

UTC Children's Center Newsletter July 2025

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UTC Children's Center at Battle Academy

Infants



Hello Families!

The infants are loving summer so far! We had a joyous June as we started to learn about the ocean and started our water days! We have been loving singing and dancing along to ocean songs and reading books about the ocean. For July, we will continue our ocean theme with more fun ocean activities. We will be closed on July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ms. Sara and Ms. Christin

Young Toddlers

July is here and there's so much summer fun to explore! Colors and textures and sounds galore!

We are going to be learning about and making our own creative fireworks! We'll get to explore a variety of colors and art materials to create these explosive art pieces!



Then we are also going to dive into the ocean world! We'll learn about ocean animals and sounds, textures and colors, and the beach! We will continue our water play days as well! Trying to beat the heat and explore our sensory world 🌊 Stay tuned for all the fun updates and pictures of our summer fun ahead!

Older Toddlers

Dear Parents,

For the month of July, the Older Toddlers will be learning all about summer. We will discuss nature, animals, changes in the weather, and going on vacation. Mostly, we will focus on going to the beach, going camping and going to the park. The Older Toddlers will get to enjoy nature by going on walks and going to the "park" right outside our school. They will also get to eat watermelon and make S'mores and go camping.

We ask that parents bring in or text any pictures of their families on vacation or enjoying a day in the park so that we can display these in the classroom.

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4!

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Amy and Keegan



Preschool

Dear Parents,

A big THANK YOU to all our dads who came to Doughnuts for Dads!! We had a great time!

Preschool is enjoying Fun Fridays for the summer. There will be lots of fun activities involved and getting wet on the water slide! Please be sure to send a bathing suit and towel each week.

Please check out our new planter pots out front of the building. Preschool planted a lot of beautiful flowers! Thank you to all who donated planting supplies!

Preschool really enjoyed our flower unit. We learned we need water, air and sun to help our plants grow.

The units for July will be:

- America's birthday
- Water play
- Camping
- Zoo animals

And as always, a big thank you to all of you for your support!

Ms. Jean and Ms. Nardia



Pre-K

Happy July! We had a great June. Thank you to everyone who made the graduation so special for our class! The first week of this month, we will have a quick "Stars and Stripes" Unit. Don't forget we will be closed on the fourth! The rest of July we will focus on all things ocean related. Beach, water, sea animals... we will dive into all of it! We will also continue water days every Wednesday.



Thank you,

Ms. Emma and Ms. Sunny

UTC Children's Center at Brown

Academy

Infants A

We have had a jubilant June! We partied hard at our summer solstice party, tie-dyed everything we could get our hands on, played in the water, and danced our diapers off. We learned about space, shapes, and summer! This July we will be focusing mainly on the beach and ocean! We will be welcoming our new friend Hazel this month and saying goodbye to Abel, Joelle, John and Linnea as they move on to their new big kid class. We will be closed on July 4th

Katie and Tiffany

Infants B



Hello families! At the beginning of June, we said goodbye to our friend Sophie as she moved up to the Toddler One room. We have missed her, but we know she is having a fun time in T1! On June 12th, we celebrated our friend Juliette's first birthday, happy birthday Juliette! We also said farewell to Miss Ebony as she continues her career journey! We miss her but we know she is doing great things! This month we had fun making flowerpots and next month in July we look forward to learning about summertime and America!

Miss Taylor

Toddler 1

Dear Toddler 1 Families,

I hope everyone had a great month! As June comes to an end, I'd like to say the kids had a great time learning about the beach, dads & Father's Day, and ocean animals. For the month of July, we will be learning all about summer weather, the color yellow, our fruits & vegetables, and space.

Additionally, Zenani, Jasiri, Khari, and Brooks will be moving up on July 1st. We will miss their bright personalities, but we're happy to see what big things they accomplish and do in Toddler 2! With that being said, let's welcome our new friends from Infant A, we are so excited to have John, Abel, Joelle, and Linnea joining our classroom.

