

The Child Care Center in Norwich



May 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

Welcome back Karla, it is good to have you back!! We are enjoying cooking in the pretend kitchen where we are learning the names of fruits and veggies. We are also practicing dressing and undressing, zipping zippers, using Velcro and doing the flip to put on our jackets. As the days turn warmer we will be spending more time outside so please send in appropriate outdoor clothes, sunscreen if you would like, and a water bottle.

A warm Nursery welcome to Larkin, who will be starting soon. Happy birthday to Dempsey, who turns one and to Valentina, who turns two this month.
Karla, Cindy, & Tom



Orange Room

We have two birthdays this month. Happy birthday to Everett and Sofia, who both turned four! We have continued to watch the DC eagles. They have laid two eggs and we are patiently waiting for them to hatch. The mom and dad eagles have been taking turns sitting on the eggs and keeping them warm and dry. Our marigold seeds have germinated. We put them under a grow light to help them grow big and strong. We continue to check to see if they need more water and to see how much they have grown. We also planted some pots of grass, which is fun because it grows so fast. We gave our grass a "haircut" with scissors. It smelled like summer after we cut the grass! We also started seed collections. If you have any seeds you would like to contribute, either from fruit you ate at home or leftover seeds from your garden we would love to add them to our collections. We have also been working hard at recognizing our own names and the names of our friends. We are learning the letters in our names also and who has matching letters in their names. We continue to get lots of birds at the feeders. We've recently had an influx of sparrows along with regulars. The male goldfinches are getting yellower by the day. Please remember to bring in sunscreen, insect repellent (the ticks are out) and a water bottle.

Thanks
Karen



Red Room

Well, we thought that spring was here, but mother nature is playing tricks on us. Soo, probably a good idea to leave the winter jackets and boots here for a little bit longer. It's hard to think that at this time last year we were wearing t-shirts. What !?! We are now going to be doing some learning about the moon and space as the kids are showing interest in this area, we went to the moon a couple of times already. We also thought we might write a story about our trips to the moon. So, stay tuned! Later in the month we will probably plant some seeds and watch them sprout and grow. Hopefully we will be able to plant them outside at some point and get to taste some of our hard work later this summer. Please remember to take bedding home weekly for washing. Soon we will start asking for sunscreen and bug spray!

Thanks!

Julie & Shelly



Yellow Room

The Yellow roomers enjoyed their cozy pajama pancake days. We read lots of books about teddy bears and pancakes! Sampling local maple syrup added to the sweetness of the celebration. Tracking and graphing the weather continues to be a fun activity during circle time. It is a wonderful time of year to take spring walks. There have been lots of discussions about the changing of the season and what that looks like in our play yard. Birding has been of interest in our class. Three different types of woodpeckers have been spotted. The children have created some fun outdoor social bird games. One day on the playground a group of children worked together to build a large nest out of pine needles, leaves, sticks and pine cones. They pretended that the rocks were eggs and the birds had to fly around the yard looking for food for their babies. We will continue to explore themes and topics based on the children's interest. There has been lots of excitement around watching the snow melt in the gardens and planning what seeds to plant. The vote right now is lots of green beans! Dress up continues to be an exciting spot in the classroom, as well as painting and the creative arts. We send birthday wishes and cheer to Warren who will be turning 5 on May 9th, Happy Birthday! Please make sure that your child has a water bottle daily in the yellow room. The center is trying to cut down on paper cup usage. A friendly reminder that bedding should be taken home weekly for washing. Lastly, please keep your child's extra clothing bin filled daily.

Jodie & Mia



Blue Room

Hi Blue Room Families,
Recently the Blue Roomers have been loving things that move! We build roads out of mats on the floor and drive cars and trains on them, and make all kinds of flying creations out of legos and other builders. We have really enjoyed spending more time outside as the sun comes out more, even if the temperatures haven't been very warm yet! We definitely still need boots on the playground. Please also remember to bring in a water bottle for your child, as we don't bring paper cups on the playground. Looking forward, happy fifth birthday to Miriam on May 2nd and happy fourth birthday to Levi on May 31st!
Eleanor & Olivia



AfterSchool

Hello Families –
Spring has sprung. This means that we will be outside more, so, please send appropriate clothing. Your children love to play in the mud. If you think you need to, extra clothes may be in order. As you have heard, there is a fallen tree on the MCS playground, left there for climbing and digging. The kids are having a lot of fun with it, and I applaud the school for their insight and for embracing the serendipity of its falling and incorporating it into the landscape of the play yard. I can't believe how fast the school year is going. We have great group of kids and we enjoy them immensely!
Thank you, the AfterSchool Gang

Spring is here!

At least the ticks are out and about! Please start doing regular tick checks on your child and bring in bug repellent and sunscreen!