

UTC Children's Center Newsletter August 2025

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UTC Children's Center at Battle Academy

Infants

July was a very fun month for us! We have had a blast continuing our ocean theme and doing lots of sensory activities! We especially enjoyed playing with our ocean animal toys in the water table and painting with them. For August, our theme will be All About Me!

Ms. Sara and Ms. Christin



Young Toddlers

August has arrived— and with it we have lots of new things to engage with for YT! We are going to start learning about forests and the animals that live in them! We'll be making collages with nature materials, taking walks to find “tracks”, and getting more snack time picnics in as well! We'll follow up with a unit about camping— tents, hikes, smores, and gear! We'll to get practice “fishing” and making s'mores! We'll be building tents and “campfires” too!

We're expecting the heat to stick around so keeping your child's at-school bag stocked with extra clothes is very appreciated and helpful as we get into messy activities and of course, accidents!

We'll be welcoming a new friend from Infants, Margot Rogers! We're excited to have her joining the party!!

-YT



Older Toddlers

Dear Parents,

For the month of August, the Older Toddlers will be working on their self-help skills and learning all about themselves. We will discuss the five senses, emotions and feelings. We will be focusing on self-help skills such as dressing ourselves (putting on socks and shoes, pants, shirts), washing our hands, and resolving problems with our friends using our words.



So please remember that as you help dress your child in the morning, simple clothes are better!!

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Amy and Keegan

Preschool

Dear Parents,

A few reminders coming up for the months of August and September:

- Friday September 26 is in-service for the Children's Center staff. The center will close at noon and there will be no lunches served to the children on this day.
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be coming soon. More information to come at a later date.

July was a fun month for Preschool!! We just wrapped up Fun Fridays, water play, camping and animals. We ended our pet unit with a visit from Shug. A big thank you to Thomas Persinger and family for bringing in their family dog...we had so much fun meeting a real dog. It was a great way to end our pet unit!!!

For this month, the children will be enjoying different books by different authors. Some of our favorites are Clifford and Curious George. We will be learning about the parts of a book, what authors do, and what characters are.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Ms. Jean and Ms. Nardia



Pre-K



It's August already! We had a fun July learning about the ocean and playing in our "beach" in Home Living. This month, we will have a fun Vehicles, Transportation, & Construction Unit. We will also be adjusting to a slightly new class schedule, working on following rules and routines, and getting to know our new classmates. Water play will continue until otherwise noted.

Thanks!

Ms. Emma and Ms. Sunny

UTC Children's Center at Brown

Academy

Infants A



July has been an exciting month for us, we talked about the ocean and beach and were very excited to welcome to our class, and August promises to be just as exciting with Adrian and Oliver starting in our class. This month, we are going to learn about one of our favorite topics... ourselves, our bodies, our senses, and our feelings! We also hope everyone has enjoyed the zinnias at the front desk, please feel free to take one and brighten someone's day!

Infants B

Hello Families,

We had a wonderful month in July exploring themes like *America*, *the ocean*, and *picnics*. The children had so much fun learning and engaging with each topic!

As we look ahead to August, we're excited to dive into new themes: *camping*, *farming*, and *All About Me*. These topics are sure to spark curiosity and creativity in the classroom.

You may also notice that our room has had a bit of a makeover! A big thank you to **Ms. Tiffany** for all of her help in making our space even more inviting and fun for the children.

This month, we're excited to welcome a new friend, **Lainey**, to our class! At the same time, we'll be saying goodbye to our friends **Henry** and **Juliette** as they move up to the Toddler One classroom. We will miss them dearly, but we're confident they will do wonderfully in their new environment.

Thank you, as always, for your support and partnership!

Miss Taylor



Toddler 1



Dear Toddler 1 Families,

I hope everyone had a great month! As July comes to an end, I'd like to say the kids had a great time learning about summer weather, the color yellow, space, and our fruits and vegetables. In August, we will learn about transportation, community helpers, and camping

Additionally, let's welcome our new friends. We are so excited to have Henry, Juliette, and Clarke join our classroom.