We have begun having our water days this month! We go out and spend some time playing in the water table, sprinkler, and kiddie pool outside. As a reminder, please bring your child in their swimsuit and with sunscreen already on. Please do not bring them in their swim diapers because they tend to leak.

We will be closed on Friday July 4th

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

Ms. Macaria and Ms. Veronica



Toddler 2



Dear Toddler 2 Parents.

July should be a really fun month! We will be learning about our country, camping, and summer fun! There are so many fun camping activities, including “hiking,” flashlight day, and making s’mores. I will keep you posted on any outdoor activities, so you can plan with sunscreen, hats, etc.

Here are a few reminders for this month:

- We will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
- Please let us know if/when you are going on vacation. This way, we can plan accordingly with snack and lunch counts, supplies, etc.
- Please remember that toys from home should not come to school, unless it is a stuffed animal or soft doll for naptime. These should be placed in your child’s cubby bag upon arrival in the classroom.
- Water days this month will be on Thursdays – July 3rd, July 17th, and July 31st. July 31st will be the last water day of the year.



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

Thank you,

Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Jennifer

Preschool 1

Dear Preschool One Parents,

Hello July! Summer is now in full swing, and we are excited to keep learning about it. In June, we had a blast learning about space, dinosaurs, and the season changing into summer! Also, our water days were a big hit with the kids. They loved getting out of the classroom for some good summer fun.

This month, we will learn about the beach and the ocean. We will also learn about the creatures and animals that live at the beach and ocean.

Important dates to remember in July:

- The center will be closed **Friday, July 4th** for Independence Day.
- **July 10TH** and **24th** are the dates to our next water days.

If you have any questions, please let me know!

- Ms. Ashley



Preschool 2



Hello families! My name is Ms. A, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the Lead Teacher in Preschool 2. I graduated from Kennesaw State University with a degree in Child Development and have been working in early childhood education for several years. I officially joined the team on May 19th and have truly enjoyed getting to know each of your amazing children! This month, our class has been busy learning all about weather, manners, and different types of jobs. We've also had a blast with creative projects like painting, making rainbows, and so much more. I'm looking forward to a fun and engaging summer of learning and growth together!

Next month, we're diving into all things summer and zoo animals! The children will explore the exciting changes that come with the season, from sunshine and water fun to summer safety. We'll also take a fun adventure into the world of zoo animals—learning about their habitats, sounds, and unique characteristics through books, songs, crafts, and hands-on activities. It's going to be an exciting month full of learning and discover

Pre-K

Dear PreK families,



The weather may be hot but we're staying cool so far! We are moving on to our lessons for July which include America, camping, and kindergarten. We're excited to share these popular subjects with the kids!

Note that we will be closed on the Fourth of July.

Friday, August 1, we will be having our annual Going Away Party for our rising kindergartners. This is our most important party of the year and families are invited so mark it on your calendars! This is a fun time for all our students! More details to come.

Please make sure your child wears comfortable, well-fitting shoes, and weather appropriate clothing. We go outside unless it is above 95 degrees or storming.

Lastly, thank you all for your support...we appreciate you!

Ms. Shawn and Ms. Angela



Little Miss Mag at UTC

Infants A

Keep an eye out for exciting updates from Ms. Shakira

Infants B

Hello Families!

Summer is here, and we're excited to enjoy the sunshine with your little ones! Last month we began exploring the summertime weather and fun summer activities. Our focus this season is safe outdoor play, sensory exploration, and lots of summertime smiles.

Outdoor Playtime

We will be spending more time outside in the mornings when it's cooler. The infants love:

- Crawling on the grass
- Watching bubbles float in the air
- Feeling the breeze and sunshine
- Exploring water play with small splash tubs (supervised and age-appropriate!) Sun Safety Reminder We monitor temperatures carefully and limit outdoor time during hot weather. Infants are kept well-hydrated with formula, breast milk, or water as appropriate for their age

Summer-Themed Sensory Fun

We're incorporating the summer theme into sensory activities! Some of our favorites include:

- Cold watermelon mash for tactile fun (and taste!)
- Ice cubes with toys inside for exploration
- Nature-inspired baskets with safe leaves, pinecones, and soft grass

We appreciate your support in helping us create a fun, safe, and stimulating summer environment for your little ones. If you have any questions or want to contribute ideas, we'd love to hear from you!

