

The Child Care Center in Norwich



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Did you know ?

Let's Grow Kids is a statewide campaign about the need for more high-quality, affordable child care in Vermont to better support our children, families, women, communities and economy.

More than 70% of Vermont children under age 6 have all of their parents in the labor force, meaning they're likely to need care. Yet, half of those infants and toddlers don't have access to any regulated care, and nearly 80% don't have access to high-quality programs.

Vermont's child care shortage disproportionately impacts women, who are three times more likely to leave their careers than men when families can't find child care. It also has a negative ripple effect on our businesses, schools, communities, health care system and economy as a whole.

Find out more at www.letsgrowkids.org

Classroom Updates



Nursery

Thank you to all who attended our Pot Luck, the food was great as was the company! We have been busy using the Duplos to build towers to topple. We have also been zooming the wooden trucks around the Nursery, which is great for both gross motor and fine motor development. It also requires turn taking skills, until we purchase a couple more, they are very popular right now. Mealtimes have been a very motivating language development activity. We are hearing “more”, “please”, “thank you” and “all done”. The holidays are fast approaching, please let us know if your holiday plans will affect your child’s schedule. We also invite you to bring in any family holiday traditions that you would like to share with the children. A big Nursery happy birthday to Eva, who will be one on November 17th.
Karla, Cindy, & Tom



Orange Room

Another month has flown by! Everyone has settled in and knows the routine. We are working on recognizing our names, learning to pour milk from the pitcher, putting our sheets on our nap mats, washing our hands and other self-help skills. We just started using our job chart, choosing a different job every day. Painting continues to be a favorite activity. Judah’s painting dance is the best! We scooped the seeds out of a small pumpkin and felt how slippery and slimy they are. We are going to roast them so we can try eating them. Now that it is November we can start feeding the birds again. We will put out suet and sunflower seeds and watch to see who comes to eat them. We usually get many different kinds of birds throughout the winter, along with some hungry gray squirrels. The wet and rainy weather has put a damper on our daily running. We did go out once this week and we will run when the weather permits. All the kids really enjoy getting outside and running. The center has an annual food drive for the Haven food pantry. We will be talking about how some families don’t have as much food as we do and how we can help them by bringing food in for the drive. We will also talk about what kinds of food the children would like to contribute. Thank you to everyone for coming to the potluck and making it so fun! Please remember it's getting cold outside, it is time to bring appropriate outdoor gear so we can all go outside as much as possible.

Karen



Red Room

First off, let's welcome Roscoe to the Red Room! He joined us from the Nursery after his birthday on the 22nd of October. We continue to talk about families and want to remind those who have not yet brought in their pictures to please do so. They are having lots of fun telling each other about the pictures. In November we are showcasing as many fall stories as we can. If you get a chance, check out our board above the cubbies, it's called Good Books are Worth Crowing About. When children are read to and see words on pages at a very young age it will enhance their vocabulary and teach them pre reading skills. It also takes them on adventures and teaches them that words have meaning. Plus, books are sooo much fun! Please remember to take home bedding and water bottles for washing each week. Happy Fall!

Julie & Shelly



Yellow Room

The Yellow roomers have been enjoying all the changes of the season. We have taken adventurous hikes on the Hazen trail, which have been so exciting. We have been going on lots of bear hunts with the wonderful "Going on a Bear Hunt" song. It has been fun to act out on rainy days when we have time in the Activity Room. There has been interest in the dress up area of our classroom, so much fun to see where our imaginations can take us. If any families have dress up costumes or materials that they are getting rid of, please keep in mind making a donation to our classroom dress up center. We are looking forward to our annual fall pot luck. If you have not signed up yet and can attend on Wednesday, November 7th, please sign up. In the month of November we will be reading books about Thanksgiving and exploring some new vocabulary words like donation, giving and thankful. It's a great time to help support our food drive for the Haven. A few housekeeping notes, please make sure to check your child's mailbox daily. Often soiled clothing or art work from the day can be found in the mailboxes. We encourage you to take home bedding and water bottles weekly for washing. Lastly please make sure your child's extra clothing bin is filled with seasonal clothing. In addition, please provide seasonal outdoor gear, hats, mittens/ waterproof mittens (for the snow), snowsuits and boots. Labeling outdoor gear can be helpful, it makes it easier for us to keep track of everybody's clothing.

Thank You
Jodie & Mia



Blue Room

Hello Blue room families!

This month we've enjoyed crunching around in leaves and playing outside, almost everyday - when it's not raining! We would like to give a big happy birthday to Evie, who turns 4 on November 5th! On our inside days, we've been enjoying painting projects, and building detailed structures with Legos! As the days are getting a lot colder, please remember to bring appropriate coats, hats, mittens, and boots if needed! If several children don't have these items, we often will have to stay inside for the day. Safety Reminder: Children should not be walking in and out of classrooms alone and only adults should be opening and shutting gates. Thank you!

Olivia & Yolanda



AfterSchool

K-1

October was a great month for the K-1 crew - lots of outside time and a whole lot of card games and art when we've been inside. CCCN's annual Haven Food Drive will run for the next few weeks. Because food insecurity is a pretty abstract concept for most of our kids, we will be talking about the effort on simple terms: everybody needs help sometimes! Kids' resilience is actually strengthened by acknowledging the fact that all of us encounter difficulties and we all need help. Please help us reinforce this discussion by sending in donations- maybe add food to the collection bins at pick up time so you can do it together. Thanks and Happy November!

Mary and Meggan

After Schoolers are having a blast! This past month we have been in the gym on the nasty days, played many rounds of gaga ball, and have made slime in the art room. Some parents have reached out about their child doing homework during after school. Following snack time we have opened an area for homework and have had many students take advantage of it. Please remember that we go outside as much as possible! Please remind your child about their jackets, hats, gloves, and anything else they need to keep warm.

Bill and Kate