

The Child Care Center in Norwich



December 2019

Inclement weather!

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

*The Child Care Center in Norwich
will close at 12:30 on December 24th
and will be closed on
Wednesday December 25th
and
Wednesday January 1st.*

Classroom Updates



Nursery

The Nursery gang has been having sensory fun with painting, playdough and ooblick. We have also been drawing with crayons and markers. We have been using the laundry basket for filling, dumping, pushing, pulling and practice balancing when we climb in and out. We have been doing lots of singing and dancing with musical instruments; bells, shakers and “music makers” (children) for a raucous good time! Please share any family holiday traditions with us, books music, food . . . Have a safe and happy holiday.

Karla, Cindy & Stephanie



Orange Room

Our pot luck was a great success! Everyone came and the food was great. All the Orange Roomers had so much fun that they asked me if we could have another pot luck! So, we'll try to plan one sometime after the holidays. Music continues to be so much fun. Today Megan brought bells for us to ring as we were singing. We also galloped, trotted and walked as we shook the jingle bells. We put out our two bird feeders, a suet feeder and a sunflower seed feeder. After a slow start, we have lots of birds coming to the feeder. So far, we have seen lots of chickadees, nuthatches, woodpeckers, titmice, juncos and a couple little red squirrels cleaning up the seeds on the ground under the feeder. We're hoping to see the cardinals soon too. We are also planning on making pinecone bird feeders to take home and put up outside. Closer to the holidays, we will make frosting and decorate some sugar cookies. We've also been able to spend time outside in the snow. Everyone is working on putting their snow stuff on by themselves – and doing well! Happy Holidays!

Karen



Red Room

The Red Roomers have been very busy! We have enjoyed building with blocks, talking about different cars and trucks and what their jobs are; such as fire trucks and garbage trucks. We have been exploring our creative side through painting, crayons and gluing projects. We are also working on our sorting skills by grouping colored blocks and sorting animals, which encourages counting skills. We have been enjoying our music with Meg on Tuesdays. We have music every Tuesday at 10:30, parents are welcome to join us anytime. We would like to wish Owen a very big, happy, third birthday on December 22! We would like to send a very big thank you to all our Santa's helpers who donated to support the Leblanc family in the Red Room. No words can express the gratitude that we feel for the support that we have received. We would like to wish you all a warm and joyous Holiday Season. Happy Holidays!

Julie & Nici



Yellow Room

November has been a wonderful time in the Yellow Room. The creative sides of our Yellow Room friends have taken the forefront of our activities this month, with one teacher-designed turkey arts/crafts project, and many, many student driven arts/crafts. Some of our favorites have been stenciling, bead jewelry, and many colorful cuttings (highlighting fine motor skills, of course!). We have all been having quite the fun time getting into the mud and water, rolling down hills, and playing a bunch of fun games during outside play. The kiddos have a new found love of the kitchen play area, cooking up perfect tea times for the rest of the Yellow Roomers and teachers. We were also lucky enough to get some new dress up clothing (everyone loves the big "ballerina" dress) and a big boat with lots of fun little gadgets and people to play with. Teacher Bryce will be taking classes again once the new year begins, and they are super excited to see where that takes them! A big Happy Birthday to Charlotte on December 27th! Here's to an even better December!

Mia & Bryce

Blue Room



Hello Blue Room families! This month in the Blue Room, we have been enjoying talking about the holidays coming up, and how some people celebrate different holidays than each other. We would like to thank everyone that came to the pot luck, it was a wonderful evening, catching up with everyone. Thank you to everyone for coming together and making a bunch of yummy food! We would like to plan another one for spring sometime. As the weather gets cooler, please remember to pack warm clothes such as long pants, socks, long sleeve shirts, snow pants, boots, a warm jacket, mittens and a hat! Soon we will be sledding in all the snow! We are looking forward to our snow filled (hopefully!) December! Happy Holidays! ~ Olivia & Liv



AfterSchool

K-1

Winter is really here and that means sledding! The K-1 kids are doing a great job of modeling safe sledding and having lots of fun. The creativity and cooperation involved in the kids' indoor play is wonderful to see. Amelia Bedelia is a current favorite read aloud - please consider sharing any family favorites for story reading time, we promise to take good care of your books.~ Mary

2-6

Hello after school families!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! After schoolers are still spending time outside on days that are not extremely cold or wet so please send them in with mittens, hats, and winter jackets! We spend anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour outside daily. When we come in after enjoying snack we have been working on arts and crafts and playing board games, especially chess! If you haven't stopped into the art room please come see the paper Christmas tree your children created on the wall! So much creativity coming from them!

Thank you all!

~ Cassandra