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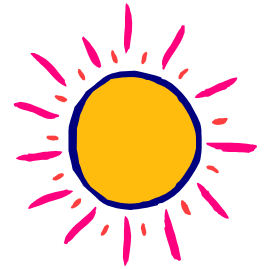
Calendar of Events August 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3 Assessment Day Brown Site	4	5
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UTC Children's Center At Battle

Coordinator's Corner

Dear Parents,

Summer is quickly passing and fall will be here before we know it! July was a busy month here at the center. We had our floors waxed and went through our yearly 3STAR evaluation. I want to thank our staff for working so hard and I know our scores will be high, as usual! I will notify parents of our scores as soon as we get them. This usually takes 6-8 weeks.

Starting in August, you may notice some changes to the classrooms. We have children moving up to the next class, new children enrolling, and a lot of our substitutes, student workers, and observation students will be back at the end of the month. We look forward to having our substitutes and



student workers back! We are also excited to get to know our new families! However, we will also be sad to see some of our Pre-K kids leave us for Kindergarten. It has been great watching them grow and I know they will all be excellent Kindergarten students! We also hope that they will come back to visit us often.

We will round out the month of August by starting parent-teacher conferences. Our preschool teachers will begin meeting with parents August 29th- September 2nd. This is always a great opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about their development and as always, they are looking forward to sharing with you!

As you know, Hamilton County will start classes on Wednesday, August 10th.

Please keep this in mind, when you are dropping off and picking up in the afternoons, as certain times can become congested. Please let me know if you have any trouble with this process.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I hope everyone has a great month!

Heather

Infants

Dear Parents:

We have had a great month exploring the beach, and we are all jealous of the infants who actually visited the beach this month!! In August, we will be exploring an environment which is much closer to home: Forests. We will spend time this month talking about the plants and animals which live in forests. If the weather is cool enough, Chattanooga has many great forest trails to explore with your infant. (If you need hints on great trails to take, just ask me!) Remember, when you take your infant hiking, be sure to pack enough water/ liquids to keep

them hydrated, and to also use some sun protection. Also, if you go hiking, be sure to bring back some photos for us to share!!

This month we are happy to welcome Asher to our class, and to say happy birthday to McCorey and Klein, who are both turning one at the end of the month!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us!!

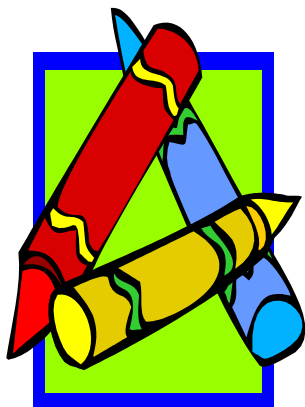
-Ms. Hannah and Ms. Cathy-



Young Toddlers

Dear Young Toddler Parents,

This month we will be exploring colors. The first week will be blue followed by yellow, green and purple. Each week please attempt to send your child to school with a piece of clothing with the week's color. Our kids almost all wore red the first day of red week. The children's reaction when we pointed this out was great. When going to a store make it



a game to find items in the week's color.

We would like to welcome Wilder and his family and Eloise and her family to the young toddler class and we say goodbye to Julia as she moves on to Older Toddlers. We have an exciting month in store for our toddlers with lots of fun activities. Feel free to visit and join us any time.

Thanks,
Ms. Ann, Ms. Brittany, Ms. Roslyn,
and Ms. Sandra



Older Toddlers

Dear Older Toddler Families,

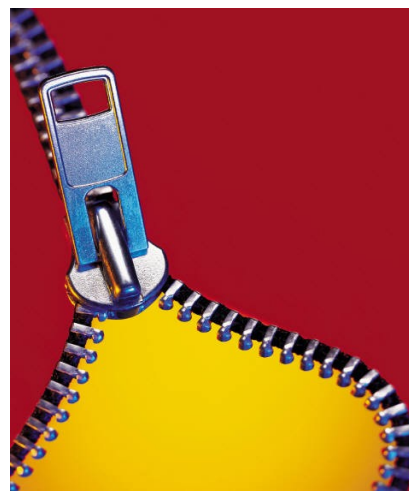
The Older Toddlers have been enjoying learning about different textures and using their senses of sight and touch to explore each type. The Older Toddlers have also enjoyed Water Play Day every Friday! Thank you for remembering to put your child's initials on their towel and extra clothing.

