

# UTC Children's Center

@ Brown and Battle Academies



On behalf of myself and my family I would like to thank the families and staff of the Children's Center for all the kindness they have shown us during our time of need after our fire. Words really cannot express the devastation we felt that day but to know there are people out here who care so deeply helps soften the blow. We are currently in a rental home and working with our insurance company to determine our best route of action to proceed.

Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart.

Ms. Jackie

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My favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something.

-Groucho Marx-



# Coordinators' Corner

Dear Parents

We have had many changes with our pre-k children moving out of the Center and starting their fall semester in kindergarten. We will miss them and hope to keep in touch with all of them so we know how they are doing. This of course is the time of year for pre-k to have major enrollment changes which causes some changes in the other classrooms. All will settle soon and we will have the classrooms set for ..... at least a few months:)

I met with our licensing agent the last of August to complete the paperwork on our 3 STAR's rating. She informed me that we will not receive our scores as quickly as we have in the past. They will come out later in the year and she is no longer allowed to hand deliver our outcome sheets. This will mean that we won't know our scores until around November or December. We previously received our scores around the end of August or first of September. I will keep you posted on the outcome for both sites.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Cindy

Hello Family,

I have to begin the month of September singing the praises of our staff at the Children's Center. In the midst of an extremely busy season, our staff has sailed right through it with grace and ease. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to making the Center a program of excellence.

Also on a positive note, our search for quality, early childhood teachers is proving to be successful. At this time we are overwhelmed with excitement to be able to say both sites are close to being fully staffed! At the Battle site, we welcome Caitlin Powers in Older Toddlers, Brittany Bostick in PreK and Debbie Mirra in Infants. At Brown, we welcome DeNeisha Stewart in Toddler One, Christine Galvan in Infants and Regis Richard in Preschool One. We have one position left to fill but we have high hopes that it will happen very soon! Thank you to all of our parents and families for your support and patience during our times of transition. We appreciate it more than you know!

Always,

Toya

"Every child should have a caring adult in their lives. And that's not always a biological parent or family member. It may be a friend or neighbor. Often times it is a teacher." -Joe Manchin

## Battle Academy Infants

Dear Parents,

With the summer coming to an end, we would like to say hello to our new friends and good bye to our older friends. The infants are welcoming Ms. Debbie as the new lead teacher and looking forward to her being a part of the classroom. We are saying hello to Joni Henderson, Everest Powell as infant friends and good bye to Henry, Miles, Addy, and Sara to YT.

Our room is finally complete and it looks great. I know the babies are enjoying it. Thanks again for your help and patience.

This month will be a lot of fun as we explore our infants' favorite things. We will revisit some of the infants' favorite activities as well as focusing on what each infant shows interest in.

Have a safe and fun holiday!

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

Ms. Cathy and Ms. Debbie





## *Battle Academy Young Toddlers*

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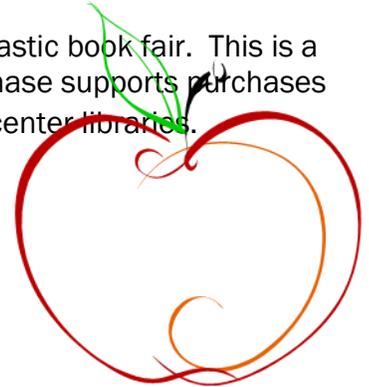
Dear Parents,

This month we will begin our food units and hopefully start some fall leaves/ colors units depending on the weather. Check the door each week. We may have a short list of food items that you can get for us during your weekly shopping. Our first two weeks will be about apples and all the different things we can make and eat using apples.

The week of September 21-25 we will be having a Scholastic book fair. This is a great opportunity to buy holiday gifts for the kids and each purchase supports purchases of books and other educational supplies for the classroom and center libraries.

