

The Child Care Center in Norwich



December 2018

Inclement weather!

Well, we are off to quite a snowy winter! While we make every effort to be open regardless of the weather, we also want our staff, many of whom have long drives, to have safe travels. Therefore, there will be the occasional day when we will need to delay opening or ask anyone who can, to pick up early. Please check your email, our website or call the center to stay abreast of possible delays or a request for early pick up

Thank you!

Holiday Scheduling

The Child Care Center
will be closed on
Monday, December 24, Tuesday, December 25th
and Tuesday, January 1st.

Classroom Updates



Nursery

A warm Nursery welcome to Quinn and Iona and their families! Our big kids have been practicing throwing, catching and kicking balls. They have also been using the gym mats and the tunnel to stay active on these long winter days. They have been honing their fine motor skills with the wooden busy bead boxes. A big thank you to Tom and his daughters, Sofia and Olivia, for their donation to the Nursery, it was big hit! We welcome you to share any of your family holiday traditions with us. Also, please let us know of any schedule changes that might be happening for your child during the holidays. The holidays are both a wonderful time as visits with family occur and exhausting as children's sleep patterns can be disrupted. Simply let us know so that we can accommodate as needed, a little earlier nap time can make all the difference! A big Happy Birthday to Owen, who will turn two on December 22nd! Just a head's up that we are going to hang "need diapers" notes on cubbies, instead of putting them in lunch boxes. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Karla, Cindy, & Tom



Orange Room

With the cold weather settling in, we decided to put the bird feeders out. We put out a suet feeder and a feeder with sunflower seeds. It's like the birds were waiting for them. They were there instantly! The suet has attracted two kinds of woodpeckers – downy and hairy woodpeckers. They are there constantly. At the other feeder we see chickadees, nuthatches, titmice and juncos on the ground. We've seen a couple of sparrows and occasionally the cardinals. The birds are eating a lot of sunflower seeds, so we have to fill the feeder every morning. Now that there is snow on the ground, our daily run has been put on hold. We tried running in the snow but it proved to be too challenging to run in boots, snow pants and a winter coat. Part of our morning routine now is choosing "jobs". Each child has a turn to place their name next to the job that they want for the day. They are learning to recognize their name, the letters in their name, to take turns and that someone else may choose the job that they want. We will also begin talking about the weather during our "meeting time". Hope everyone has a great holiday!

Karen



Red Room

We would like to welcome Chloe to the Red Room. She will be joining us on December 4th. Let's give her a warm welcome. We also want to wish Charlotte a very happy birthday, she will be turning three on December 27th. With the holidays coming, and in conjunction with our "books are worth crowing about", we will be sending home the Scholastic Book Club orders. Reading to your children takes them on adventures, enhances vocabulary and prereading skills such as learning that words have meaning. Just a reminder to bring in snow gear for your child since winter has so quickly snuck up on us. Shelly and Julie would like to wish all our families a safe and happy holiday season. Julie & Shelly



Yellow Room

Happy December! We have been having a lot of fun this Snowvember with sledding and sliding outside. The Yellow Roomers have been busy rolling giant snow balls, building snow creatures and, of course, making beautiful snow angels. Exploring with painting and hands on time with playdough have been a few activities that the children received with lots of interest. The dress up area has been a big hit, with children taking on pretend roles, using their imaginations and acting out creative scenarios. We look forward to seeing where December will take us with our interests and areas of inquiry. We would like to give a big warm Yellow Room welcome to a new classmate, Jack. We look forward to getting to know you. Happy Birthday wishes to Clara, who turns 5 on December 2nd. A few reminders, please make sure your child comes to school with dry mittens and boots daily. If this is a challenge please come talk to us, we can strategize and offer ideas/solutions to make this happen. Lastly, we would like to encourage families to please slice your children's grapes in half. We have noticed some very large whole grapes packed in lunches and have had a few close calls.

Thank You
Jodie & Mia



Blue Room

This month in the Blue Room, we have been enjoying a lot of time outside in the snow! We have enjoyed sledding, building snowmen, and making snow angels! We would like to welcome Luca to the Blue Room. A big happy birthday to Evie, who turned four on November 5th. A reminder to all parents, children are to stay with you at all times until they are in the classroom with the gate shut. Children are also not allowed to open or close the gate. It is a licensing regulation that children be visually supervised at all times. Thank you for all the Haven donations, we collected 225 pounds of food, and 43 pounds of non-food items! Great job!

Olivia & Yolanda



AfterSchool

K-1

The early and abundant snow has been great for our gang. Because it gets dark so early, we are working on streamlining our time in the cubby room and at snack time. This has given us a compelling reason to learn and practice tidier habits as we deal with all of those backpacks and boots and snow pants in a relatively tight space. A little bit of simple modeling and plenty of reminders and positive reinforcement have gone a long way, so congratulations to the kids! A note: if you have an extra pair of slippers or slip on shoes that you could send in for your child to keep at CCCN we could spend even more time playing and less time transitioning, thanks.

Mary

November has come and gone with another great month at after school. Snow has been a great addition to the playground. Sledding, snowman, fort building and snowball fights have been so much fun and added a lot of entertainment for the children. During our inside time monopoly and trivia pursuit have been a crowd favorite. We have had several student take advantage of the free play time to do homework as well.

Bill and Kate