For the month of August the Older Toddlers will be working on sharpening their self-help skills. You have probably noticed how your child expresses how he/she wants to help get dressed, undressed, use a fork, or spoon, for eating, and a cup for drinking. This behavior is typical of your two year old, and is called the Autonomy Stage. As your child grows physically and developmentally from the ages of two to four, you may notice this Autonomy stage will also get

progressively stronger. In the month of August we will take advantage of this behavior, and through activities, give your child the opportunity to practice on their self-help skills. We will be practicing skills such as buttoning and unbuttoning, zipping and unzipping, using Velcro, using a fork and spoon, drinking from an open cup, and for those who are developmentally ready, potty skills. It is wonderful to behold the smile of success on a child's face when they have completed a task with little or no assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Annette, Miss Amy, or Mrs. Heather Wilson. Thank you for your wonderful support!

Sincerely,
Ms. Annette and Miss Amy



Preschool

Dear Parents,

Another month has come and gone; as usual there was not a dull moment in preschool. We had a fantastic time during "Celebrate America" week. The children participated in a marching band, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and learned about some key symbols (the US Flag, the Statue of Liberty, and the Bald Eagle) that represent America.

The unit on "Pets" was just as exciting. The focus was on lizards, cats and dogs. The children discovered that there are many types of lizards. However, there are only two lizards that are venomous. During the week of cats and dogs, every child was given an opportunity to bring pictures of their pet to school and share stories about their pet with the class.



Welcome to preschool -
Mark, Riley, Sam and Sloan

Happy Birthday - Sloan 8/22

Themes for August

Camping - August 1 through August 12
(two weeks)

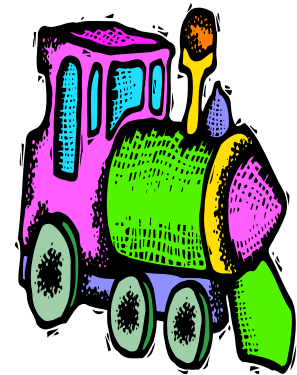
Hawaiian Luau - August 15
through August 19

Transportation (Land and
Sea) - August 22 through
August 26

Transportation (Rail and
Air) - August 29 through September 2

Please email me(Hilda-Lindsey@utc.edu)
any time you have questions or concerns. Thank you for all your support to our classroom and school. It is a joy to serve you and your family.

Ms. Hilda and Ms. Jean



Pre-K

Dear Parents:

IT'S AUGUST, which means we are getting ready to say goodbye to many of our students. These students leaving for Kindergarten will be greatly missed but I know they will all do great next year. Because so many will be leaving for Kindergarten, we will have several new students moving up. I want to say welcome to



these families and I'm looking forward to a great year.

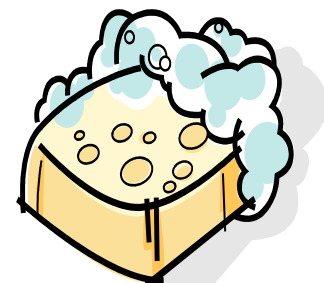
For the month of August, we will be finishing the Hygiene and A Healthy Me unit on August 12th. We have so many fun activities planned for this unit and I believe the children are learning so much about staying healthy. We are planning on wrapping up August, with a unit on the five senses and then opposites.

Please remember that we now have water play day each Friday, so make sure your child comes with a

swimsuit and towel. Remember, if you would like to send in sunscreen we will be happy to apply it. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come to me at any time.

Thank you for your support,

Ms. Ashley



UTC Children's Center At Brown Academy

Coordinator's Corner

Dear Parents

We are in the busy months of the year for the Center. Both sites are having floors cleaned and waxed, both are having the yearly evaluations, new students are starting and our substitutes are starting to call with their schedules for school. July and August are very busy for the staff. We have a strong group of staff members at both sites so I know we can handle all that comes our way.

With August already here we are also getting ready to say good-bye to some of our pre-k children as they move on to kindergarten. Some of these children have been with us since they were in the infant

classroom. We have had the chance to watch them grow, learn and develop into kindergarten children. This experience is one of the biggest "perks" of working with the Children's Center. It does go by very quickly! We will miss the children and the families of the kindergarten group but wish them the very best.

