

UTC Children's Center



Lead Coordinator: Cindy Hornsby

February 2018

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UTCCC@ Battle Site

Pre K: Anna Wright, Beth Hunter

Preschool: Hilda Lindsey, Jean Walston

Older Toddlers: Amy Blackburn, Caitlin "Katie" Powers

Young Toddlers: Ann Mayer, Ben Malone, Jameshia borders

Infants: Debbie Mirra, Cathy Douglas

UTCCC @ Brown Site

Pre K Upstairs: Shawn Winters, Taylor Hughes

Pre K Downstairs: Jennifer Hunt, Ashlyn Ferguson

Preschool 2: Leah Herron, Katie Griffin

Preschool 1: Tashina Kelsie, Alexis Smith

Toddlers 2: Kathy Lindsey, Courtney Stowe

Toddlers 1: Charlotte Hubert, Alexandria Bowman, Takodia "TK" Brooks, Denalyn Lindsey

Infants: Sharonda Stiggers

Coordinators' Corner

Hello Parents

All is moving along with our interviews and re-viewing of applications for the coordinator position/positions. We have a couple we really like and think would make a good fit, still in the process of talking and paperwork at this time though. I will keep everyone posted as this progresses and a person is picked.

We are also in the process with Procare to have our daily sheets digital and not paper anymore. I have all the software on the computer now and just need to finish the training process. I will let the parents know when this is complete (this is just for infants, T1, T2, YT and OT)

Thanks so much for your patience,
Cindy

Infants



Hello Parents,

February is not only the month that is associated with love and friendship, but February is also Heart month. In the infant room this month we will be learning about love and friendship. We will also be talking about ways to be healthy; this includes eating our fruits, vegetables, and being active little ones and getting much needed rest. For the first several months infants will be on either breast milk or formula as their main nutrient. As infants learn to sit up you can introduce cereal to your child if the doctor approves, you can also start to mix in some baby food which you can purchase or make yourself. It is better to start with the vegetables then the fruits so that the child does not get used to the natural sweetness of the fruit. When the child is between eight and ten months old you may introduce some types of finger foods like, Cheerios, Whole grain bread, puffs or yogurt bits. These are healthy food choices and this will help your child develop hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills.

Thank you for being such wonderful parents!

Please remember to wash your hands and your child's hands when entering the classroom and please be sure to label all of your child's items

Thank you

Ms. Debbie and Ms. Cathy



Young Toddlers

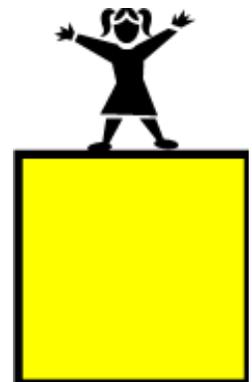
Dear Parents,

We had so much fun with our units on snow, ice and winter clothes. We helped the kiddos taste "snow", make tiny little snowpeople, watched them melt, tried on lots of hats, scarves and gloves and of course learned how to say "SNOW!!" and "Snowman!"

This month we will be working on colors and shapes. Each week we will focus on two colors/two shapes. Keep an eye out for homework assignments. The shapes we will be working with are circles, squares, triangles, rectangles, hearts, stars, ovals and diamonds. During this unit we will be emphasizing songs that have shapes in them, looking for shapes of things in the classroom and around the school and going on color hunts.

Have a great February

Ms. Ann, Mr. Ben, and Ms. Jameshia



Older Toddlers



For the month of February, we will be discussing shapes. The Older Toddlers will explore all the shapes in their indoor and outdoor environments. We will also be discussing the differences in shapes, how many sides they have, learning to draw some shapes

and going on shape hunts. We would love for you to take your child on nature walks or walks around the house to see what shapes you can find outside of school.

sure they have an appropriate change of clothing.

Thank you,
Ms. Amy and Ms. Katie

Please remember to check your child's bag to make



PreSchool



Dear Parents,
Winter is officially here! Please remember to send a change of clothes for your child that is appropriate for the cold weather. Our themes for the month of February are:
February 5 – February 16 Love and Friendship/Postal

Workers
February 19 – Dental Health
February 26 – Dr. Seuss Week
Thank you for your continuing support to our classroom and school. Feel free to call (423)605-4488 or email me hildal1024@gmail.com anytime you have questions or

concerns. It is a joy to serve you and your family. Reminder: Children's Center will close at Noon Friday, February 16. Ms. Hilda and Ms. Jean



PreK

Dear Parents,

Thank you for another great month! It feels like January just began. We explored castles (and made a lot of them!) and read lots of fairytales and folktales. The interest has been shifting to specific folktales, which is where I suspect we'll

start to focus.

My current class is all about the physical design of Early Childhood classrooms, so there might be several changes to the layout of the room as I spend even more time reflecting on the physical aspects of the room.

Thank you,
Anna and Beth



1/2 day on February 16th. We will be closing at Noon and no lunch will be served. Staff will be engaging in training and team planning during this time.



Infants

Hello Parents,
The New Year is flying by already and 2018 is well under way! All the infants are achieving milestones as they push up off the ground, roll over, sit up, cruise, feed themselves, and so much more – and it's only January. To 2018 the infants say, "Here we come!"

