

UTC Children's Center Newsletter September 2025

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<u>Preschool:</u> Jean Walston, Nardia Ingram
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<u>Pre-K:</u> Emma Gray, Sunny Smith

Staff Floaters: Kathryn Friedle
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<u>Infants B:</u> Taylor Parker, Latricia Hood

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<u>Toddler 2:</u> Jennifer Hunt, Jasmine Jackson

<u>Preschool 1:</u> Ashley Burnette, Hannah Antone

<u>Preschool 2:</u> Andrenique Moore, Jada McCray
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<u>Toddler 1B:</u> Tehya Long, Jade Reese
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<u>Toddler 2A:</u> Sarah Trumbore, Payton Smith
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<u>Toddler 2B:</u> Pearlene Kelly, D'anerys Doe
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UTC Children's Center at Battle Academy

Infants



We had an awesome August! Our theme was All About Me, and we loved learning about our current friends and our new friends! We read books about ourselves and enjoyed seeing photos of us with our families. We had a great time listening to our parents who came to read our favorite books to the class. For this month, we will learn about the forest and its animal inhabitants.

As a reminder, please come into the classroom when you drop off and pick up to see our artwork and photos of us doing fun activities! These are

updated regularly.

The Center will be closed on September 1st for Labor Day

Ms. Sara and Ms. Christin

Young Toddlers

Do you remember? The 21st night of SEPTEMBER! It's here! We are flying through 2025 & up next we have a fun unit in store!

Through this month we will be learning about a ton of animal friends! We're going to explore pets and how we share our homes and routines with them; as well as practice how we take care of our pets! To couple that, we're also going to work on our farm animal skills! We'll be learning to identify sounds and patterns related to the farm and we're going to try our own "farm work"! Keep an eye out for our creative projects all around our classroom and our bulletin board in the hallway!

If you have pets at home (or a farm!) we'd love if you sent in pictures for us to build collages and post around the room for our friends at school!

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Older Toddlers

Dear Parents,



Reminder: In-service is Friday September 26. We close at noon and no lunch will be served.

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. Make sure you look for your child's artwork in the classroom and outside at the park. Our class will be taking advantage of the nicer weather and writing with chalk outside.

We will also be continuing our theme from last month and working on self-help skills and manners.

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Amy and Keegan

Preschool

Dear Parents,

Preschool would like to welcome our new friends Robert and Sofia!

Parent Teacher Conferences went well. Thank you for your support!

Reminder: In-service is Friday September 26. We close at noon and no lunch will be served.

Preschool has had a great summer but we look forward to welcoming fall on September 22!! The units for the month of September are:

- Farm
- Fruits and vegetables
- Farm animals
- Fall

The Preschool children will discuss different types of farm animals and will participate in making butter, shucking corn, and playing in corn meal. Your child will create a fruit salad, identify different types of fruits and vegetables and discuss the season fall.

Ms. Jean and Miss Nardia



Pre-K



Pre-K had a fun August exploring vehicles, things that go, and some new toys in our centers. We are easing into the fall season with our Apples & Farm Units! Our class will also work on being problem solvers and using our strategies we learned about to solve our own problems. The kids are doing great with this so far!

Be on the lookout for an announcement about our Apple tasting day- we will need snack donations for that!

Thanks,

Ms. Emma and Ms. Sunny

UTC Children's Center at Brown

Academy

Infants A



August was a great time of self-discovery as we learned all about ourselves! This spectacular September we will be talking about football, farms, and Fall, also construction vehicles, but they didn't fit in with the alliteration! I want to remind you all that we will be closed in honor of Labor Day on Monday, September 1st. We will also be **Closing at NOON on Friday, September 26th** no lunch will be served.

Infants B

Dear Families,

August was such an exciting month in our classroom! We explored the great outdoors with our Camping theme, learned where our food comes from during Farming Week, and celebrated each unique child with our All About Me activities.



Looking ahead, September will be full of discovery! We will dive into the five senses, community helpers, construction vehicles, and sports!

We are also thrilled to welcome Ms. Latricia, our new assistant teacher for Infant B! We're so excited for you to meet her and for her to become part of our school family.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey. We can't wait to see what this month brings!

Ms. Taylor and Ms. Latricia

Toddler 1

Dear Toddler 1 Families,

I hope everyone had a great month! As August comes to an end, I'd like to say the kids had a great time learning about Transportation, Community Helpers, and Camping. In September, we will learn about the farm, apples, and our five senses! Additionally, let's welcome our new friends. We are so excited to have Sloane join our class!!

Here are some important reminders:

The UTCCC will be closed in observance of Labor Day on September 1st.

We will have an early dismissal on September

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,

This month, we will be learning about space, astronauts, and fall this month. Space is one of my favorite things to teach, and the children really enjoy it. We have a lot of fun decorations and activities planned for this. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

We will also try to schedule parent teacher conferences this month. Keep an eye out for updates on available dates and times.