We have a new principal at the Brown site. Dr. Jennifer Spates has officially been announced as the principal for Brown Academy. I have been in contact with Dr. Spates and believe our partnership will continue to grow and give many opportunities for both groups. As school starts and we get further into the school year we will ask Dr. Spates to stop by and

introduce herself to the parents of the Center so everyone will get to know her and she can meet our wonderful parents.

If you need anything don't hesitate to stop by the office, call or e-mail!

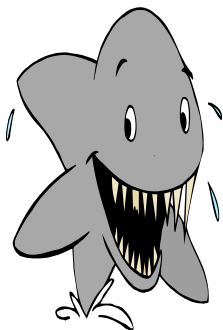
Cindy



Infants

Greetings Parents,

For the month of August, the Infants will be learning about the ocean, we will be talking about animals that live in the ocean, and playing in the water. Infants will also be saying good-bye to our friends Mattie Hand, Ben Jackson, and Katie Kopet who will be moving to the Toddler One classroom on August 8th. We will also be welcoming Levi Black into the infant room on August 8th as well.



August 3rd will be our state assessment so please wish us good luck.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask myself or Ms. Kathy.

Thank you for being such
WONDERFUL PARENTS!
Ms. Debbie and Ms. Kathy



Toddler One

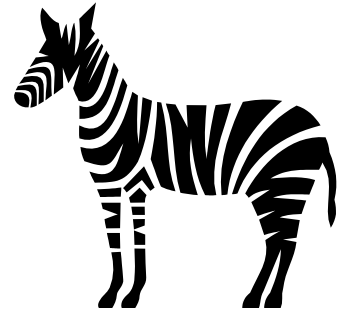
Dear T1 Parents,

August is going to be an exciting month in Toddler 1. We had a lot of fun with our ocean unit in July. We will continue that unit through the first week in August. We will then begin a unit on animals. There are some exciting things planned that the children will really enjoy.

We would like to welcome back our friends that were not enrolled during the summer. We are thrilled to have them back from their break. There are going to be a lot of changes in toddler 1 this month. Boone, Coline, Morgan, and Joseph will be moving to toddler 2 this month. We will miss them very much! Also, Toddler 1 would like to welcome Mattie Hand, Ben Jackson, and Katie Kopet! They will be mov-

ing to toddler 1 from the infant classroom. I will also be moving out of the room to take the Early Childhood Specialist position in pre-k. I have enjoyed working in the toddler one room very much. Thank you again for all of the kindness you have shown me. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Crystal and Tashina are also available to speak with you. Also, our assessment is going to be on Wednesday, August 3. I will send out a sheet with reminders about things

such as hand washing next week.



*Please make sure that your child has two changes of weather appropriate clothing in their bag.



Thanks again,

Emily, Crystal, and Tashina

Toddler Two

Greetings From T2!

Summer is leaving us as quickly as it arrived! August is going to be a very busy month for Toddler 2.

During August we are saying goodbye to our friends Olivia, Ian, Ansley and Carter, we will miss you guys!!! However, we are saying hello to our new friends Morgan, Boone, Joseph and Coline. We are very excited for all of our new friends to be joining our classroom.

August is going to be a month of REVIEW. We will be working on Colors, Shapes, Our Names, and other Daily Routine activities. Please keep working at home with your children, they are doing great!

Please note: We are having our ITERS Assessment on August 3rd.

Ms. Meagan and Granny Vivian



Preschool One

Is it August already?! This month brings a few changes in our classroom. On August 8th, Katharina, Zachary and Ryan will be moving up to Preschool 2 with Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Michelle. I know I will not be alone in missing them, but I also know they are all three very excited for the move and will do great. Saying goodbye to old friends means it is also time to say hello to new ones, so I am excited to welcome Ansley, Carter, Ian, and Olivia!

Don't forget that August means school will be starting again for Brown Academy, and it can get a little congested near our parking lot for their drop-off and pick-up. School will also be starting back for

UTC, which means move-in days, which could also slow down your mornings. Plan accordingly, and I'll also try to remind you as these dates get closer. We get spoiled over the summer being the only ones in the building!

