

# The Child Care Center in Norwich



August 2019

***The Child Care Center is closed on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in celebration of Labor Day.***

## **Lunch Box Reminders**

In our ongoing effort to help children learn to care for our planet, we would like to reduce our reliance on plastic flatware and reduce the number of single serve plastic containers that go in our recycling. We need your help. Could you start sending a spoon or fork in your child's lunchbox when one is needed? We would also prefer that you not send pouches (they can't be recycled) and that items like canned fruit and yogurt come in reusable containers. Thanks!

# Classroom Updates

## Nursery



We have been busy in the Nursery. We have been doing finger paint, squeeze bottle paint and puffy paint. Come check out the mural that we created. We have been practicing balancing with the wooden step/bridge and the teeter totter. We have had summer time fun with water play indoors and out using tubs of water and the sprinkler. We are being very independent on the swing and pedaling the trikes. We say good bye to Tom, who is headed off to new adventures in the public school, and “see you on the playground” to our big kids, who will be moving to the Red Room. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Karla, Cindy, & Tom



## Orange Room

Wow! July has flown by! We all survived the heat and vacations. We are all settling back into our routines. Each of the Orange Roomers now has their own “journals” to write in. We will be “writing” in our journals every day, which gives children an opportunity to practice holding markers, crayons or pencils. Initially “writing” in journals is coloring and, as they are ready, may evolve into writing letters or their name. The Blue Room is giving us a couple of Monarch caterpillars. We are excited to be able to watch them grow.

Karen



## Red Room

The hot weather has meant lots of outdoor water play! We are having a great time pouring water into different containers and splashing around. Tis the season for caterpillars and it is so much fun to see all of their different colors, sizes and textures. We have also been learning about how birds lay eggs and sit on them until they hatch thanks to a pair of phoebe chicks in a nest on our playground. It certainly is an exciting summer in the Red Room!

Julie & Nici



## Yellow Room

Hello August! Garden update, cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes have been doing well on the porch garden. We have enjoyed tasting the cukes and will soon be tasting the tomatoes and peppers as well as learning about the different seeds. Play dough has been a big hit with team yellow. There are so many wonderful benefits of play dough for young children. Building and strengthening fine motor skills, creativity, vocabulary and science concepts, just to name a few. A fun game that our class has been enjoying is *A Snail's Pace*. This is a cooperative board game that focuses on turn taking, math concepts and social skills. We would like to give a big warm welcome to Graham. There are lots of birthday cheers in the Yellow Room this month. Happy birthday wishes to Virgil, who turned four on the 4th. Ethan turns four on the 10<sup>th</sup> and Graham turns four on the 15<sup>th</sup>, along with his birthday buddies, Jackson and Parker who turn five on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Daniel turns five on the 20<sup>th</sup>. It is that time of year where we wave farewell to our friends heading off to kindergarten. Jackson, Parker, Eve, Clara, Nora & Daniel we wish you a wonderful year ahead.

Jodie & Mia

## Blue Room



Monarch butterflies are in flight! We've been discussing and reading about the different stages of a Monarch butterfly's life – from egg to butterfly and everything in between. We learned that a Monarch butterfly only lays one egg at a time and can lay as many as 1500 in their lifetime. First the egg forms a caterpillar (larva) and then it builds a pupa or chrysalis to stay in while it forms into a butterfly. This chrysalis from last on average about 10 days. The whole process from beginning to end is called "meta morphosis". Every day brings excitement and anticipation of new developments with the caterpillars. Please come check them out in our classroom. We've made a special box to house them during this process. A walk in a field full of milkweed may be a fun way to check out in nature everything that we've learned and read about. The weather can be unpredictable so please bring clothes for the changing season. August mornings can be cooler and wetter so layers and rain gear are greatly appreciated. Soon, we will be welcoming new friends into the Blue Room. We will also say good bye to some older friends going off to kindergarten, we will miss them very much!

Yolanda & Olivia



## AfterSchool

After School –

Fall is fast approaching and school will start before we know it! Mary will be back with the K-! Group. We have a new team with the 2 – 6 gang. Cassandra will be the site director and Diane will work with her every day. We are excited to have them on board. They will both be spending time floating with younger children as well. We are looking forward to a great year!

# ***The Child Care Center in Norwich***

## ***Calendar 2019/2020***

### **Labor Day**

Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Center is closed

### **Thanksgiving**

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - Center is closed

### **Holiday Season**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Center closes at 12:30

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - Center is closed

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Center is closed

### **Martin Luther King Day/Staff Work Day**

Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> - Center is closed to children so that staff can work in classrooms

### **Memorial Day**

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> - Center is closed

### **Field Day**

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 pm

### **Staff Work Day**

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Center closes at 12:30 so that staff can work in classrooms

Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> - Center is closed to children so that staff can work in classrooms

### **Independence Day**

Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Center is closed

The Center is open on a regular schedule on the following holidays: Columbus Day, Veterans' Day and President's Day.

**In the event of inclement weather, check our website, [www.childcarenorwich.org](http://www.childcarenorwich.org), our Facebook page or radio or TV websites for a delayed opening or snow closing announcement. It will be announced as "The Child Care Center in Norwich". An email message will also be sent out.**

**If Marion Cross School is closed for weather, the afterschool program will not run.**

**Act 166 program hours are 7:30 – 12:30 M – F. Based on availability, families may choose to spread their 10 hours over two or three days/week. The Act 166 funding will be in place for the 35 weeks that Marion Cross is in session.**