

The Child Care Center in Norwich



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Hiring Update

I am sure that you are all wondering why we have yet to hire for our open positions. The answer is that, like many other early childhood programs, we aren't getting any applicants. Our regional Bright Futures Council recently held an early childhood job fair. We had about 50 jobs in the room and only about eight folks interested. If you know of people who might be seeking a job in this field please send them our way, word of mouth is often our best recruiting tool!

*The Center will be
closed on
Wednesday, July 4th
in celebration of
Independence Day!*

Classroom Updates



Nursery

The Nursery would like to welcome Roscoe and his family! Farwell to Valentina, Roo, Everett and Asher, who are off to the Red Room. Puzzles have been popular in the nursery lately. The children are using them in a variety of ways. They are fitting them together, lining the pieces up, grouping by categories and colors, and counting them. The children have also done a lot of block building. Asher dumped all the blocks on the floor and then he used every one of them to build! Once he was done he knocked them all down. We have been planting the Nursery garden. We have our soil so the sowing can begin. Cukes, carrots, beans and tomatoes will go in soon. Please remember sunscreen and bug repellent and a water bottle. Also, please check your child's cubby for seasonal and size appropriate clothing. Sun hats are good for the little ones too. Happy Birthday to Anna, who will be two on July 20th.

Karla, Cindy, & Tom



Orange Room

Field Day was a big success! The Orange Roomers practiced their "parade waves" and did a great job walking around the bike track waving to their families. Somehow, we lucked out on the weather and were able to be outside the whole time. The pizza, watermelon and ice cream were delicious! Thanks to everyone who came and helped to make it a successful event. The Orange Roomers continue to be excited about our daily running. We run/walk (mostly run) around the perimeter of the big playground. The first week we ran, most of the kids ran around the playground four or five times. Now that we have been doing it for a few weeks, their endurance and distance has increased dramatically – yesterday two Orange Roomers ran fourteen times around the perimeter, an all-time record! Just a couple of reminders. If you want your child to have sunscreen or insect repellent, you must bring it in, also – water bottles.

Karen



Red Room

Lots of changes in the Red Room. We would like to say farewell to Roxy, who will be starting a new adventure at the end of June. We wish Roxy and her family the best of luck. We want to congratulate Orla, Micah, Violet and Milo, who will be graduating to Blue and Yellow. A very big welcome to Roo, Asher, Valentina and Everett, who are joining the Red Room from the Nursery. What is a good way to start a fun transition in the room? It is by exploring water, sand and summer play. We do daily tick checks, but would like to remind parents to also do a tick check at the end of the day. Please remember to bring in water bottles weekly and bring home your child's nap supplies to be washed at the end of each week.

Thank you.

Julie & Shelly



Yellow Room

The center's annual field day was terrific! The weather turned around and surprised everyone with sunshine. The children are still talking about all the fun that was had. There has been lots of interest in the creation station. The Yellow Roomers have been busy crafting wonderful inventions with a variety of materials. If you have any materials at home that you would like to donate to the creation station feel free to do so. It's a nice way to talk about reusing and repurposing different objects around the house. As the season transitions into summer we have friends moving on from the Yellow Room as well as new friends joining the class. Georgia, Jamie and Phoenix will start new schools. We send farewell wishes to May who will be off on a fun summer adventure to Australia and begin kindergarten in the fall. We will miss you all. Come by for a visit or send a postcard. At the same time, we welcome Micah and Orla to the Yellow Room. We look forward to learning and growing together. Happy birthday cheer goes out to Ovid who turns 5 on July 7th and Moriah who turns 5 on July 25th. As the summer days are upon us we plan to have sprinkler days and outdoor water play. Please bring a bathing suit and towel for your child or lots of extra clothing to change into if your child gets wet. Please make sure that your child has a water bottle daily and extra seasonal clothing.

Thank You

Jodie & Mia

Blue Room



We just finished reading Charlotte's Web in the Blue Room. The kids were very excited to read a chapter or two each day and we wrapped up by making our own word web and spiderweb paintings-check them out on the walls in the classroom! We've also been exploring the bug habitats on the playground and looking for spiders, spiderwebs, and insects! We are looking forward to spending lots of time outside this summer. We say goodbye this month to Archer and Asa as they head off for summer adventures before kindergarten. This will also be my last Blue Room newsletter-I will miss you all greatly!

Eleanor & Olivia



Thank your child's teachers!

Just a big shout out to of to all the Center's teachers! In mid May, we had our first state licensing visit in over two years, unannounced as always. The teachers found themselves working for most of the day under the close scrutiny of two licensors. We recently received our four-page report, it was all positive, not one violation, not even a little one!

Then, on June 21st, we had the once every five year NAEYC accreditation visit that we had been preparing for the last year. We knew only the day before when she would be coming. Again, the staff spent a large part of their day being closely observed. While we won't know for a couple of months if we actually will be reaccredited, what I can say is that our closing meeting was only about five minutes (NAEYC allows one hour) because there was nothing that needed further action, usually there are missing documents to be found or visual supervision issues to address for her to proceed.

When you next see your child's teachers tell them what a great job they did!