

# UTC Children's Center Newsletter May 2025

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<b><u>Toddler 1A:</u></b> Amy Hansen
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# UTC Children's Center at Battle Academy

## Infants



Hello Families!

April was an exciting month for the infants! We loved playing with our farm animal toys, and we especially loved exploring plastic eggs! We also love our new tummy time mats and are practicing lots of tummy time!

In May we plan to learn about rainforest animals. The Center will be closed on May 26 for Memorial Day. We know that many of you take vacations in the summer, so please let us know if your child is going to be absent.

Thank you,

Ms. Sara

## Young Toddlers



Summertime is loading quickly! As the temperatures rise, we'll be keeping our streak of outside learning! We will also be getting up close with bugs— seeing all the different kinds of insects and what they do in our world around us! We will also learn about community helpers and where we can spot them and what they do to help keep our communities safe and fun!

Parent teacher conferences are here! Please see the form on the classroom door and sign up for a time that works best for you! We'll be able to talk about classroom updates and progress and answer questions as we get ready for a fun filled summer!

Join us as well for a Mother's Day Muffin Date classroom social! We're inviting all the matriarchs to come and enjoy some muffins, fruit, and juice with your little ones at school— Friday, May 9th from 3:30-4:00/4:30! Moms, aunts, grandmas, all welcome!

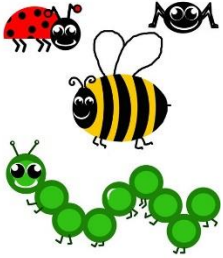
Last, but not least, Ms. Nadia has officially become our YT Full Time Assistant! She has been helping us for quite some time now and we are thrilled and grateful to have her join us officially!



# Older Toddlers

Dear Parents,

For the month of May, the Older Toddlers will be learning all about bugs. We will be discussing worms, butterflies, caterpillars, ants, spiders, ladybugs and bees. The Older Toddlers will have many opportunities to hunt for and observe real bugs as we go on nature walks and bug scavenger hunts. Among the many activities we have planned will be eating dirt and worms!!



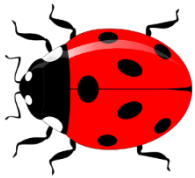
We plan on getting messy and digging in the grass and dirt, so please remember this as you dress your child in the morning.

Thank you for your continued support!!!!  
Ms. Amy

## Preschool

Dear Parents,

HAPPY SPRING!!!! We are so excited for the upcoming nicer weather!!



This past month, we have been learning about spring weather, butterflies, Earth Day, and gardening. We learned:

- Plants need water, sun and air to grow
- Caterpillars turn into butterflies
- It is our job to take care of our planet

- The three Rs-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

For the month of May, we will discuss:

- Mother's Day (More information to come on our Mother's Day Tea Party!)
- Birds
- Insects



Happy Spring!

Ms. Jean and Ms. Nardia

## Pre-K

We had a fun April learning about weather, seasons, types of clouds, and the planets! Hopefully the kids shared their new knowledge with you! ☺ We are glad to welcome our new assistant teacher Ms. Sunny to Pre-K!

In May, we are going to have a camping unit! Home Living will turn into a "campground", and we will do lots of crafts and outdoor activities. In addition to this, we will learn about picnics. After that, we will have fun discussing different zoo animals and what zookeepers do!



Be on the lookout for an announcement about our annual Mother's Day celebration!!

Thanks,  
Ms. Emma and Ms. Sunny



# UTC Children's Center at Brown



## Academy Infants A

We have had an outstanding outdoor April! We have enjoyed picnics, walks, and outside group learning time! We have loved watching our indoor and outdoor gardens grow, birds, and butterflies. May promises to be just as exciting as we dive into the world of creepy crawlies! We will learn about insects, arachnids, butterflies, and then finish out month up with Space!