Have a great month,

Ms. Ann, Ms. Toni, Ms. Danesha, and Mr. Ben



## *Battle Academy Older Toddlers*

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Dear Parents,

For the month of September, the Older Toddlers will be working on their ABCs and numbers. We will work on recognizing our names, the letters in our names, writing our names, and counting and recognizing numbers.



As always, please remember to check your child's mesh bag for an appropriate change of clothing. Also remember to sign your and your child's first and last name when signing in and out.

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Amy





## Battle Academy Preschool

Dear Parents,

Summer is coming to an end. We have had some enjoyable times exploring all the units associated with summer. We celebrated the end of summer with a week on "Hawaiian Luau".

The Children's Center went through our annual 3 Star Assessment. We are waiting for the results.

Please bring a family photo of you and your child for our

Family Wall and a complete change of clothes.

Also, if you have old crib sheets, blankets and magazines we will be happy to take them.

Welcome our new friends to Preschool: Stella, McKenzie and Charlie.

**Closed Monday, September 7, 2015, Labor Day**

**September Themes**

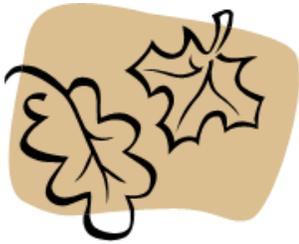
August 31 - September 11 -

Apples

September 14 - October 2 - Fall

Please email me ([Hilda-Lindsey@utc.edu](mailto: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



## Battle Academy Pre-K

Dear Parents,

Summer is ending—if we can't tell by the weather, we can tell by the fact that we won't be saying goodbye to more friends for another year. Claudia, Caleb, and Eloise left in August, but we also welcomed A.C.,

Asher, Emory, Simon, Stina, and Townes to Pre-K!

If you happen to have any clothes, sheets, or towels you would like to donate, we would happily accept! We're particularly running a little low on underwear, short-sleeve shirts, and shorts/light pants.

Please do check out our book fair 9/21-25! There's always a wonderful selection of books geared towards infants

through five years old.

Thank you all—I'm excited to begin my second year as the Pre-K teacher with such a great group of kids! And very happy to do it with our new assistant!

Ms. Anna and Ms. Brittany



## Brown Academy Infants

Hello Parents!

It has been a privilege to meet you and spend my days with your precious little ones. I have enjoyed getting to know your infants and I look forward to all the fun, growth and development we will experience together over the next few months. In an ef-

fort to make this transition as smooth as possible, September will be a month to learn more about each baby, and his/her strengths, and setting skill goals for us to work on.

Thank you all for making me feel so welcome here at Brown. I have rolled up my sleeves and am ready

to get our learn on in the infant room! Should you have any questions or concerns about our classroom, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss them with you.

Ms. Christine



## *Brown Academy Toddler 1*

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Hello Toddler-One Parents,

We are very excited that the fall semester at UTC is off and running. We are happy to see return of many of our student substitutes from the spring semester and we welcome many new ones to our class. These students play a substantial role in the success of our class and in the care of your children. They are doing a wonderful job and we appreciate them greatly.

During the month of September, our intentional teachings will focus on these themes: Back to School, Community Helpers, Grandparents and Johnny Appleseed. We continue to work on self-help skills as many of them are transitioning from infants to thriving, energetic and independent toddlers. We welcome Annabelle Garrison to our classroom. She will starting on a part time basis as of September 1.

We would like to remind you to please keep two size appropriate as well as weather appropriate changes of clothing at school in your child's mesh bag. We are sincerely thankful for the opportunity to serve you and your family. Should you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Thank You,

Mrs. Charlotte, Ms. DeNeisha, Ms. Megan, and Mr. Josh



## *Brown Academy Toddler 2*

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Dear Parents,

September has arrived. This year is almost over already. We have had a great summer, and we are looking forward to the Fall which will bring some much appreciated cooler weather. Our themes for this season will include; exploring the changing of the leaves, learning about

trees, community helpers, and tasting apples. This will be an exciting times as the kids see the changing of the seasons up close and personal. I'm sure they will come home talking about what we've learned, as well as asking questions as they start to pay attention to the changing season.

