

The Child Care Center in Norwich



April 2017

Celebrate NAEYC's Week of the Young Child! April 24th – 28th.

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families.

Save the Date!

*Easy-as-Pie
5K & FAMILY RUN
to benefit
The Child Care Center in Norwich
Saturday, May 13, 2017
@ 11am on the Green in Norwich*

Classroom Updates



Nursery

The Nursery team would like to welcome our newest team member, Cindy! We have been changing things up in the Nursery, we have rotated some toys and done some room rearranging. We have been busy with the sandbox, the slide and the chute and balls. It is mud season so we are considering turning our sand table into a mud table, we are ready for a mucky good time!

Spring is right around the corner . . . we are thinking about planting our container gardens. Karla, Cindy, & Tom



Red Room

The Red Room is beginning to talk about planting and gardening. We will begin to plant flowers and veggies in the next couple of weeks. The Red Roomers are continuing to work on their communication and language skills. Many children have shown interest in coloring and cutting paper with scissors. This is a great way for them to work on their fine motor skills as well as their hand/eye coordination.

Some parents have been asking what kind of food to send in for lunch, as we give you suggestions please keep in mind the NAEYC food criteria for children under four years of age. The following foods are considered a choking hazard; hot dogs, whole or sliced into rounds; whole grapes; nuts; popcorn; raw peas and hard pretzels; spoons full of peanut butter or chunks of raw carrots or meat larger than can be swallowed. If you have any questions please feel free to talk with Shelly and Julie.

Shelly & Julie



Orange Room

Spring is coming! Maybe not just yet though. All the Orange Roomers are excited about finally going out to play in the snow. We will be making snow angels, maybe a snowman, go sledding and look for some animal tracks. Our bird feeders continue to be busy and we are anticipating the arrival of our spring birds. We are always on the lookout for those hungry squirrels raiding our suet feeder. The Orange Room "squirrel patrol" is on top of this problem, scaring the squirrels away. Another sign that spring can't be far away is that the DC eagles have laid two eggs and they should be hatching in a couple of weeks. We saw both parents sitting on the nest during this last snow storm, trying to keep the eggs warm. Cooking is still going strong. We have recently made hot chocolate (again) and we made a cheese pizza last week. Both were delicious!

Karen



Yellow Room

As we look forward to spring, the Yellow Roomers have been interested in watching the daily weather through our beautiful classroom windows. The conversations have been a great way to learn some new vocabulary around the weather. Our class of meteorologists have been keeping an 'eye on the sky' observing the sun, clouds, rain, snow, wind & ice. We have been taking nature walks and noting signs of spring, such as melting ice and snow, more mud, and a variety of bird songs. Playing games has been a fun way to practice cooperative skills, such as taking turns and working together as a team. The children have enjoyed Hoot Owl Hoot, which is a game that emphasizes working together to get all 6 baby owls in the nest before the sun rises. In the game Stone Soup, children take turns in a memory style game trying to find veggie matches to put in the soup pot. Another fun game has been number bingo, a great way to explore number concepts and recognition. Mateo brought in a very colorful book about the rainbow. It opened up excitement about sharing our favorite colors during a circle time discussion. During lunch time we have been exploring the concept of eating the rainbow with a variety of fruits and vegetables that are packed in lunches. Whether it's science experiments, some great books and stories along with fun arts and crafts, we will dive deeper into the exploration of rainbows and the magical bridges across the sky of colors. Lastly, please check in with your child's extra clothing bin. We tend to go through lots of clothing this time of year due to ever changing weather conditions. Thank You!

Jodie & Britny

Blue Room



Happy March!

The Blue Room had fun celebrating National Cereal Day, thank you again to everyone who helped make it possible by bringing in supplies! Looking ahead to April, we are planning to celebrate National Farm Animals Day on the 10th! The letter bag has almost run its course, we will be sending home notes next week with information about our new share activity! We're hopefully that warm weather persists, melting the rest of the ice, so we can spend more days outside! There are some new pictures of our winter activities around the classroom, be sure check them out!

Emily & Lisa



AfterSchool

K-1

Happy March! The K-1 AfterSchool kids are so excited that the warm weather is returning. We are looking forward to getting outside more. The ground is still wet and muddy (even before our recent snowfall) so keep packing the snow gear! We have been exploring new books about volcanoes and outer space. They love learning about the world around us! St. Patrick's Day is coming up and there may be some activities in the works. As always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to address them with me.

Thanks! Bailey

Hello AfterSchool Families!

Although I've met most of you over the past month since taking over for Sarah, I just wanted to introduce myself again. My name is Bazille Owen-Reese and I hail from La Crosse, Wisconsin. I've been in New Hampshire, working towards my Native American Studies degree at Dartmouth, for the last five years. Having graduated in 2016, I was lucky to find such an amazing work opportunity at the Child Care Center in Norwich. I love getting to float around the center working with pre-k children during the morning and balancing it out with the older after school students in the afternoon. Creating all sorts of projects in the arts and crafts room, as well as playing dance Bop-It are two of my favorite ways to socialize with the after school students. Getting to know your children has been such a joy and I'm looking forward to all the after school adventures ahead! If you have any further questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me, I'm always happy to talk.

Excitedly, Bazille