I wanted to remind you that in honor of our fallen military servicepeople, we will be closed on Memorial Day, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Katie and Tiffany



## Infants B

During the month of April, we learned about Spring and gardening! In May we will learn about Cinco De Mayo, butterflies and flowers! UTC Children's Center will be closed May 26th for Memorial Day. Parents, as the weather gets warmer, we want to ask you to send your baby sunscreen so we can put it on before we go on walks and play outside! Feel free to also send hats or other items for sun protection! We are so excited for the summer! Thank you!



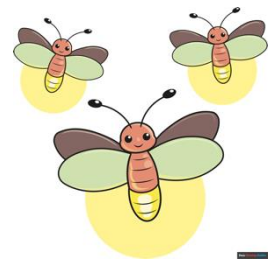
Miss Taylor and Miss Ebony

## Toddler 1

Dear Parents,

We had a lovely April learning about dirt, seeds, and growing things. We will continue to plant, grow, and hopefully harvest flowers, vegetables and herbs over the summer months. During May we will be learning about Bugs and celebrating Mothers. Strange combination but toddlers won't notice!

We will be making paper plate bugs, bug sensory bottles, painting with (plastic) bugs, and learning different kinds of bugs. Lady bugs, bees, grasshoppers, butterflies (and caterpillars), and fireflies are the main bugs we will be exploring.



happy mother's day

We will be having a Mother's Day Tea on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties, and other important women are all invited.

Everyone have a wonderful May,

Ms. Ann and Ms. Veronica

# Toddler 2

Dear Toddler 2 Parents,



It's hard to believe that it is already May! We have a new friend, Mally, joining us this month. Please help us make her and her family feel welcome.

We have a lot of fun activities planned this month. We will be learning about birds, butterflies, and dinosaurs! The children all enjoy learning about animals, so I am looking forward to all of their excitement.

We may begin water days at the end of this month. There will be more information about these as the date approaches.

Just a few reminders:

- The UTC Children's Center will be CLOSED on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.
- We know that many of you take vacations in the summer, so please let us know if your child is going to be absent. This helps us plan appropriately for meals and activities.

Thank you for all of the support. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

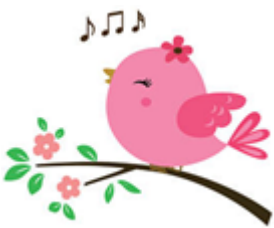
Thank you,

Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Jennifer



# Preschool 1

Dear Preschool One Parents,



Happy May! Spring has been in full swing in Preschool One. We had a lot of fun learning about gardening, the earth, and bugs!

This month we are going to learn about rain, birds, frogs, and our five senses! We will also enjoy getting outside when the weather is nice by going on walks, playing with chalk, and playing with bubbles!

**\*REMINDER\*** The Center will be closed Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day!

If you have any questions, please let us know!

- Ms. Ashley

# Preschool 2

Dear Preschool 2 Families,

I hope everyone had a great month! As April comes to an end, I'd like to say the kids had a great time participating and learning about Spring, Gardening, Bugs, and Butterflies.



For the month of May, we will be learning all about Rain, Birds, Bees, and Flowers. I'm also sad to say that Crew will be moving up on May 1st, but I'm happy to see what big things he accomplishes and does in Pre-K!

Here are some things to remember for the month:

Please send WATER ONLY if you choose to send a reusable water bottle for your child! (Any other liquids will be poured out and replaced with water.)

Please practice covering coughs and sneezes at home to help minimize the spreading of germs throughout the classroom! :)

Also please make sure your child is bringing ONE lovey to school for naptime. All other toys should be left in the car or at home to ensure they do not get lost, broken, or become a distraction.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Ms. Macaria

## Pre-K

Dear Pre-K Parents,

We have a robin's nest on the playground which the children have been keeping an eye on. Perfect timing after learning about backyard birds in April!

We said goodbye to Dimal at the end of April as he is going to visit family out of town for the summer, and we say hello to Crew from Preschool 2.

In May we will be learning about dinosaurs, fossils, transportation, and nocturnal animals. There are so many fun activities that we can do with these subjects, and the kids absolutely love it!



As the weather gets warmer be sure your child's extra clothes are weather appropriate. We try to be outside more often so have your child wear good outdoor shoes or have them available at school.



