

# The Child Care Center in Norwich



## A Place Where Kids Can Be Kids

June 2016

### **Field Day**

**Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

We will have our "Olympic Parade" at 3:30, followed by the "games", hosted by each classroom. We will serve an early supper of Hot Dogs and Ice Cream around 4:00 p.m. Parents, Siblings, Grandparents and friends are welcome to join us!

Please remember that our staff needs to be available for children whose parents are not in attendance. We would appreciate it if you would be responsible for the supervision of your child while you are here. If your child does not normally attend on Friday, we hope that you and your child will still be able to join us for the afternoon!

### Upcoming Events

Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2016, 5:30 – 7:00

#### **Child Care Center in Norwich Annual Corporation Meeting**

Please join us to elect new board members, learn what the board has been doing over the last year and to hear the Executive Director of the Montshire Museum, Marcos Stefne talk about the role of science in early childhood education.

Everyone is Welcome!

#### **Dan and Whit's Wine Tasting**

to benefit

The Child Care Center in Norwich

Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2016, 5:00 – 7:00

Come to the Norwich Inn to enjoy wine from around the world!  
Tickets available at the Center, at Dan & Whit's or at the door.

# Classroom Updates



## Nursery

It's that time of year again, remember to bring in bug repellent, sunscreen and a water bottle, we have been spending lots of time outside practicing with the trikes and learning to use the swings. Is anyone interested in helping us with our garden, donating plants and helping with installation and maintenance? If so, let us know.

Inside we have been using the easel with chalk and paint. We have been dressing up as cooks, doctors, dancers, fire fighters and train engineers. We have been dancing to Putumayo and playing our own instruments; bells, shakers and tambourines.

Karla, Jody & Molly



## Red Room

We've begun "eating the rainbow" with colorful fruits and vegetables – it's a lot of fun to find out what each child likes! We're keeping track, so you'll get a list when we're all done.

There's been a lot of free play inside and out, with fun sensory play like orange scented play dough. Hats and sunscreen are helpful as we move towards shorts and t-shirt weather, and we can apply bug repellent if needed. All children need to have their own, labeled bottle for us to apply sunscreen or insect repellent. We do check for ticks, especially after hikes on the Hazen Trail, but please remember to check your child daily as well.

Parent –teacher conferences are held in May, please see the sign up sheet on our bulletin board if you'd like to schedule a meeting.

Courtney & Shelly

## Orange Room



We sadly say goodbye to Miguel and his family. He will be home with his mom for the summer. Hopefully we will see you in the fall! All the Orange Roomers painted beautiful flowerpots for their moms. They each chose a petunia to plant in their pot and gave them to their mom for Mother's Day. We have also planted some marigold seeds. They have been very slow to germinate, but are finally coming up. When the marigolds get big enough, they will also go home.

There has been lots of creative, imaginative group play in the Orange Room. Some of the social skills that are being developed are leadership, compromise, negotiation and empathy.

Field Day is coming up quickly. It is June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30. The Orange Roomers will be working on their T-shirts soon. Remember it is a family event so we hope to see everyone there! If you are attending Field Day you don't need to pick up your child at 2:30, just come to the event.

Karen



## Yellow Room

Welcome, June!

During the past month the Yellow Roomers have been tending to our seedlings which we plan to use in our pizza garden. This experience has allowed us the opportunity to discuss diversity in plant growth. We were able to further connect that idea with discussions about how plants and people are similar in the way that we all come in different shapes and sizes and grow at different times. This then navigated our interests into measuring and we now have a growth chart in our classroom! Since focusing on gardening, the children's enthusiasm has really taken over – they asked if we could plant more food out on our deck. We've decided to plant items we can either eat at snack or donate to a local food shelf.

Please be sure to start bringing in sweatshirts along with jackets as our temperatures here often fluctuate daily. Also, help us welcome the sun by bringing in labeled sunscreen for your child (as well as bug spray for those pesky bugs)!

We look forward to seeing you on Field Day, June 3 at 3:30!

Thank you,

Britny & Jodie



## Blue Room

The Blue Room happily welcomes our new friend Keira! She is a perfect addition to our classroom and we are very happy to have her. A HUGE thank you to all the families who have placed book orders through Scholastic! Our classroom has gained over 30 free new books! Both the teachers and the children love getting new books. So, thank you! Our book order for May is due on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. You can order them online with our classroom code (PRM6W) or from the flyers. Over the past few weeks we have talked a lot about plants and how they grow. Each child has made their own greenhouse and are watching bean seeds grow and grow. Feel free to check them out next time you're in the classroom. The Blue Roomers have also been working on creating beautiful and colorful flowers while discussing the different parts a flower has!

Parent conferences are taking place now so if you' like to have one there is a sign up sheet on the teacher desk in the Blue Room. As always please feel free to ask either of us about what's going on in the classroom.

Thanks

Thanks,  
Hannah & Bailey



## Lunch Boxes

As many of you already know the Vermont Department of Health and Human Services has recently changed their standard for how we handle lunch box food. We now need to put any perishable food that comes in a child's lunch in the refrigerator, even if the lunch box is a cooler style with an ice pack. So each classroom is working to figure out the most efficient way to meet this requirement. One struggle that we are having is that we don't have enough refrigerator space for all the lunch boxes so teachers have to go through the lunches and take out perishable foods and label them. It would be very helpful if you could write your child's name on containers of anything that is perishable. Also, it is clear that we are going to need more refrigerators. Do you have a standard sized refrigerator in good working order that you no longer use, would you consider a donation to the center? Thank you for bearing with us through this transition.



## AfterSchool

Hello K-1 ASP Parents,

We are excited for the upcoming Field Day and making our T-shirts! We hope everyone can make it! We are also very happy to be outside for the majority of our after school hours. Since we are outside a lot and the weather is warm, please be sure to send your child with extra clothes (in case of water play), water bottles, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Thank you!  
Laura

AfterSchool 2- 6  
Hello All –

Now that warmer weather has arrived, we will often be having snack outside and will remain on the playground until the end of the day. When the temperature is heading to 80°, we will most likely be offering water play. Generally, the children get thoroughly soaked through so a change of clothes is a good idea, or perhaps leaving a bathing suit and towel at AfterSchool. We will watch the weather and give notice as best we can.

Field Day for the Child Care Center in Norwich will be held on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be making T-shirts to wear to this yearly event. We will take the bus to the Child Care Center. Plan on picking your children up at the Child Care Center that day. We will send out an email with specifics as the date draws near.

Thank you!  
The AfterSchool Gang!

