

The Child Care Center in Norwich



November 2017

Clothing Donations Needed

We are looking for some clothing donations to supplement our extra clothes bins. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate we would appreciate it.

Mittens
Socks
Underwear (mostly boys)
Long pants
Sweatshirts
Long sleeved shirts

*The Child Care Center in Norwich
will be closed on
Thursday, November 23rd
and
Friday, November 24th
in celebration of Thanksgiving!*

Classroom Updates



Nursery

Our group is settling into schedules and routines. Our new babies are becoming comfortable in the Nursery and the big kids are wonderful helpers – soothing babies by rocking bouncy chairs and bringing toys and books to share. We have been practicing holding paintbrushes, we have also been using playdough and pounding with our hands and hammers. Blocks and balls are also popular. Sometimes the children use the balls to roll down the gym mats and at other times we place them in the play kitchen and hide them. A few reminders, remove shoes or use shoe covers (in the basket on the bench) upon entering the Nursery and wash your child's hands as well as your own. Cold and Flu season will be here soon and proper handwashing is essential for reducing illness. We are going outside so a jacket or sweatshirt is needed for our cool mornings, layers are best. Soon we may need full outdoor attire – who knows! Our pot luck is Wednesday, November 1st 5:30 – 6:30, look for a sign up sheet and reminders in the next couple of weeks. Roxy, Wes and Liam will soon be off to the Red Room – see you on the playground! Happy Birthday to Roxy, who turned two on October 12th, and to Wes who was two on the 15th. Everett and his mom, Marisa, have joined us for Music with Marcia on Tuesdays and they're a welcome addition. Adult participation makes it even more fun and enriching for the children.

Happy singing!

Karla, Cindy, & Tom



Orange Room

We have one more new Orange Roomer to welcome. Tyler has started along with Evie. We have enjoyed getting to know you and your families. Happy birthday to Evie, who turns three on November 5th! Because of the beautiful fall weather, we've been having, we have spent a lot of time outside riding bikes and swinging on the swings. Inside, the favorite things to play with are the matchbox cars, big trucks and the dollhouse! Another favorite activity is painting – either at the easel or as a group at the table. Our potluck will be Wednesday, November 8th at 5:30. I will put up a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board as it gets closer. Potlucks are a great way to meet the other families in the Orange Room. It is a family event, so I encourage all family members to come. (Grammies, Grandpas, aunts, uncles . . .) We will make apple crisp for dessert. I hope to see everyone there!

Karen

Red Room



The Red Roomers would like to wish Maggie, Jamie and Damien good luck on their new adventures as they move to the Blue and Yellow Room. We also have new friends joining us from the Nursery, a big welcome to Wes, Roxy and Liam. As the weather continues to change, we have started talking about being cold in the morning, then warming up during the day. We are also talking about the leaves changing color. These are great learning experiences for social studies, science and math skills, even though we forget that our little ones are learning many different things through play and just being curious. Outside on the playground the tricycles have been popular and are a great way to practice motor skills. Hopefully we will get another month of being about to use them. With cold and flu season coming, we want to make sure that we are washing our hands upon arrival. We will also practice our washing skills a little more often throughout the day. Please check your child's extra clothing bins for seasonally appropriate clothing, and send in a light coat or sweatshirt for outside play time. Happy Fall!

Shelly & Julie



Yellow Room

The Yellow roomers have been settling into routines and building friendships. We have been making new friends through singing songs, center choice play and group circle time activities. These beautiful fall days have been so lovely for extended outside play time. Some highlights have been enjoying digging in the sandbox, field games, chalk art, running course challenges and of course the monkey bars. The creation station has been busy with salad spinner art, leaf rubbing and car track painting just to name a few. There has been a lot of interest and conversation about measuring and how tall friends are. We are going to start a grow chart to track everyone's growth over the school year! We hope you all can make it to our annual fall potluck on October 24th. There has been lots of discussion and sharing of ideas about what to bake for the special potluck dinner. We wish May a Happy Birthday, she will be turning 5 on November 12th. In addition, we would like to thank May's Grandmother for donating a few books to our school library that she has written. The children have enjoyed reading the stories. The Yellow roomers welcome Damien and Jamie to the class, they will be turning 3 this October and moving up from the red room at the end of the month.

Mia & Jodie



Blue Room

Happy Birthday this month to Alaric, who just turned four on October 3! As the weather starts to cool down, please remember to bring in warm clothes, as we are still spending quite a bit of time outside. We have enjoyed looking at the different leaves changing colors and pine cones dropping from trees on the playground. Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome Maggie to the Blue Room at the end of the month when she moves up from the Red Room! Also, please save the date for Wednesday, November 15, when we will have our annual potluck at 5:30pm! We will post a sign-up sheet closer to the time, and look forward to seeing you there!

Eleanor & Emily



AfterSchool

K-1

October has been so sunny and warm that we have hardly been inside at all! We have plenty of art projects waiting for indoor days but for now we are soaking up all the sun and fresh air we can. Our K-1 kids have been designing and running obstacle courses, and flying lots of paper airplanes. Some days whole groups of kids move bins full of pine cones and pine needles to make what can only be described as earth art installations - it's great to see them working together so happily.

- Mary and Kasey

2-6

AfterSchool families and caregivers – You may have noticed a new face when picking up your children from AfterSchool. Allison has kindly rearranged our schedules to give Cherie and Darcy some time off. Caroline will be joining us for a couple of days per week and you will see our old friend Fay helping out as well. As the trees are dropping their leaves and the air is getting cooler, we may be having snack indoors more often. Do remember to look for the AfterSchool flag to help locate us. Also, a reminder that the phone number to reach AfterSchool is 649-2999 and email is afterschool@childcarenorwich.org. If you send a message to Cherie's cell phone it may not be received. She may not be working that day or her phone may not be charged or it may be lying under the couch at her home! Please inform us about changes to your child's schedule before 2:30 if at all possible.

Thanks! The AfterSchool Gang