We will be closed on May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Thank you,

Ms. Shawn



# Little Miss Mag at UTC

## Infants A

Dear families,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the springtime April Showers. We spent an amazing learning all about springtime. We read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar's* first spring and *Planting a Rainbow*. We also enjoyed our time outside learning about nature. And we put our singing skills to the test by singing Mr. Sun. During the month of May, we will be learning about sports, animals, and celebrating our mommies.

We would also like to congratulate our friend Weslyn for moving up to the Toddler 1 room.

And as always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email or phone.  
Thank you!

-Ms. Shakira and Ms. Sam



## Infants B



Happy Spring! We will continue to explore the spring weather and the outdoors. For May we will be learning all about flowers and other things Spring brings. Parents, be sure to come inside the classroom and see our art and other documentation of the things we do. Last month we painted and colored with markers. We will continue to use various tools for art. I look forward to springtime with the infants in infant B!

Ms. Lori

## Infants C

Throughout the month of April, the infants have been learning all about gardening! We've been exploring a variety of gardening tools like rakes, shovels, and even a gardening apron. The children have also enjoyed learning about what you might plant in a garden—tomatoes, potatoes, strawberries, squash, and different types of flowers.

To enhance their learning experience, we've been exploring artificial flowers, fruits, and vegetables through sensory play and discussion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!





# Toddler 1-A

Hello Toddler 1 Families!

April was a fantastic month for us! We loved spending time outdoors, enjoying the warmer weather, and watching the excitement around our classroom bird feeder. It has been such a joy to observe our native birds and explore nature as spring unfolds.

One of our favorite activities this month was germinating bird seeds, we have tiny sunflower plants beginning to sprout! It's been a wonderful way to connect with nature and see growth in action.

Looking ahead to May, we have even more exciting adventures planned!

- We'll explore bugs, observing their movement and habitats.
- Our water exploration activities will let little ones splash and experiment with pouring and scooping.
- Bubbles, painting, and drawing will spark creativity as we dive into different sensory experiences.



As a quick reminder for outdoor play:

- If your child takes allergy medication, please ensure they've had it before arriving at school.
- If you'd like sunscreen or bug spray applied during the day, please send it in labeled, along with an up-to-date permission slip.

Thank you for your support, and we're looking forward to more fun ahead!

Ms. Amy

# Toddler 1-B

Hello again! We've been having lots of fun learning about Spring and playing outside. I have seen so much growth over these past four months, and I am excited to welcome a new friend, Henley, into our classroom. We are so happy to have her joining us this month and I just know that she is going to fit right in. In May, we will learn about butterflies, numbers, fruit, and Cinco de Mayo. We will also be spending some time learning and talking about our mothers in preparation for Mother's Day.

As always, thank you for all that you do and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

- Ms. Tehya



## Toddler 2-A

Toddler 2A Families,

We spent April learning about gardens and growing things, and are hoping that April showers will bring some May flowers! This month we planted a wildflower garden on the playground. The children helped clean out the flower bed, plant seeds, and water the garden every day. We are waiting patiently (or impatiently) for the flowers to grow!

After noticing the worms in the garden, everyone has been very interested in creepy crawlies. We will spend May learning about bugs and insects. We'll observe different bugs on the playground, taking pictures, writing and drawing our observations, and practicing watching without touching. We'll make insect-inspired art, look at the different places that bugs live and make our own bug homes, learn about insect life cycles, and explore pictures and books about different insects.

We will also welcome two new classmates in May—they are moving up from the T1-A class and we can't wait for them to join us!

One quick housekeeping note—we will be going through cubbies to make sure all extra clothing fits and is seasonally appropriate. If we send your child's extra clothing home, please be sure to bring a replacement!

Thanks,

Ms. Sarah and Miss Payton



## Toddler 2-B

Hello Parents,



The Warm weather is here and we have been enjoying it. Colors and Spring Time were our theme. Yellow, red and blue were our first colors. We enjoyed looking around the classroom to find things of the same color we were focusing on for the week.

