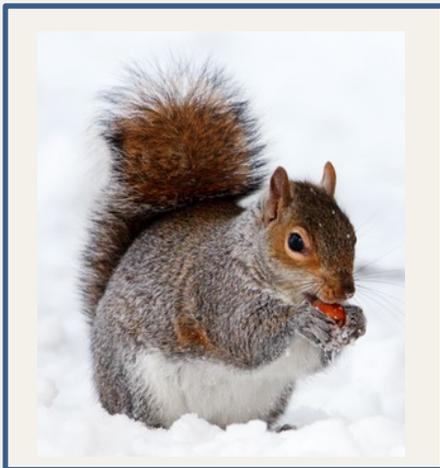


The Child Care Center in Norwich



February 2016



Safety Reminder

We have gates on the classrooms and at the building entrances to keep children safe. Preschool age children can be very impulsive and we want to be absolutely certain that they cannot run from the classroom or the building. We tell children that opening the gates is a grown-up's job, that children are not allowed to open them. Please help us to reinforce that message.

Thank you!

Classroom Updates



Nursery

A big Nursery welcome to Micah and his family! Popular activities in the Nursery lately have been the fairyland play tent to play peek-a-boo, the bouncy balls and filling, dumping and pulling the laundry baskets. Take a peek at the colorful pictures on display in the Nursery, created using markers and do-a-dots.

We are currently discussing the possibility of lifting the nut ban in the Nursery in light of the newest recommendations, stay tuned for more information.

Welcome to the new year, feel free to check in with us at any time if you have questions. Happy Birthday to Asher, who turned one on January 10.

Karla, Molly, & Lisa I



Red Room

The Red Roomers are continuing to talk and learn about families. We have spent a lot of time taking care of our babies and taking them for walks and trips to the store. We continue to work on our communication skills and expressing our thoughts and feelings in the appropriate way. We would like to remind parents to bring in six or seven photos of your family as we continue to put the Red Roomers' houses together. When they are finished, we will put them up around the room.

Shelly & Julie



Orange Room

Now that the holidays are over, we are settling back into our routine. Music with Marcia has resumed. The color of the month is white, so she talks about things that are white! We have been taking advantage of the Activity Room instead of going outside on our icy playground. We are hoping to be back outside soon. Our bird friends and the three big, gray squirrels have been devouring our sunflower seeds. We have to fill the feeder every day! Valentine's Day is coming up. We will probably do something low key to celebrate it. Also – Happy Birthday to Miguel and Liam! Miguel is turning three and Liam is turning four!

Karen



Yellow Room

Happy February Families!

As we get back to daily routines with the excitement of the holidays over, we have been enjoying our job chart. The children have taken great pride and responsibility in our classroom community. If you get a chance, stop by to say hi to our newest class member – Mu-Shuu! Last month the children voted on his name after many days of brainstorming. You've also probably heard a lot about our mitten tree. The children seem to be very mindful of the reasons behind the tree. Feel free to spark this conversation at the dinner table. During February, many children like to hand out cards for Valentine's Day. Stay tuned for a class list.

As a reminder, please do not forget water bottles!

Britny & Jodie

Blue Room



Not too much to report about the Blue Room . . . We have not been able to spend a lot of time outside on the playground because it is a sheet of ice! So we have been running laps around the Activity Room as much as possible to get all our sillies out! While in the classroom we have been having dance parties, painting with feet and creating our very own restaurant. A few reminders . . . please make sure that your Blue Roomer has a crib sheet and blanket for nap time. Sleeping bags are too distracting. The letter bag is being passed around. You will know it's your child's turn when the letter bag is in their mailbox. We are doing this INSTEAD of shares. Lastly, we are having a Green Eggs and Ham party on Friday, January 27th! We will be cooking and taste testing green eggs and ham!
Hannah & Emily



AfterSchool

Happy Winter! K-1 is starting off well into the new year. We have the best sledding hill in town so when the conditions are right outside the kids make a beeline for the sleds. They also enjoy the snow castle. Spelling, writing, and math are popular topics in the room. The group often asks me to quiz them on how to spell different words. We do word scrambles and word searches. The kids like to play "school" at the small table with the dry erase boards and markers. They work very hard on writing letters and numbers. We often play the "Classical Loon: Harmonizing Nature with Music" tape. It's one of our favorites. The background music is very calm and mellow while doing art activities. Several kids still like to sing out loud, dance, hum, and whistle. Bailey is back to help out when needed. ~Lisa

Hello, All Our Wonderful Families –

Going outside has been difficult lately, what with all the ice. We get out when we can, particularly on Wednesdays, when our day is longer. The children do enjoy their inside play. Legos continue to win over the kids' attention and they are working together to build a community out of Legos. It is wonderful to see them sharing and negotiating as they plan out and create their Lego city. We have rearranged the art room so that everything is not available all the time. We are hoping that this will help with the constant messes. Supplies will be available to the children on a rotating basis: paint for a week, sewing another time, etc. Organization in that room is challenging. We will work with the kids to figure out a system to keep the room organized. Thanks for all your support.
Cherie, Sarah and the gang!