

The Child Care Center in Norwich



A Place Where Kids Can Be Kids

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*The Child Care Center
is
Closed on
Labor Day,
Monday, September 5th.*



Classroom Updates



Nursery

A warm Nursery welcome to Asher and Giuliana and their families! We have been enjoying finger painting using recycled paper and indoor water play using the play tub and squirt toys. We have also been learning how to blow bubbles on our own. We have been making huge bubbles with the hoola hoop. Another fun activity has been building ramps to use with the cars. Some of the children are now able to scoot up onto the swings themselves and practice swinging by themselves.

Please bring in a pair of slippers to use indoors. Everyone needs to remove their shoes upon entering the Nursery, particularly now that children are out in the sand and dirt. However, children should wear footwear at all times to protect their feet and slippers seem the most appropriate to remain on during naptime.

We are still looking for a little gardening help if anyone is interested. It is fun to water and to pick veggies for snack!

Karla, Jody & Molly



Red Room

During July we have been playing with trains and learning about them. Most of them know a lot of Thomas friends and some know what kind of engines they are. We will continue to learn about trains and other kinds of transportation for a while.

Hopefully we will continue to have some great water play, so remember to keep extra changes of shorts/tee shirts available for our wet and wild play. We also continue to do tick checks as much as possible but we might miss something so please do checks each evening.

We had some birthdays in July. Hazel turned three on the 3rd and Moriah turns three on the 25th. In August Nash turns three on the 19th and Malcolm on the 30th. Let's give them all a great big Happy Birthday!

Happy summer!

Shelly



Orange Room

Bugs have been our business in the Orange Room. We've read about bugs. Two of our favorite books have been I Like Bugs by Margaret Wise Brown and Are you a Ladybug? By Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries. We did a gluing project to decorate beetles and did a paint project with play bugs and found that they made colorful bug tracks on the paper. We've also looked for bugs on the playground and found that ants are everywhere! We wonder what's in your backyard at home!

Fay and the Orange Roomers for Karen



Yellow Room

For the past month in the Yellow Room we've enjoyed watching our pizza garden grow, as well as the garden on the playground. Be sure to ask your child for some tasty chives! We have been exploring plants that feel, smell, look and taste differently! We've also been studying what happens to our teeth with different liquids. Children chose to experiment with soda, juice, water or milk to soak their "teeth" (boiled eggs) in. After two weeks we explored what happened to our teeth and what happened when we brushed them. We had a child comment how fun it would be to "throw the eggs at the wall", stay tuned! We have also been enjoying the heat with water play – please make sure that your child's extra clothes bucket is full of the necessities. They've been moved into the classroom for easy access. We are trying to reduce waste by eliminating the use of paper and plastic cups on the playground. Please make sure that your child has a water bottle daily! Feel free to leave it for the week and take it home on Fridays. The Yellow Roomers send out a big thank you to Sam's Grandpa and family for the set of wooden vehicles for the class. The children have had a lot of fun playing with the handmade vehicles that Sam's Grandpa made. We send farewell wishes to Maxwell, Claire, Cyris, Danyelle and Sebastian. We hope you have a great transition into kindergarten. Farewell wishes to Matthew who will be starting a new school in the fall. We will miss you all!

Britny & Jodie



Blue Room

The Blue Room has been spending lots of time out on the Montshire trails, exploring the woods, searching for critters, climbing trees and building forts. Please keep an eye out for ticks! We have been using bug spray and doing tick checks but it never seems to be enough.

Our share schedule has been a little chaotic with summer vacations and schedule changes. If your Blue Roomer would like to bring in a share, but she/he missed her/his normal share day, it is more than okay to just let them bring it in. We will have a more structured share routine once fall arrives. The summer allows us to be more flexible.

As always, please feel free to come to either one of us with question, concerns or comments about the on-goings in the Blue Room.

Thanks,
Hannah & Patty



The Board of Directors is recruiting new members! Come and join us and help keep the center the busy and vibrant place that it is for young children! The board meets on the first Monday of the month from 5:30 – 7:00 here at the center. Want to find out more, set up a time to meet with Allison!