General info:

- If there are any illness or covid exposures we will let everyone know as soon as we find out, through Procare and email.
- Please be sure to keep two full sets of extra clothes at school for your child.
- UTC Children's Center is CLOSED on Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.
- Parent-teacher conferences should be coming up again in the next few months.



Thank you,

Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Jennifer

Preschool 1

Dear Preschool One Parents,

Hello September! This past month we had a lot of fun learning about camping, farm animals, and ice cream. We have had an awesome summer of fun, but we are ready to start transitioning to fall (hopefully the weather will join us).

This month we will be learning about the letters in our names, apples, and fall. We will have science experiments with our apple unit, and some yummy taste tests. Fall is always an exciting time to learn new things, and we are excited to get to it!

Reminders:

- **The Center will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.**
- **The Center will close at noon on Friday, September 26th for fall in-service. No lunch will be served.**

If you have any questions, please let me know!

- Ms. Ashley and Ms. Hannah



Preschool 2

We had such a wonderful summer filled with fun activities, creativity, and lots of smiles! 😊 Now that we're heading into a new season of learning, our focus will be on exciting skills—such as identifying and spelling our names, as well as counting and recognizing numbers and letters. ✏️📄

We are also happy to share that our classroom family is growing! Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our new Preschool 2 Assistant Teacher, Ms. Jada, who is excited to meet and work with all of our amazing students.

We're looking forward to another month of learning, laughter, and growth together! 💖

Ms. A and Ms. Jada



Pre-K

Dear PreK families,

We have said our farewells to our students leaving for kindergarten and other schools and are beginning to settle in with our temporarily smaller class of students.

UTCCC will be closed Monday, September 1, for Labor Day.



Our lessons for September will include apples, outer space, and autumn. We will go on a field trip to the Challenger Center on the UTC campus to learn more about space. This is always a great experience for the children and parents are welcome as well. More information is to come.

Please make sure your child wears weather appropriate clothing. Also be sure your child's shoes are appropriate as we do go on walks on campus periodically. We go outside unless it is above 95 degrees or storming.

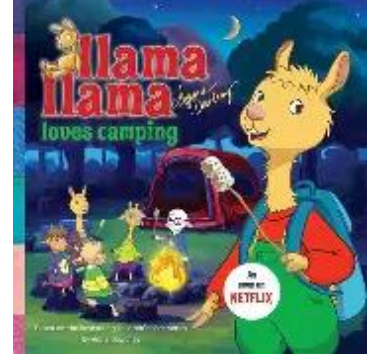
Thank you,

Ms. Shawn and Ms. Angela

Little Miss Mag at UTC

Infants A

Hello families, I'd like to wish you all a happy August. This month, we've brought the great outdoors inside as we explored the wonders and fun of camping! While our friends may be a little, young and small for the trails and tents, we've provided a safe, sensory and infant friendly experience that allows our friends to feel the magic of nature from the safety of our room. We enjoyed reading books like *Llama Llama Lets Go Camping* and *Good Night Campsite*. We danced and sang to "Going On A Bear Hunt" and "Ten Little Fishies." And we ended by going on a nature walk to collect sticks for our campfire art piece.



We would also like to give a warm Infant A welcome to our new friend Eleanor.

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

Dear Families,

Last month, we wrapped up our outdoor theme by exploring camping fun together. The babies loved experiencing the cozy textures of blankets and listening to the sounds of nature around them. It was a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors before the season began to change.

This month, we are shifting into our Fall Theme, celebrating the cooler weather, colorful leaves, and the simple joys of autumn. With our young infants, our activities focus on sensory exploration and gentle seasonal experiences that fit their stage of development.

The babies will have opportunities to explore the bright colors and textures of leaves, feeling the crunch of a dry one or watching a leaf flutter down from above. We'll also introduce apples and small pumpkins as sensory items—perfect for tiny hands to grasp, feel, and smell. During tummy time, we'll place seasonal objects just within reach to encourage rolling and stretching.

Cooler days make time outside even more special. We'll enjoy cozy blanket time outdoors, where the children can watch branches sway, feel the breeze on their cheeks, and hear us describe the world around them. Indoors, we'll carry the fall theme through songs about leaves falling, rustling sounds, and playful scarves in autumn colors for visual tracking and reaching practice.

As always, our goal is to support the babies' growth while celebrating the beauty of the season. We'll also be capturing sweet moments along the way—this is a perfect time to see how much your little one grows from one month to the next!

We're excited to share this cozy season with your babies and can't wait to explore all the joys that fall brings.

Warmly, Ms. Lori & Ms. Tashia



Infants C



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Hello Families,

This month has been full of fun and learning! We've been exploring a variety of nursery rhymes, and the babies have absolutely loved it. They've especially enjoyed watching and trying out all the different hand motions that go along with each song.

We've also been reading nursery rhyme books and using hand puppets to enhance the rhymes — the babies thought the puppets were so much fun! One of our favorite activities was painting our own “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star!”

