

# The Child Care Center in Norwich



A Place Where Kids Can Be Kids

November 2016



*The Child Care Center  
will be closed on  
Thursday and Friday  
November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
in celebration of  
Thanksgiving.*

## Staff Update –

I am very happy to tell you that we have hired a classroom teacher to join Hannah in the Blue Room. Emily Rondeau will join her on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to have Lisa in the Blue Room for a transition period and Lisa will continue to be in the center when she does move on so the Blue Roomers will still get to see her.

Bailey is going to be leaving us the end of the month for a public school position, we wish her well at Indian River School. We will be hiring a float to replace her.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions, hiring has been a challenge this year!

# Classroom Updates

## Nursery



The Nursery wants to send a warm welcome to Margaret, Liam and Wes and their families. We look forward to getting to know you. Mark your calendar, our Nursery potluck is Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:30. There will be sign up sheet in the Nursery soon. Our new group is beginning to settle in. Our babies are learning to sleep and our bigger kids are working on their independence skills; cleaning up, feeding themselves and using the potty. We have recently introduced painting to our “big” kids. We have also been using the balls and trucks in the chute and, of course, on Tuesdays we have been enjoying Music with Marcia. Also popular are the indestructible books (they are truly durable – they don’t rip or tear) Mama and Baby, Flutter Fly and Baby Faces, to name a few favorites.

Please remember to send in warmer clothing and sturdy footwear as we do go outside daily. Happy Birthday to Amelie, who will be one on November 8<sup>th</sup>!

Karla, Jody & Molly



## Red Room

Well, fall has settled in and it’s going to be hat and mitten weather soon. Just a reminder to start thinking about the cold weather clothing. In October we welcomed Otto and Arlo to the Red Room, let’s give them a big welcome! These two also have birthdays in October, Arlo turned two on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Otto will turn two on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Then Levi S turns three on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please wish them a big Happy Birthday!

We have been watching the leaves fall off the trees and talking about the changes that happen to them. We went on a nature walk and collected leaves and flowers. We are doing a lot of painting with different kinds of materials and playing with bubbles. We have been dancing, and learning the Leaves are Falling song, which helps them to learn how to make connections, recall and recognize.

Thank you to everyone who made it to the potluck, it was so much fun!  
Shelly & Julie



## Orange Room

Welcome to Liza and her family. Liza just started last week. Although she speaks mostly Russian she is adjusting well. Happy Birthday to Khloe, who is turning three! Thanks for the yummy jack-o-lantern birthday cookies. They were delicious!

We had a great time at Riverview Farm last month. We walked up to the orchard and picked lots of apples. We then went to the pumpkin patch and found a couple of pumpkins for the room. We tried maple popcorn and cider, had a picnic lunch and were back at school for nap. Thanks to all the parents who came and helped make it a wonderful, fun day.

Our potluck is coming up next week, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Hope everyone is planning on coming. There's always lots of good food and it's a great opportunity to get to know the other families in the Orange Room.

Karen



## Yellow Room

The Yellow Roomers have been settling into classroom routines. We have been learning fun facts about classmates through different activities. For example, graphing questions have been a fun way to learn a little more about one another. We are falling into friendships as the leaves change colors and swirl and twirl outside. Our apple picking trip was fun and delicious! Thank you to all the family volunteers that helped chaperone the children and made the field trip happen. The apples that we picked made two delicious batches of apple sauce, yum! The children had the opportunity to practice great skills peeling and slicing the apples and measuring out the delicious spices. On behalf of the Yellow and Blue Rooms we want to thank Danny's Mom, Lisa, for taking the time to come to the center and teach us about honeybees. We learned so much about the process of how bees make honey. It was a wonderful lesson and the honey is absolutely delicious. We are looking forward to our annual Yellow Room fall potluck. Save the date, our Potluck will be November 17<sup>th</sup>. All family members are welcome.

Britny & Jodie

## Blue Room



With the colder weather approaching, please remember to bring in warm clothes and coats! Thank you to all the parents who helped out with our apple-picking trip. The kids had a great time and enjoyed making applesauce with all of the apples that we picked.

The annual Blue Room potluck is on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30. There is a sign-up sheet on the teacher desk in the Blue Room so that you can let us know what type of dish you are bringing. Please remember to sign in and sign out your child at drop off and pick up each day. The sign in/out clipboard is on the teacher desk in the Blue Room. We ask that parents do this so the teachers are able to connect with all you as the children arrive and leave.

The Blue Roomers have been busy doing lots of fall activities! We have been painting with corn and painting with apples. We have also been making a pumpkin patch and decorating colorful fall leaves. The Blue Roomers have been practicing a Leaves are Falling song. As always, please feel free to come to us with any questions or comments.

Thanks,

Hannah & Lisa



## AfterSchool

The K-1 group continues to make good use of their time during after school hours. They take great pride in their classroom and work as a team to make sure every item is in its proper place. They often volunteer to do simple classroom jobs like holding the door, washing the table, and arranging the bookshelf. The recycled art material box is very popular. The kids really enjoy creating whatever they want. The outside playground is a great place for the kids' imagination. They will use the deck as a pirate ship or the loft as a spaceship. I often see gold and jewels being collected on treasure hunts. The kids set up campsites near the tires and sand box area. Lately, conversation topics during snack or indoor play include Halloween costumes and electing a new president! So many interesting ideas! Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Parker (11/3)! Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Max (11/30)! A special thanks to Bailey and Fay for their help in the K-1 classroom! Lisa

Hello Everyone - The mild weather has allowed us to remain outside for play and snack. We have a feeling that that will change quickly. When the turn of the weather comes, please be sure to pack hats, jackets and mittens!! We would also appreciate any donations of outdoor clothing; extra mittens, hats, boots, etc., to loan to those who come unprepared. We hope that everyone had the opportunity to read the letter about rough and tumble play that we sent to all AfterSchool parents. Email us with questions or comments. Once the indoor weather arrives, we will be arranging the arts and craft schedules to rotate materials every two to three weeks. We may concentrate on 3-D building with glue guns, painting, sewing, bookmaking, etc. We will keep you posted! You have all been doing a great job of alerting us to schedule changes and absences. Thank you for that!

Cherie & Sarah