Reminders:

Please call and let me know if your child will be later than 9:00 or will be absent, so I can know whether to include them in meal counts.

Please make sure your child is washing in the big silver sink when you drop off.

It's almost time for parent-teacher conferences again! Ours will be the week of August 29-September 2. I'll put out a sign-up sheet in a couple of weeks.

Thanks!
Ms. Sara



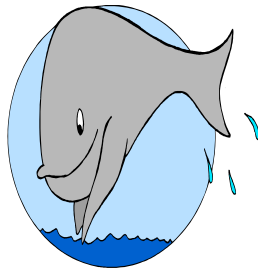
Preschool Two

Dear Preschool 2 Parents,

First, we want to welcome three new students to our class this month. Katharina, Ryan, and Zachary will all be moving into our class from Preschool 1. They will start in our class on August 8th, so please help them to feel welcome. Aubrey, Drew, Owen Jackson, Reed, and Toni will be moving up to Pre-K on that day, also. We will miss them so much, but we know that they will enjoy their new classes. Since Friday, August 5th will be their last day in our class, we will be having a sort of celebration day for them. We will have a pajama day on that day. Everyone can wear their pajamas to school and we will have breakfast snacks. It should be a fun day!

This month, we will finish up our unit on sea creatures. This has been a

very interesting unit! The children are very interested and are asking a lot of tough questions. Next, we will begin a unit on shapes. There are several fun games and activities planned. We are hoping to cover more than just the basic shapes with this unit. Our shape song really seems to help the children differentiate between different shapes. I think that they will learn a lot.

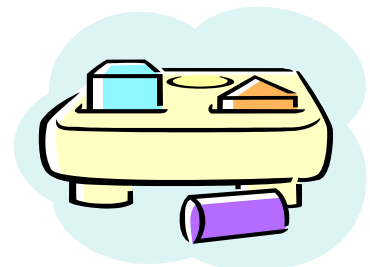


Here are just a few reminders:

Preschool 2 parent-teacher conferences will be August 29th through September 2nd. We will be posting the sign-up sheet a week before conferences.

Please call and let us know whether your child is coming to school if you are going to be later than 9:00. We need to have an accurate lunch count so that we can be sure every child who needs a lunch is provided with one.

ECERS assessment is Wednesday, August 3rd.



Thank you,
Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Michelle

Pre-K Upstairs

Parents,

Well August is here and the new school year is bringing new adventures to Pre-K! We have had a great summer! We learned all about America, camping and pirates. In August we will be learning about the ocean, zoo and Kindergarten!

Gracie and Kyle will be moving on to kindergarten and Ellie will also be going to Normal Park Pre-K, while we have loved having them in our class we wish them the best of luck! Aubrey and Reed from pre-school 2 will be joining



us on August 8th, so please welcome them to the class!

More exciting news, we want to welcome Ms. Camaiya as our new Lead Teacher as of August 1st! She graduated UTC with her bachelor's in Early Childhood Education and is going on for her Masters and she is going to be a wonderful addition to Pre-K and we could not be more thrilled to have her!

Reminders:

- Make sure you sign your child in and out on the sign-in sheet
- Make sure when you pick up your child the classroom teacher knows

they are leaving

- When you know your child's last day please make sure to let the classroom teacher know
- Make sure your child has a fitted sheet and blanket for nap time
- Field trip may be coming soon!!

Thank you,
Mrs. Mandie

Pre-K Downstairs

Pre-K Downstairs News:

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. For the next few weeks we will be talking about the beach and ocean. We will discover new things about the creatures that live in the ocean and some interesting things about water.



We are very excited to be getting several new friends in August as well as a new lead teacher, Emily Beech, who is currently the Toddler 1 lead

teacher. This month we are also trying to plan a trip to the Sprayground on August 12th to say goodbye to some old friends and hello to our new ones.

Reminders:

I would like to remind everyone to please remember to wash your hands as soon as you enter the room

I would also like to remind everyone to please make sure you are signing your child out when you pick them up.

Lastly, with the summer heat reaching near 100 degrees, I would like to remind everyone to make sure you and your children are drinking enough water and to try



not to spend long periods of time in the extreme heat

Thank you very much,