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,

August is here! This month, we will be learning about transportation, space, and our pets. It should be a lot of fun! We will still be trying to go outside in the mornings, whenever we can. This way, we can get some outside time in before it gets too hot.

We should be having parent-teacher conferences this month. There will be a sign-up sheet the week before conferences. Please let us know ahead of time if you will be unable to meet that week.

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

Thank you!

Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Jennifer



Preschool 1



Dear Preschool One Parents,

Happy August! We had a wonderful and fun July learning about the beach and the ocean. Sea creatures were a class favorite to play with and learn about. The kids also enjoyed playing with some big seashells we added in a lot of our centers. Of course, water days have been some of the best, most fun days of the month!

We are so excited to welcome Ms. Hannah as our Preschool one assistant!

We have some fun things to do in our last full month of summer! We will learn about farm animals, ice cream, and camping! It's going to be a great, fun month!

If you have any questions, please let us know!

- Ms. Ashley and Ms. Hannah

Preschool 2

Hello wonderful families and friends!

It has been such a joyful and exciting time in Preschool 2! As the lead teacher, I can honestly say the past few months have been nothing short of amazing.

We've accomplished so many fun activities—from exploring colors, weather, ocean, ocean animals and even creating seasonal crafts that showed off each child's creativity. Every day is a new adventure, and seeing the excitement on their faces when they learn something new makes it all worthwhile

Preschool 2 is truly a classroom full of energy, imagination, and love. I am so grateful to be part of their learning journey and can't wait to see all the wonderful things we'll continue to discover together!

With joy,

Ms. A



Pre-K

Dear PreK families,

We've had a great July and are heading into a busy August.

This is the time for goodbyes to our rising kindergartners as they move on to their new schools. We will miss them so much but hope they keep in touch!



Our Going Away party last week was such a fantastic time! Thank you to all who attended and helped make it a success. The children were very proud to sing for you. Be sure to look on ProCare for pictures.

We look forward to seeing the Brown Academy students return so our hallway isn't as silent. Our lessons for August will include All About Me, and The Farm.

Thank you for being such supportive families!

Ms. Shawn and Ms. Angela



Little Miss Mag at UTC

Infants A

Dear families,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the beautiful July weather. We spent an amazing learning all about summertime and the beach. We read books like Red Fish, Yellow Fish and Commotion in the Ocean. We also enjoyed listening to and singing songs such as Baby Shark and Baby Beluga. And we put our gross and fine motor skills to the test by digging for seashells and making sea creature prints.

We also like to congratulate our friend Jude for celebrating his First Birthday this month.

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

Hello Families!

We've had a wonderful month of July in the Infant B classroom! The babies have been soaking up the sunshine and exploring the great outdoors. We've enjoyed shaded blanket time on the grass to sensory bins with water and ice. The infants especially loved watching bubbles float in the breeze and feeling different textures like grass and water. It's been a month filled with curiosity, giggles, and lots of discovery!

We also brought summer indoors with bright artwork, summer-themed songs, and colorful books. The children enjoyed using their senses to explore summer-themed materials like water play, soft sponges, and watermelon.

We're also excited to welcome our new assistant teacher, Ms. Tashia, to the Infant B classroom! She brings a warm heart and a nurturing presence to our team. The children already love her gentle spirit and kind smile. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourselves during drop-off or pick-up — we're so happy to have her join us!

Looking ahead to August, we are excited to dive into our "Camping Adventure" theme! While we won't be sleeping under the stars, we'll be bringing all the fun of camping into our classroom. We'll explore nature-themed sensory play, listen to calming nature sounds, "roast" pretend marshmallows, and enjoy cozy story times under a pretend tent. We'll introduce forest animals through puppets and songs and even go on little classroom "nature walks" to look for treasures.

