

The Child Care Center in Norwich



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Please close the gates!

Please close gates as you arrive and depart the Center and your child's classroom. Children should not be allowed to open gates or to use the key pad to unlock the doors. These measures are in place to keep your child safe, teaching children to open them negates those safeguards.

Thank you!

Classroom Updates

Nursery



A big Nursery welcome to Grace and her family. We have enjoyed the return of Music with Marcia on Tuesdays! The favorite read in the Nursery right now is Brown Bear, Brown Bear. There is lots of running, rolling and scooting happening in the Nursery. We may harvest “a” carrot from our garden soon, we recently tried cucumbers for snack. Please remember that everyone should wash hands upon arrival and whenever entering the Nursery. Also, please remove shoes. Each child should have two sets of footwear here, one appropriate for indoors and one for outdoors. Happy Birthday to Roscoe, who turned two on October 22nd.

Karla, Cindy, & Tom



Orange Room

The month of September has flown by. Everyone has settled in and we have gotten to know each other, Harper is now a big sister to baby Ben, congratulations! We can't wait to meet him. At the end of the month a new Orange Roomer will be starting – Judah. We look forward to getting to know him and his family. Music with Marcia has started and all the Orange Roomers really enjoy singing and dancing with her. There are a couple of favorite Orange Room songs – Down by the Station, Today is Monday and the latest – Baby Shark! We are still running but the rainy weather has put a damper on it. We will continue to run as long as the weather allows. We will resume feeding the birds again once the bears have gone into hibernation. We usually get lots of birds in the winter and it's so exciting to watch them from the window. The Orange Room potluck is coming up on October 25th at 5:30. It's a great way to get to know your child's friends and their families. The Orange Roomers will be making apple crisp for dessert. It's lots of fun. I hope that everyone can make it!

Karen



Red Room

Happy October! We are continuing to talk about our family and friends. We are getting ready to create our "Family Houses". We would like to ask families to bring in pictures of your family so that our Red Room friends can put their "houses" together. When they are finished, we will hang the houses around the classroom for all to see. We would like to have all the pictures in by October 19th if possible. We thank you in advance. Our pot luck dinner will be held on October 16th from 5:30 – 6:30. We have posted our sign-up on our classroom door, please sign-up for a dish to bring and let us know how many family members are joining us. We look forward to seeing you all there. Just a reminder that the weather is changing, please take home summer clothes and bring in warmer clothes. Thank you!

Julie & Shelly



Yellow Room

September has been filled with lots of laughter and giggles. Classmates have been getting to know one another and new students have been learning the routines of the day to day transitions. There has been lots of excitement about the leaves changing! Children have been sharing in conversations and observations about the seasonal changes happening. As a class, we have been working on transforming our classroom tree to have lots of colorful leaves on it. The children have painted and helped cut out all the leaves on the tree. The Yellow Roomers have been spending lots of time outside, rain or shine. A big Thank You to Orla's family for donating soccer balls to the classroom. The children absolutely love them and of course we love to share them with the Blue Roomers and AfterSchool. Interests in the class this month have been enjoying lots of books/reading time, puzzles, time exploring with painting and learning to cut with scissors, just to name a few. It will be exciting to see where the children's curiosity leads us in the month of October. Big birthday wishes to Wes, who will be turning three on October 15th! Lastly, be sure to keep your eyes open for the potluck sign-up sheet. Hope you all can make it from 5:30p.m - 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7th.

Jodie & Mia



Blue Room

Hello Blue Room families! This past month everyone has been settling in and getting to know one another! We have enjoyed lots of outside time, as well as fun, rainy day activities inside. We have been learning more and more how to communicate things, and are really seeing and noticing the difference! Lately we have been enjoying lots of coloring in our new journals (Thank you Yolanda), building detailed structures with Legos and our connector blocks, as well as dance parties and singing. Maggie turned a big four, and we'd like to say happy birthday to Alaric, who turns five, October 3rd! Please remember water bottles even as it gets cooler. We do lots of running outside! We also would like to make sure proper clothing is being brought in according to the cooler weather and rainy days! Thanks everyone for a wonderful Pot Luck gathering, we had fun!

Olivia & Yolanda



AfterSchool

K-1

Our K-1 community has settled in to a nice constellation of friendships and routines. We have been outside almost every day and it is such a pleasure to see kids just play - digging in dirt, jumping over things, running and rolling down the hill. On rainy days we have enjoyed play dough, a new set of white boards, and elaborate games involving stuffies and whatever else is in the room. As always, please share information or ideas, and if there's anything you're wondering about, please ask!

Mary & Meggan

AfterSchool 2-6

We have had a great time in September. AfterSchool has started walking and playing on the nature trails behind Marion Cross on Wednesdays. In the art room the AfterSchoolers have made some creative papier mache creations. We have received donations too. One of the most popular items is a set of children's stilts. It has been fun to watch the kids learn how to master their balance and see how many steps they can take on them.

Bill and Kate