With sunny smiles,

Ms. Lori



Infants C

Hi Families!

During the month of June, we've been diving into all things ocean! The babies created adorable handprint fish swimming through the sea, and they had so much fun exploring different ocean creatures during playtime. We've also enjoyed reading ocean-themed books and singing songs about the ocean together.

All the babies are growing so fast and are constantly on the move—it's such a joy to watch them learn and explore

As always, if you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Mrs. Tavia & Ms. Wallika



Toddler 1-A



Dear Parents,

In June, our toddlers embarked on an engaging exploration of the ocean and the incredible creatures that call it home. In July we will get creative for Independence Day and we will add on to the ocean learning and discuss beaches, shells and sea turtles. Water Days Are Back! Every Thursday, as long as the weather permits, we will be hosting Water Days—a favorite summer tradition! To ensure your child is

prepared, please send them with:

- Swimwear for outdoor play or an extra outfit for changing afterward
- A towel
- Sunscreen (Please don't forget this essential item!)
- Appropriate footwear for water play

A reminder: children need at least two extra weather appropriate outfits, sunscreen, and if you deem necessary, bug spray. As always, I appreciate your support in making these experiences enriching and enjoyable for your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Ms. Amy

Toddler 1-B

We have had a blast learning all about the ocean and the animals that inhabit it. We have had the opportunity to examine different types of seashells and create ocean inspired art. We have also spent time learning about our favorite fruits and how they grow. In July, we will be learning about the beach, Independence Day, and vacations! We will spend time learning about and trying different vegetables.

Water days have been especially fun for our little ones and will continue to have them every Thursday of the summer as weather permits. We have decided to switch to Thursday to provide a smoother process when transitioning from the playground back inside. On water days, I encourage you to bring your child in swimwear or whatever clothing you do not mind getting wet and/or dirty. Please do not forget to bring an extra outfit for your child to wear once all the water day fun is over.

A couple of reminders— with warmer weather we are seeing more mosquitoes out and about and we encourage you to send bug spray or other products for your child's protection. Please ensure that your child has at least two extra weather appropriate outfits and sunscreen as well. We want to do everything we can to have a happy and healthy summer. Thank you!

-Miss Tehya



Toddler 2-A



Toddler 2 Families,

We had a fantastic start to our summer, learning about oceans and beaches in June! We made our own jellyfish and explored the colors of the ocean with paint and other art materials. We have especially enjoyed exploring seashells around the room— favorite activities have been placing them on the light table to see what they look like and pressing them into playdough to see the impressions.

During July, we will focus on learning about summer, and everything that goes with the season! Summer clothes, temperature, weather, foods, and more.

A reminder that we will be closed on **July 4 for Independence Day.**

Thank you!

Ms. Sarah

Toddler 2-B



Hello Parents,

The month of June was fun with Bugs and colors. While on the playground we would look for any kind of bugs. The one we would always find was the bumble bee. We made sure we stay clear of that bug! Even though it was not a lot of bugs to be found on the playground we enjoyed all the birds on the playground and the nests they built. The kids all took a stop while on their bikes, looking at the sight of the birds' eating seeds from the bird feeder from Ms. Amy's back door on their playground.

The kids painted with a fly swatter, which was fun for them. They enjoyed bugs water play. They made sticker pages using different summer and bugs stickers. They sorted color bugs. They made a butterfly using their footprint. Our favorite bugs were the bumble bee, grasshopper and ant. Our book we enjoyed was "Summer time".

The kids did a great job with all the colors we learn each week! And they all did a great job with our color of the week show and tell. It was kind of funny seeing them protect their items they brought in and making sure they put them back in their cubbies.



For the month of July, it will be water fun! We have a lot of water activities planned for indoors and outdoors.

Pearlene

Preschool



We had so much fun learning all about the ocean and wild animals in the month of June! In July, we will be learning about the USA, Pets, Tennessee, and Fairytales!