We would like to say goodbye to Dottie Nichols, Starla Tewalt, Beth Johnson, and Charlee Spearman. We wish them well as they

start their next life's adventure in Preschool 1.

Reminders: Please have a complete set of weather appropriate clothes in your child's bag.

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

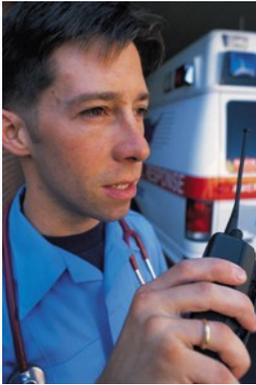
Ms. Kathy and Ms. Courtney





## Brown Academy Preschool 1

Dear Preschool 1 Parents,



September is here, which means fall is around the corner. We had fun learning about the water cycle, primary colors, and mixing colors. For the month of September our themes will be Community Helpers, Eric Carle, and welcoming fall.

Preschool One would like to welcome Beth, Charlee, Dottie,

and Starla to our classroom.

The Center will be closed Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day.

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

### Reminders:

\*Please remember to wash your hands and your child's 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 as 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



## Brown Academy Preschool 2

Dear Preschool 2 Parents,

The past few weeks we have enjoyed learning about Transportation, Zoo, and Pets. I am excited that the children are still singing the songs we learned during these units, "The Traffic Light Song" in particular. Be sure and have your child sing it for you! Also, thank you for your help



participating in our Zoo Show and Tell!

During September, we will discuss ourselves and what makes us each unique and special in "All About Me". I would like to use family pictures for this unit - if you could, bring one to class, or email one to me. We will also be studying about Farms and Community Helpers.

Just a reminder- The center will be closed September the 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

Ms. Leah and Ms. Katie





## *Brown Academy Pre-K Upstairs*

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Dear PreK Up parents and families,

We have had a very eventful August and we're looking forward to a wonderful September. Our students enjoyed learning about kindergarten, we had a going away party for our rising kindergarteners, and our space unit included a fantastic field trip to the Challenger Center on campus where the students participated in experiments and had the opportunity to ride the bus...twice!

September brings us to poetry, community helpers, farms, and apples. We hope the weather will begin to be cooler so we can take more walks to enjoy the outdoors.

Related Arts started up at the end of August. We are going to Library, Art, Music, and Spanish. We all look forward to this time.

PreK Up's daily schedule is changing just a bit to accommodate our new related arts time and naptime. You should have a copy of this by the time the newsletter is out.

Please continue to have a complete set of extra clothing for your child, weather appropriate. At this age bathroom accidents can still occur, and we want to be prepared when it does.

Parent/teacher conferences will be in September. I will have a sign up sheet in the very near future for you to choose a day and time for us to meet.

Thank you for all your support for our class! You really are wonderful parents and families!

Ms. Shawn



## *Brown Academy Pre-K Downstairs*

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Dear Pre-K Downstairs Parents,

It is hard to believe that it is already September! We have had a busy month this month, with assessment, moves to kindergarten, our going away party, and our field trip to The Challenger STEM Center. We had so much fun on our field trip! The kids loved riding the bus and doing all of the cool science activities. We got to sit in the space shuttle simulator, and do science experiments on the "space station." The kids had so much fun and were on

their best behavior! I was so proud of them! I will be posting the pictures to our classroom snapfish account soon.

We have a lot of fun plans for September, as well. Ms. Shawn and I will continue to "team teach" in the upstairs classroom. This month, we will be learning about poetry, community helpers, farms, and apples. We are planning to have some guest speakers and take a few short trips. Here are a few general reminders:

\*We know it is different

being in a new room, but please try to remember to sign your children in and out each day.

\*Also, please check to be sure you are signing into the correct class (our sign-in sheet is the one without the white bow).

\*The UTC Children's Center will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

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

Thank you,

Ms. Jennifer

