

The Child Care Center in Norwich



April 2019

Save the Date!
Field Day is Friday
May 31st @ 3:30!

Ticks are back!

Just a reminder – The snow isn't quite gone yet but, believe it or not, the ticks are already emerging. This time of year they are very tiny and very hungry! Please start doing tick checks daily. Thank you!

Classroom Updates

Nursery



A big Nursery welcome to Weston, whose big brother Asher is in the Red Room. We have been spending our icy spring days using the Activity Room to get some gross motor time. We have been using the bouncy balls, the balance beam and the play tents. We have also joined the Red Room in their outdoor sandbox, filling and dumping their big trucks. Thank you Red Room for being so welcoming! Soon we will be back on the playground so make sure your child has outdoor shoes here every day. In the classroom we have been using the Duplo blocks, Zephyr builds tunnels using the semicircle blocks, Dempsey, Owen and Felix like to build tall towers which inevitably crash to the ground. Happy first birthday to Grace on March 20th!

Karla, Cindy, & Tom



Orange Room

Happy spring everyone! We have been busy willing winter away and spring to come! We have been talking about seeds. We started by looking at the sunflower seeds that we feed to the birds. We opened some sunflower seeds to see what was inside and discovered the edible part, or the baby plant. We read the book Seeds, Seeds, Seeds, which has a diagram of how a seed grows into a plant. We discussed what plant need to grow – water, food and light. Each Orange Roomer planted some seeds and sprayed them with water. We checked them every day and a few days later they had sprouted. We will continue to check them daily to see how much they have grown. We are going to make a seed collection to see how many different kinds of seeds we can bring in. We are still feeding the birds but have only seen our usual visitors to the bird feeders, no new spring birds yet. I encourage you to bring insect/tick repellent for your child. Also, it is time to start doing a daily tick check. They will be out as the weather warms.

Karen



Red Room

The Red Roomers have been very busy learning about community helpers. We have had very busy fire fighters and mail carriers in our room. This month we are going to begin doing one or two cooking projects a month. Our first coking project is english muffin pizza. If you have any easy and fun cooking recipes please feel free to share them. We would love to try them. We are so glad that the weather is getting nicer and warmer. We have enjoyed playing with our dump trucks and making sand cakes in our sandbox. Even though the weather is warmer the ground is still wet. Please remember to bring in extra clothes.

Julie & Fay



Yellow Room

Spring is in the air! The Yellow Roomers have taken lots of nature walks, trail walks and meadow walks. We have been working on paper towel tube binoculars to take along on our bird watching expeditions. The snow banks and fun forts have been exciting places to explore and play while the playground is thawing out. The children have been working on building some new forts in the woods. They are behind the dumpsters on the left of side at the start of the trails, check them out sometime. Tick season is approaching fast, as the weather warms we want to be mindful of daily tick checks. Kiddos have been enjoying car painting and the classroom sensory table which is filled with sand at the moment. Happy Birthday wishes to Eve, she will be turning five on April 5th! **Housekeeping reminders**, clothing bins, mailboxes, water bottles and bedding. Please keep your child's extra clothing bin stocked up with seasonal extras. This time of year clothing gets soaked from being outside in the wet, melting snow. Please check your child's classroom mailbox daily. Often teachers put children's wet, soiled clothing in their mailbox. We ask that every child has a water bottle and that they are washed weekly. Lastly, please bring bedding home weekly for washing. We greatly appreciate it!

Jodie & Mia

Blue Room



It is hard to believe the month of March has ended. We have welcomed spring with much enthusiasm! We look forward to being outside more often. We have discussed going for walks to the Montshire and on hikes to collect outdoor treasures. As we make our plans for these outings, a reminder that we are still in a transitional period seasonally. Please make sure that your child has appropriate outdoor gear for mud season. Also, please make sure that extra clothing boxes are stocked, even when children have appropriate outdoor gear they still get wet. Let us know if your child is interested in doing a particular art or activity project. We will be sending some Art Work to the Howe Library soon for our annual Art Display there. Olivia will be out on maternity leave soon. Zea Eanet, a temporary teacher, and the floats, will be filling in while she is gone. We look forward to welcoming Zea to the classroom.

Thank you! Olivia & Yolanda



AfterSchool

K-1 - Mary

Mud season is a great time for reading books and we've been enjoying more story times recently. If your child wants to bring in a family favorite to share, we would love to read it. As I prepared to write this edition of our newsletter entry, I asked the kids if there was anything recent and notable to report. The answer I got, "everybody has been being really nice to each other," made my heart sing!

After school 2 – 6 - Spring is here and that means mud season is in full swing! This adds a whole new level of play for us at after school. Please make sure that your children bring their boots, and some extra clothes are never a bad idea. In the art room we have been having fun decorating the cork boards with different times of the year. When we are playing outside, the sugar shack at Marion Cross has been very exciting. Everyone can't help but take a peak inside and taste some sap!

Keep thinking warm thoughts

Bill and Kate