As always, thank you for sharing your little ones with us. We love watching them grow, learn, and explore!

Warmly, Ms. Lori & Ms. Tashia



Infants C

This month, we've been discovering the wonderful world of pets!

We've explored books about pets and had fun talking about the different sounds they make. We also discussed where pets live—whether it's inside the house, outside, in water, or even in a cage. The children enjoyed playing with toy animals and deciding which ones could be pets. We learned that while some animals make great companions, others are best left in the wild!



It's been such a joy to watch your little ones grow and learn each day. They are curious, engaged, and always eager to explore new ideas!

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

Mrs. Tavia & Ms. Wallika

Toddler 1-A

Diving Into August Adventures!

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful journey we have been on this summer! In July, we had fun learning all about beaches, seashells and the ocean and the fascinating creatures that call it home. As August arrives our goal is to finish off our ocean exploration with the captivating world of sharks!

A reminder: Please make sure to have a change of clothes, sunscreen and bug spray if you would like it applied.

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

Dear Parents,

For the month of August, we will be learning all about ourselves. We will be learning about our families, our emotions, and our bodies. I encourage you to send in family pictures if you have not already! There's no such thing as too many pictures and the children love being able to see their families at school.

We will also be adding on to our topic of vacation, from last month. In July, we learned about the beach and what fun things you can do when you take a trip to the beach, but this month we will be learning all about the fun of camping.

As always, I appreciate your support and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for all that you do!

- Ms. Tehya



Toddler 2-A

Toddler 2-A Families,

We have had so much fun learning about summer this past month! We all especially enjoyed exploring ice on the playground and having water days. The children have been practicing their weather observations and have been loving the chance to be our weather reporter during circle time.

In August, we will spend time learning about different types of transportation. The children will help keep track of the different kinds of vehicles we see on the road throughout the day, learn about all the ways people can get around, and experiment with building ramps, roads, and more.

August still counts as summer, so we will continue our Friday morning water play, weather permitting!

Thanks,

Ms. Sarah and Miss Payton



Toddler 2-B

Hello Parents,



WOW!!!!!! What a time we had in July, with all the water play and activities. We started out with ice cubes. We took the ice cubes out on the playground and placed them in the sun in containers. We used the ice cubes to paint on the sidewalk. The kids enjoyed watching the ice

melt and turn into water. I asked the children, what did the ice fill like? Cold, wet, funny, were the answers.



The children enjoyed water play every Friday. On our first water play, one of my little friends poured water on me from behind. Oh Yes, I did get him back! And I had no extra clothes

The spray water bottles were a hit for the children, not only were they great for them to exercise their fine muscles, but kept them very busy and wet on the playground. During water play in the classroom the children did a lot of pouring and scooping, dumping and counting. Bubble was a favorite for the month of July. The children were given their own small bubble wand and they all did a great job blowing their own bubbles.

For the month of August, it will be **All About Me/Sports**

Pearlene

Preschool



We had so much fun learning all about the USA, pets, Tennessee, and Fairytales in July! We will begin August with our Laura Numeroff unit (the author of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and more!") as well as learning about Going to School and All About Me! To end our Laura Numeroff unit, we will be reading "If You Give A Pig a Party" followed by a "Pig Party" during afternoon snack! The party will be on Friday, August 8th at 3:00pm! Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet on our classroom door! Have a great month!

Pre-K

Hello! Pre-K is Going on a Picnic! 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 made yummy homemade ice cream, enjoyed a cold watermelon and, if weather permits, have a picnic on the playground.



Next month we will be going CAMPING with a real tent and camping gear in the dramatic play center. We will also learn about the animals that live in the woods. What do they eat? Where do they live? What do they do when it rains? Which are nocturnal? It's going to be a fun month!



Lunch Box Catering
Donna Laster 423-802-1938
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August 2025 Lunch Menu

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



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August VEG Lunch Menu

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

