

The Child Care Center in Norwich



February 2019

Parent Conferences

If you would like a chance to sit down with your child's teacher for a parent conference we are happy to schedule that over the next few weeks. Just email Allison to find a time that works for you and the classroom and she will get it on the staff schedule.

Classroom Updates

Nursery



During our work day we installed a developmental information board. Topics such as eating, sleeping, potty training and tantrums will be covered as well as current findings about the importance of learning through play and the role that social interactions at an early age plays in learning self-regulation. The intention is to have accurate information available, but we are always here to personally answer any questions. We have been doing inside snow play, we have used spoons to scoop snow between containers before it melts away and becomes water play! We have been using the step stools to line up and walk across or step up and over as well as to position in various places to use for seating to read a book. Climbing into and out of large cardboard boxes and loading them up with toys, other objects, or, in some cases, other children, to push around the nursery. We have been busy painting and drawing using Do.A.Dots and chalk and playing with playdough. If you would like a parent conference we are offering them, let Allison know if you would like one so that she can arrange a time that is convenient for you. Happy birthday to Larkin, who turned one on January 13th and to Iona, who turned one on February 7th.

Karla, Cindy, & Tom



Orange Room

If your Orange Roomer comes home with his pants or shirt on backwards or his shoes on the wrong feet, you can be sure that he did it “all by myself!” Every day we work on self-help skills by encouraging the Orange Roomers to do things by themselves. Things like putting away the toys that they were playing with before getting something else out, passing out cups, plates and napkins during snack and lunch, pouring their own milk and cleaning up the spills that inevitably happen. Now that we are going out to play in the snow, these self-help skills include putting on all their outside gear: snowpants, boots, jacket, hat and mittens. In case you haven’t heard, yes, we did have a red squired run into the room when I opened the outside door to get the bird feeder. It was pretty exciting! He quickly found the way out and disappeared outside. Every time we fill the bird feeder we talk about the squirrel coming inside. We have been able to go outside a little more as the weather allows. We’ve been reading Sadie and the Snowman. Sadie builds a snowman and, sadly, it melts. So she rebuilds it. We wondered why the snowman keeps melting, so we brought some snow inside. We made some snowballs by “pressing” the snow together in our hands and rolling them up and put some outside and left some inside. Each child predicted what they thought would happen. They all predicted that the outside snowballs would melt. They believed that the outside ones would melt because it was sunny out. We’ll check them next week to see what has happened!

Karen



Red Room

Now with winter in full swing, we will get outside when the weather allows. We have brought in some new indoor activities to keep the fun in full swing. A new activity table from trains, building blocks and dinner parties. Due to cold and flu season, please remember to have your child wash their hands upon arrival in the Red Room and please make sure to take home nap stuff to be washed every week.

Thank you!

Julie & Shelly



Yellow Room

The Yellow Roomers have been exploring outer space. We have been reading lots of books about the solar system and expanding our vocabulary around this topic. Children have been interested in singing songs and learning fun rhymes about the planets. There has been a lot of interest in creating dazzling constellations and, of course, our mural of the solar system that is in progress has been solarific. We have been enjoying both inside days and outdoor winter wonderland days. We have had some fun dance parties to the *Kids in Motion* songs, which is a companion collection to *Kids in Action*. Lisa Loeb's original songs and book collection *Songs for Moving and Shaking* has been highly recommended. The Monster Stomp and Going Away are a few favorites. The cleaning day was a great success. We were able to add some new toys and it's been fun for friends to explore with a variety of different materials. Valentine's Day is around the corner. We are excited to announce a fun celebration is in the works. The children have been sharing lots of ideas for the heart filled day. More information soon to follow. Housekeeping notes : Please keep your child's extra clothing box filled with a full set of clothing daily. Please take bedding home for washing weekly.

Jodie & Mia



Blue Room

Hello – Another month has passed us by! We are excited about the changes to our room. We just incorporated a train table, which all the children love! We also added magnetic shapes and different shaped blocks to enhance our building structures and creativeness. Check out where you child “measures up” on our height pole! Happy 4th birthday to Jacob and Violet, who just happen to share the same birthday, January 17th. We enjoy doing things as a group and are developing uniquely special bonds along the way.
Olivia & Yolanda



AfterSchool

K-1

This K-1 crew is a physically exuberant bunch! Outside days are great - sledding, track making, wrestling in the soft and forgiving snow. Those days when we have to stay inside are more challenging, but a new crop of dress up costumes plus dance parties in the activity room have kept everybody moving. The range of song requests keeps us all entertained and discovering new music.

Mary

After school2 – 6

January has been another great time here at after school. The kids wanted me to talk this month about how great it was to have snowball fights. They like it best when it is all of them against me. All of the the children have been busy digging in the snow banks too. Building tunnels, slides, and forts are some of their favorite things to create. It's wonderful to see a lot of the children continue to utilize some of their free play time to get their homework done. We would like to say hello and welcome back Ravi. I know our 2nd graders are exciting to have their friend coming back to after school.

Bill and Kate