

The Child Care Center in Norwich



December 2017

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will be offered in January. The Child Care Center uses the Creative Curriculum and the associated Teaching Strategies Gold child assessment system. In the words of Teaching Strategies -

Our objectives for development and learning span from birth through third grade. They enable teachers to see children's development and learning along a progression across the whole of the early childhood years.

The objectives cover 10 areas of development and learning, including broad developmental areas, content areas, and English language acquisition. Many objectives also include dimensions that guide teachers' thinking about various aspects of that objective and help clarify what it addresses.

Please close the gate!

The gates to the parking lots are there to keep your children safe. Particularly now that it is dark at pick up this is critically important!

*The Child Care Center in Norwich
will be closed on
Monday December 25th
and
Monday January 1st.*

Classroom Updates



Nursery

Our pot luck was intimate and the food was delicious! Thank you to those who could attend. There is lots happening in the Nursery, Dempsey and Felix have been practicing sitting up, tummy-time and rolling. When we are tired of those activities we use the exersaucer to jump up and down and spin around. Helen has learned to say “No” when she is asked if she wants a food choice, she also can climb into the rocking chair all by herself now, keep strengthening those muscles! Favorite books for our older kids these days are Potty and Once Upon a Potty, as this is a new interest for Everett and Asher. We want to welcome Valentina and Owen and their families to the Nursery, they will both be starting in the next couple of weeks. More children will further our social skills and build our Nursery community.

Karla, Cindy, & Tom



Orange Room

Thanks to everyone for coming to the potluck! It was fun to get together outside the classroom and we had lots of yummy food! We recently put out our birdfeeders in hopes of attracting some birds. We usually have lots of birds but this fall only a few chickadees, nuthatches, and titmice have shown up. I think once the snow comes we'll see a lot more. We've been able to go outside almost every day this fall, which the Orange Roomers love! Lots of swinging, running and bike riding. We sadly say goodbye to Georgia and her family. The good news is that she is just upstairs in the Yellow Room so we still see her every day! We are also happy to welcome Sophia Ballou, whose dad Tom, is a teacher in the Nursery. We look forward to getting to know you Sophia.

Have a great Thanksgiving!
Karen

Red Room



All of our friends are doing an amazing job adjusting to the Red Room. We continue to talk about and explore colors and letters. We have shown a great interest in painting, coloring and gluing projects. We have been working on our balance by moving and doing, running outside and dancing to music. Our dramatic play area has been a very popular place, our friends have enjoyed pretend cooking, setting the table and taking care of our baby dolls. Also on December 1st, we will be doing the 12 days of reading. We are going to create a reading tree and hang on it the titles of the books we read each day. On the 12th day we will have a pajama party... Just a reminder, as the weather continues to get colder, please switch out your child's extra summer clothes for winter clothes, also it is time for hats, boots and mittens. Please remember to label your child's belongings.

Shelly & Julie



Yellow Room

The Yellow roomers have been excited to explore the magical changes of the season. There has been lots of conversation about the weather, colder temperatures, frost, snow and ice. Our classroom window has a great view to observe the weather and keep our eye on the sky! We have been watching the leaves blowing off the trees and twirling around in the wind. Throughout the month of November, we have been discussing Thanksgiving and talking about the food drive for the Haven. Giving, thankful, donate, grateful, sharing and cornucopia have been some new vocab words we have been learning this month. During calendar count friends have been asking to learn the days of the week in Spanish, super fun! The Yellow roomers send Birthday cheer and happy wishes to Clara who will be turning 4 on December 2nd. We are excited to welcome Georgia to the yellow room. We say "Bon Voyage" to Evander and family who will be traveling for a few months. We look forward to hearing about your adventures when you return in the spring! Some friendly reminders as we enter the winter season. Please make sure that your child's extra clothing bin is filled with seasonal clothing daily. In addition, that you provide winter gear for our daily adventures outside. Snow pants, hats, waterproof mittens, winter boots & jackets. It is helpful to initial or label your child's gear on the tags in case items get misplaced in the cubby room.

Mia & Jodie



Blue Room

We had a fun Halloween parade around the playground with the Yellow Room (check out the group picture on our bulletin board)! November is a big month for fifth birthdays in the Blue Room: we celebrated Asa's special day on the 7th, Nora's is the 16th, and Sage's is the 18th! Now that it is getting darker earlier in the afternoon, please remember to bring in extra warm clothes as we will still be trying to get outside for as much time as possible. With some extra indoor time though, we have enjoyed getting to explore building with different types of blocks: Legos, wooden blocks, wedge-its and more!. Thank you to everyone who came to our pot luck, it was a lot of fun, it was great to have so many families there!

Eleanor & Emily



AfterSchool

K-1

Summer finally ended and our time outside is growing more precious as the days grow shorter and colder. We'll be playing more indoor games and tackling more involved arts and crafts in the coming weeks. Thanks to parents who have returned various borrowed articles of clothing, always nice and clean! We do our best to keep track of kids' possessions but as we move in to mitten and hat season our lost and found might get more active. Next time you're in our room, check out our list of rules, posted on the door by the checkout clipboard. Kasey led the kids in a great conversation about how we want our time together to be and how we can all contribute.

- Mary and Kasey