We gather all the things and engaged with them on the Big Blue Rug. The children did a good job naming all the things we found around the room. We made color collages each week. We made a color caterpillar for our door. We used bubble wrap to paint with the color red. We used our footprint making a bumble bee with the color yellow. Some of the children would identify the color of the Vehicles coming by while we were on the playground.

We used our handprint to make a Spring Tree. Our two favorite books were, Candy Apple Blessings and White rabbit Coloring. The children loved listening to Pete the cat and his white shoes sometimes 3 times a day. We took turns watering our class Pothos Plant!

Thanks a lot for trying to find the color of the week for your child to wear for our Color Picture Book we are creating for our Book Center! We will continue Colors and Spring for the month of May.



Note: Please make sure your child has at least one seasonal outfit at school in their cubby for emergency.

Pearlene

# Preschool

Preschool had so much fun in April! We learned all about The 5 Senses, Spring, and Creepy Crawlies. In May, we will be learning about Community Helpers, Animals that Live at the Pond, and Camping!

Here are a few reminders for the month of May:

- LMM @ UTC will be CLOSED on Monday, May 26th in observation of Memorial Day.
- Practice covering sneezes and coughs at home to help us keep germs away!
- Please, check your child's cubby DAILY and take home any artwork, soiled clothes, etc!

Thank you!



# Pre-K

Hello, Pre-K families! We have enjoyed all sorts of spring activities with colorful eggs and bunnies. Now we are excited get started planting seeds. We have an assortment of flowers and vegetables to choose from. We will also learn about rain and why it is so important to us all.



We are continuing to work on kindergarten readiness skills, feelings and friendships. Parents, check your child's cubby for treasured artwork that is ready to go home.

As always, thank you for all you do. It takes a village and together we are a great team!

Ms. Beverly and Ms. Andi



**Lunch Box Catering**  
**Donna Laster 423-802-1938**  
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**May 2025 Lunch Menu**

27	28 Turkey and Cheese Slider Sweet Potato Fries Apples Milk	29 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Carrots Bananas Milk	30 Baked Ham Mac and Cheese Corn Oranges Milk	01 Beef and Cheese Burrito Pinto Beans Bananas Milk	02 Chicken Nuggets Biscuit Green Beans Apples Milk	03
04	05 Spinach Quesadilla Pinto Beans Apples Milk	06 Beef a Roni Carrots Bananas Milk	07 Creamy Chicken Noodle Bake Peas Oranges Milk	08 Ham and Cheese Roll-up Baked Beans Bananas Milk	09 Cheeseburger Slider Green Beans Apples Milk	10
11	12 Cheese Pizza w/ Mozzarella Green Beans Apples Milk	13 Cheeseburger Mac Peas Bananas Milk	14 Chicken Alfredo Corn Oranges Milk	15 Turkey and Cheese Roll-up Carrots Bananas Milk	16 BBQ Chicken on Slider Bun Pinto Beans Apples Milk	17
18	19 Chicken and Cheese Roll-up Sweet Potato Fries Apples Milk	20 Baked Ziti with Beef Carrots Bananas Milk	21 Teriyaki Chicken and Brown Rice Peas Oranges Milk	22 Ham and Cheese Roll-up Tator Tots Bananas Milk	23 Chicken Patty on Slider Bun Baked Beans Apples Milk	24
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### May VEG Lunch Menu

27	28 Hummus and Cheese Slider Sweet Potato Fries Apples Milk	29 Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce Carrots Bananas Milk	30 Roast Veggies Mac and Cheese Corn Oranges Milk	01 Bean and Cheese Burrito Pinto Beans Bananas Milk	02 Veggie Nuggets Biscuit Green Beans Apples Milk	03
04	05 Spinach Quesadilla Pinto Beans Apples Milk	06 Black Bean a Roni Carrots Bananas Milk	07 Creamy Chickpea Noodle Bake Peas Oranges Milk	08 Hummus and Cheese Roll-up Baked Beans Bananas Milk	09 Veggie burger Slider Green Beans Apples Milk	10
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