Here are a few reminders for the month of July:

- Please check your child's cubby daily and take home any artwork, soiled clothes, etc!
- LMM @ UTC will be CLOSED on Friday, July 4th in observation of Independence Day!

Pre-K

We hope all our wonderful dads had a great Father's Day! The children enjoyed making the keychains and it was hard to keep it a secret! The wildflowers are growing, and we've seen so many baby birds on the playground! One was hurt, and I took it to a bird Rehabber. We're waiting for news on its progress.

We are currently 'Going On A Picnic' in Pre-K. Our dramatic play center is a picnic setup complete with blankets, baskets, cooler, grill, and uninvited ants! After all, what would a picnic be without a few insects trying to take a bite too? We will be making homemade ice cream and having a real picnic outside on the playground. Next month we will be going camping and learn about the critters that live in the woods.

We have 5 graduates leaving for kindergarten. We're planning to have a small ceremony on the playground to honor their achievements at the end of the month.

Parents, as always, thank you for all you do each and every day. We appreciate you so much!

Ms Beverly and Ms. Andi





Lunch Box Catering
Donna Laster 423-802-1938
Donnalaster@epbfi.com

July 2025 Lunch Menu

29	30 Beef and Cheese Burrito Pinto Beans Apples Milk	01 Creamy Chicken Brown Rice Casserole Peas Bananas Milk	02 Baked Ham Mac and Cheese Green Beans Oranges Milk	03 Turkey and Cheese Slider Sweet Potato Fries Bananas Milk	04 CLOSED	05
06	07 Cheese Pizza w/ Mozzarella Peas Apples Milk	08 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Carrots Bananas Milk	09 Beef Stroganoff Corn Oranges Milk	10 Ham and Cheese Slider Tator Tots Bananas Milk	11 Chicken Nuggets Biscuit Green Beans Apples Milk	12
13	14 Spinach Quesadilla Pinto Beans Apples Milk	15 Beef a Roni Carrots Bananas Milk	16 Creamy Chicken Noodle Bake Peas Oranges Milk	17 Ham and Cheese Roll-up Baked Beans Bananas Milk	18 Cheeseburger Slider Sweet Potato Fries Apples Milk	19
20	21 Cheese Pizza w/ Mozzarella Baked Beans Apples Milk	22 Cheeseburger Mac Peas Bananas Milk	23 Chicken Alfredo Corn Oranges Milk	24 Beef and Cheese Burrito Carrots Bananas Milk	25 Chicken and Cheese Roll-up Green Beans Apples Milk	26
27	28 BBQ Chicken on Slider Bun Green Beans Apples Milk	29 Baked Ziti with Beef Carrots Bananas Milk	30 Teriyaki Chicken and Brown Rice Peas Oranges Milk	31 Ham and Cheese Roll-up Tator Tots Bananas Milk	01 Chicken Patty on Slider Bun Sweet Potato Fries Apples Milk	02
03	04 Beef and Cheese Burrito Pinto Beans Apples Milk	05 Creamy Chicken Brown Rice Casserole Peas Bananas Milk	06 Baked Ham Mac and Cheese Green Beans Oranges Milk	07 Turkey and Cheese Slider Sweet Potato Fries Bananas Milk	08 Chicken Tenders Biscuit Corn Apples Milk	09



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July VEG Lunch Menu

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06	07 Cheese Pizza w/ Mozzarella Peas Apples Milk	08 Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce Carrots Bananas Milk	09 Mushroom Stroganoff Corn Oranges Milk	10 Hummus and Cheese Slider Tator Tots Bananas Milk	11 Veggie Nuggets Biscuit Green Beans Apples Milk	12
13	14 Spinach Quesadilla Pinto Beans Apples Milk	15 Black Bean a Roni Carrots Bananas Milk	16 Creamy Chickpea Noodle Bake Peas Oranges Milk	17 Cheese Roll-up Baked Beans Bananas Milk	18 Veggie burger Slider Sweet Potato Fries Apples Milk	19
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