If you have any questions or need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Mrs. Tavia Ms. Wallika

Toddler 1-A

Dear Parents,

August was a busy month of playing in the water and sunshine. We finished our ocean exploration and learning about the new school year and buses. September is going to be all about fall! Camping and the falling leaves are where we are headed next!

Kash, Maddie and Owen moved into the Toddler 2A room. We are going to miss their laughs and adventurous spirits but are happy for their growth with Ms. Sarah and Ms. Payton! We have welcomed our new friends Bennett, Haley and Arthur and are very excited to get to know them!

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,

We learned so many new things in August! We learned about our bodies and our families. We spent time talking about things we like and don't like such as food, colors, and toys. We learned all about camping and made our own campfire crafts. We sang campfire songs and even learned some new songs about dinosaurs! In August, we also met Ms. Jade, our new assistant teacher in T1B. If you haven't had the chance, make sure you stop by and say hello! We are so happy to have her joining our classroom! We had to say goodbye to Shepherd as moves to another school and to Charlotte as she moves up to T2B with Ms. Pearlene and Ms. D'anerys. We wish them both the best!



In September, we will be learning about school and all the things that kids do and see while they are at school. We will spend time talking about the season Fall and begin looking for signs of the seasons changing outside. We have so many fun crafts and activities planned for the season and we look forward to sharing them with all of you!

- Ms. Tehya & Ms. Jade

Toddler 2-A

Toddler 2-A Families,

We had a blast in August learning about all things transportation. The class especially enjoyed exploring some new building materials to make ramps, tunnels, and roads. They also spent quite a bit of time playing “traffic jam” on the playground (though they do that regardless of our theme).

In September, we will say goodbye to James, Landry, and Westley as they move next door to Preschool. We will also welcome three new friends into our classroom community from T1-A: Kash, Maddie, and Owen. We can't wait!



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Our focus in September will be “All About Me!” We will spend time learning about everyone's favorite things, our families, bodies, emotions, and the five senses. We will also incorporate celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month with some special books, art, and food activities!

We will be closed on **September 1st** for Labor Day. On **September 26th**, we will have staff in-service. **No lunch will be served and children will need to be picked up by 12:00.**

Looking forward to a great fall, and hopefully some cooler weather! Thanks for a great summer!

Ms. Sarah & Miss Payton

Toddler 2-B



Hello Parents,

The month of August really went fast!
Welcome to September!

We are so happy to have **Ms. D'anerys Doe** as an assistant teacher and student **Charlotte Trundle** from T1-B in our classroom.

We started our theme for the month of August on **All About me and Sports** "and will continue for the month of September. We have some great activities planned.

Mrs. Pearlene and Ms. D'anerys

ALL ABOUT ME!



Preschool

Preschool had so much fun learning and playing this month! In the month of September, we will be learning about Outer space and Animals on The Farm!

Here are some reminders for the month of September:

- LMM at UTC will be CLOSED on Monday, September 1 in observation of Labor Day.
- LMM at UTC will close at 12:00 on Friday, September 26 for teacher in-service. NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!



Pre-K



Pre-K is going to the beach! Our dramatic play center is full of all things beachy. We have towels, sunglasses, shovels and pails, a beach blanket, sunscreen and flip-flops. The children have had lots of fun pretending to be at the beach with their friends. We've even had a visiting Mermaid or two, but watch out for the shark!! I would love to add your family beach pictures to our center. We have seashells in our sensory table and will paint sand dollars before the end of the month.

It's hot outside! Please remember to send clean water bottles on Monday and take them home to wash on Friday. We take them with us when we go outside and talk about the importance of staying hydrated.

Congratulations to our kiddo's that moved on to kindergarten and would like to welcome the newbies moving up from preschool!

Ms Beverly and Ms Andi



Lunch Box Catering

Donna Laster 423-802-1938

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September 2025 Lunch Menu

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



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September VEG Lunch Menu

31	01 Labor Day	02 Baked Ziti with Veggies Carrots Apples 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
07	08 Bean and Cheese Burrito Pinto Beans Apples Milk	09 Creamy Chickpeas Brown Rice Casserole Carrots Bananas Milk	10 Roast Veggies Mac and Cheese Green Beans Oranges Milk	11 Hummus and Cheese Slider Tator Tots Bananas Milk	12 Veggie Tenders Biscuit Corn Apples Milk	13
14	15 Cheese Pizza w/ Mozzarella Carrots Apples Milk	16 Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce Peas Bananas Milk	17 Mushroom Stroganoff Corn Oranges Milk	18 Hummus and Cheese Roll up Pintos Bananas Milk	19 BBQ Veggies Slider Tator Tots Apples Milk	20
21	22 Spinach Quesadilla Peas Apples Milk	23 Creamy Chickpeas Noodle Bake Corn Bananas Milk	24 Black Bean a Roni Green Beans Oranges Milk	25 Cheese Slider Sweet Potato Fries Bananas Milk	26 Inservice	27
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