

# The Child Care Center in Norwich



May 2019

## ***Field Day - Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>!***

**We will have our “Olympic Parade” at 3:30, followed by the “games”, hosted by each classroom. We will serve an early supper of Pizza and Ice Cream around 4:00 p.m. Parents, Siblings, Grandparents and friends are welcome to join us!**

**Please remember that our staff needs to be available for children whose parents are not in attendance. We would appreciate it if you would be responsible for the supervision of your child while you are here. If your child does not normally attend on Friday, we hope that you and your child will still be able to join us for the afternoon!**

# Classroom Updates

## Nursery



Congratulations to Zephyr and Felix! With the arrival of their new bundles of joy both are big brothers now! We're outside on our playground! The sandbox is popular, but some children have ventured to the climber and slide and are practicing climbing/balancing – what fun to swish down the slide! Reminder -sturdy, closed toe outdoor footwear; bug and tick repellent and water bottles should be available daily in the Nursery. If you would please label items that would be greatly appreciated, also, water bottles should be taken home daily for proper sanitizing and come back in with your child the next day. Field Day is May 31<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can attend. A fun afternoon following the parade with games, a picnic and a “sweet” ending ice cream treat! Farewell and best wishes to Maddie and Lexi, they are soon off to new adventures. “Bubble-ing” with joy this springtime. . .

Tips for helping you cope with your nearly two-year-old is on display in the Nursery!

Karla, Cindy, & Tom



## Orange Room

Field Day – Just a reminder that Field Day, our annual, center wide, family event, is coming up. It is Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Although the Orange Room is not open that day, I hope that everyone will plan to come to this event. There will be a “parade” around the bike track, activities after the parade, followed by pizza and ice cream. We will be making T-shirts to wear on Field Day. The parade starts at 3:30. It is quick so be prompt! Hurray for spring! The snow, ice and mud are all gone and we can finally go outside again. It's also time for sunscreen and insect repellent. So, if you want your child to have sunscreen and insect repellent, please bring it in. Our marigolds are amazing this year. The kids have watered them and watched them grow. We painted flower pots with bright, sparkly paint and will transplant for Mother's Day. The bird feeders remain active. Our cardinals are becoming less timid and, if we are very quiet, we can watch them scratch for seeds under the feeder.

Karen



## Red Room

April showers bring May flowers! The Red Roomers have been enjoying the warmer weather and playing outside. We have been exploring bugs that we have been seeing outside. We have been talking with the children about the fact that bugs are living creatures and we don't harm them. We are beginning to talk about colors and shapes. The Red Roomers have also been showing an interest in baby animals. Since they have been really enjoying books lately we have been reading lots of books about bugs and animals. We would like to welcome Teddy and his family to the Red Room. We want to wish Valentina a very happy birthday on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday! Last, but not least - ticks have arrived! We do daily checks but would like to remind families to do a tick check at the end of every day.

Julie & Fay



## Yellow Room

Happy Mother's Day! The Yellow Roomers had lots of fun putting special touches on their gifts made with lots of love for Mother's Day. We are gearing up for Field Day. The children will be busy designing Field Day shirts in the coming weeks. Getting outside twice a day has been spectacular. We will begin to plan our garden spaces in the near future and look forward to the sweet summer that is around the corner. Building fairy houses has become a very exciting and magical activity outside. Curiosity about worms, bugs and insects has been a great reason to explore fun facts and dive deeper in the theme of bugs, bugs, bugs. Tricycles and monkey bars continue to be hot spots on the playground. Happy Birthday to Micah, who turns 4 on June 1st and Jack, who turns 4 on June on 2nd! Please provide a water bottle for your child and be sure to take it home for regular cleanings. Lastly, please provide sunscreen and bug spray for your child if you would like.

Jodie & Mia

## Blue Room



April showers bring May flowers – hopefully! We look forward to enjoying the warmer days and having outdoor adventures. Some ideas that have come from our discussions include starting our plants for our outdoor planters. We will mix the dirt, plant the plants and hang them up just outside our door. We are so excited to watch the plants grow and are looking forward to caring for them. The other activities that we would like to do include going for walks on the trails. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately and has the correct footwear for walking on the trails. Also, please check your child's extra clothes and make sure that they have weather appropriate clothing and clothes for layering during this fickle spring weather. It is also time to bring in sun screen and bug repellent if you would like us to apply them to your child. Please make sure that your child has a water bottle every day, we play vigorously when we are outside!

Yolanda, Nici and Zea



## AfterSchool

K-1 -Spring finally arrived! We have been having a great time outside, playing with balls, riding the silver trikes, inspecting bugs and rocks. And of course it is also sunblock and bug spray season - if you want us to apply those to your child, please send in a labeled supply and we'll keep track of that aspect of our outdoor time.

Mary

After school 2 – 6 –Warm weather, sunshine, and long days have kept us very happy at After-School. It has been hard to call everybody in for snack when it is so nice out. Recently in the art room everyone had the opportunity to make their own play dough. Like most projects the children were super engaged and excited, especially because they got to keep some. You may have noticed a new face at After-School—Zea is a Dartmouth student and Norwich local and has been having a great time getting to know the kids. We were sad to say goodbye to Kate at After-School but we wish her good luck at her new teaching position at Marion cross.

Bill and Zea