jim Perkin</small> |  <small>Taught by: Rev. Andrew Tevington</small> |  <small>Nursery Provided Activities for Pre-K through 5th Grade</small> |
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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!

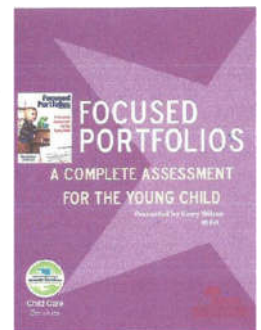
Music Classes

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





January Afternoon Snacks 2025



| P.M. snacks are provided by TLC; A.M. snacks by families <i>Except for Cubs</i> | |  | |  |
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| 6 Pepperoni & Cheese | 7 Graham Crackers & Yogurt | 8 Apples & Crackers | 9 Goldfish | 10 Fruit and Veggie Pouches |
| 13 Cheese Cubes & Crackers | 14 Yogurt & Banana | 15 Pudding & Graham Crackers | 16 Oranges & Veggie Straws | 17 Apple Chips & Cheese Cubes |
| 20 TLC Closed | 21 Whole Fruit Strips | 22 Quartered Grapes & Cheese Slices | 23 Ritz Crackers & Pepperoni | 24 Oranges & Crackers |
| 27 Pudding & Graham Crackers | 28 Applesauce & Cheese Stix | 29 Yogurt & Crackers | 30 Granola Bar & Dried Fruit | 31 Soft Baked Granola Bar |
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Thank YOU!

Thank you to the PTO and all of you wonderful parents that threw us a wonderful lunch on our Staff Development day as well as provided gifts for all of us. We are so thankful and blessed to work with each of you!





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

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| \$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

