

The Child Care Center in Norwich



April 2018

Easy-as-Pie 5K and Family Fun Run Saturday, May 12, 2018

It's "Easy-as-Pie" to support the Child Care Center in Norwich, a not-for-profit, NAEYC-accredited program offering the highest quality early childhood and after school programs to Upper Valley families of all incomes and backgrounds!

Bring the whole family and join us for a morning of fun and fitness !

10:00 am: Check-in for all 5K and Family runners
11 am: 5K road race begins (and ends) at the Bandstand
11:10 am: Child-friendly run around the perimeter of the Green -kids of any age run with an accompanying adult -

**PIE PARTY in the pavilion will follow!
CRAFT STATION for kids to create handcrafted
Mother's Day presents**

To Register go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/easy-as-pie-5k-and-family-fun-run-tickets-32608687462>

Classroom Updates



Nursery

We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday Nursery style by reading his books over and over again. We are looking forward to getting out on the playground again, until then we are going to the Red Room's sandbox. We are also looking forward to Karla's return on April 2nd. Thank you, Fay, for being a big part of our room during Karla's time away.
Cindy, & Tom



Orange Room

Spring is finally here! Although there is still a lot of snow on the ground, we have been noticing signs of spring. The goldfinches have started to change from their drab olive to their bright summer yellow. We're watching to see if we spot any new birds as birds return from their winter habitats. We've been checking on the DC eagles but so far, they haven't laid any eggs. We saw them bring a fish back to the nest and eat it. Gardening season is almost here! We planted some marigold seeds. Every day we are going to check them to see if they have germinated or need more water. We will be talking about the different parts of the plant such as the root, (which grows down) the stem, (which grows up) leaves and flowers. The Orange Roomers are great chefs! Everyone has participated in making blueberry muffins and individual pizzas. And everyone has gotten very good at trying new things! Our next planned cooking projects include pancakes, with maple syrup from our field trip to Mac's Maple, and donuts. Our field trip was lots of fun. We saw where the maple syrup is made. And we saw so many cows! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who helped make this trip fun and successful!
Karen



Red Room

We have been enjoying the new books that we have in our classroom. We are also wrapping up our "all about me" project, which will be sent home soon. We've had several dance parties. Hopefully with the arrival of April there will be warmer weather so we can get outside more and maybe even go on an occasional walk. We hope the nor'easters are over!

Julie & Shelly



Yellow Room

There has been a lot of interest in the weather. We have learned a few new weather songs and have begun charting the daily weather during calendar count. The sledding and snow building conditions have been terrific. Some highlights have included exploring forts that preschoolers from years past built behind the school house. We have been adding on to the forts and having fun creating fairy houses. We will keep a close eye on the sky as more snow is in the forecast for next week. There has been elaborate planning by the class for a pajama, pancake teddy bear celebration. We look forward to reading some classic stories like *Corduroy* by Don Freeman and *Pancakes, Pancakes!* by Eric Carle. Please touch base with us if you would like to read a story or two to the class. In the month of March we have been exploring the rainbow. It is exciting to see where the children's curiosity and interest will take us in April. A big thank you to Yolanda and Mia for taking the time to pick up a train set that was donated to the center. The children have been having lots of fun with it. We are excited to welcome back Evander, we can't wait to hear about your travel adventures. Happy Birthday wishes to Eve who will be turning 4 on April 5th and Evander who will be turning 4 on April 21st. A few housekeeping reminders, please take water bottles and bedding home weekly for washing. Lastly, please keep your child's extra clothing bin filled.

Thank You!
Mia & Jodie



Blue Room

We are busily preparing for spring in the Blue Room! We have been talking about what we think the weather will be like on the first day of spring (March 20), we “planted” a garden for our new birthday board (and will be getting ready to start real plants soon!), and have noticed some different types of birds outside our windows. That said, we are still enjoying the snow: breaking new sledding paths, making snow angels, and building; along with experimenting with what happens when we bring snow inside to put in the sensory table. Coming up in April there is a big birthday month in the Blue Room: Taylor turns four on the 1st, Archer is five on the 2nd, Bailey will be five on the 10th, and Weston is also five on the 15th! Happy Birthday to you all!

Eleanor & Olivia



AfterSchool

Hello Families –

We spent the last few weeks building forts out of boxes. The children spent a lot of time arranging, taping and decorating their forts. Taking them down and carting away the cardboard was a group task that ended with a treat for their cooperation and labor. As spring sports are upon us, please remember to alert us to your child’s schedule changes. We need to know where your child is when they are scheduled to be in AfterSchool.

Thank you, the AfterSchool Gang