As a friendly reminder, please either wear only socks or

shoe covers when you enter the room. Secondly, please be sure to wash your hands and your child's hands with soap and water upon arrival. Following these few simple steps goes a long way in helping us to keep the room as clean as possible for your precious little ones.

Important dates within the month of February: Wednes-

day, February 14th is Valentine's Day and Monday, February 19th is Presidents' Day.

Happy Valentine's Day! During this month of love we are reminded how much we love all our babies. Thank you for sharing them with us!

Warm Regards,
~ Ms. Sharonda



Toddler 1

Happy February Toddler One Families!

January was quite an eventful month with the extremely cold weather and a few snow days. Hopefully the groundhog will cooperate and deliver us an early spring. We are ready for spring in T1. During the month we settled into a consistent rhythm with the addition of Mr. TK from Pre-K up and Vincent from Infants. Both are progressing nicely. Mr. TK is very passionate about music and dance. He is expanding our library of music to include many new styles and genres. He even played our puppet songs on his Oboe. The live music playing was a huge hit!!!!

We bid farewell to three more of our T1 friends. Eloise Baker, Benjamin Harris and Calvin McCarragher-Givens will all transition to Toddler-Two. The classroom visits went very well and they are anxious to re-connect with their old buddies currently in Toddler-Two. We will miss them and their families tremendously.

During the month we will focus more on self-help skills, groundhogs and shadows, friendships celebrations as well as colors.

Thanks you all so much for giving us the opportunity to share in the growth and development of your children. We count it an honor and a very special privilege. Should you all have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Mrs. Charlotte, Ms. Alexandria, Ms. Denalyn, and Mr. TK



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Toddler 2

Happy Valentine's Day!!!!

February is here already. Winter is in full swing, and we are having a blast!

In the month of February we will be discussing:

1. Friendship
2. Sharing
3. Manners
4. Nursery Rhythms



On Valentine's Day, February 14, 2018, we will be having a Friendship Party. More information will be provided next week.

Reminder: WINTER IS HERE!!! I'm sure you can tell each time you walk outside. Please make you're your child is properly dressed for the sometimes frigid temperature. We go outside daily (if the temperature is above 32 degrees), so it is important that the children are prepared for the weather.

Join me as we welcome Calvin McCarragher-Givens, Eloise Baker, & Benjamin Harper.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I can assist you in any way.

Kathy and Courtney

PreSchool 1

Dear Preschool 1 Parents,

January has come and gone. February is here!! In January we learned about snow, ice, and polar animals. Our themes for the month of February: Feelings, Friendships, Transportation, and Dr. Seuss

We will have our Friendship Party on February 14, 2018 at 3:30. I will send home a list of kids name incase you would like to send valentine's cards.

Thank you for your continuing support to our classroom and school.

Reminders:

Please remember to wash your hands and your child hands upon entering the classroom.

Please send weather appropriate clothes for your child every day. We are required to go outside for an hour daily, as long the temperature is above freezing and there is not any type of hazardous condition (i.e. lightning).

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

Thanks,

Ms. Tashina



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PreSchool 2

Dear Preschool 2 Parents,

February is here! We will begin the month discussing Friendship and how to be a good friend. Then we will discuss the season of Winter/Winter weather.

We will be having a friendship party on Wednesday the 14th at 3:40 and Parents, Grandparents, and Siblings are welcome to attend! I will have a sign-up sheet on things we will need for the party by the classroom door. Thank you in advance for your help in this! I will also be sending an email out with the names of the children in the classroom if you'd like to participate in exchanging Valentine cards at our Friendship Party.

Just some reminders-

*In the mornings at drop off make sure that your child has finished any food/breakfast **before** they come into the classroom. We are unable to sit with the children while they finish any food at this time, so please finish any food before coming into the classroom. This is not just a classroom rule but a licensing rule. Thank you for your help in this!

*Please make sure that your child has a **full** set of weather appropriate change of clothes in their bags, in case of accidents. **ALSO** makes sure they are the correct sizes, I know if your child rarely has accidents sometimes it easy to forget that the change of clothes in their bags are too small for them so please make sure they still fit. J

*UTCCC will close at Noon on February the 16th for Teacher In-service Training (No lunch is served that day)

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

Mrs. Leah and Ms. Katie



Pre K Upstairs

Dear PreK Up Parents and Family,

*We have had a fun and busy January. We've welcomed new friends to our class in January and we're all getting along well. We learned about the Arctic, the Antarctic, and animals in the winter, we made birdfeeders for our hungry little outdoor friends and hot chocolate for ourselves, and put on a play...quite a

bit was happening!

*Upcoming February lessons will include fairy tales, friendship, and dental health.

*Please remember that the weather will probably continue to be unpredictable. Always be sure to send your child with appropriate clothing so they can enjoy the outdoors. And always have a complete change of clothing to keep at school.

*We will have some UTC education students visiting our classroom weekly to interact and observe during this spring semester. We are excited to have these new visitors!

Thanks again for your support and all you do for us,

Ms. Shawn



Pre K Downstairs

1/2 day on February 16th. We will be closing at Noon and no lunch will be served. Staff will be engaging in training and team planning during this time.

Knowledge
is
power!

