

UTC Children's Center Newsletter October 2025

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years at UTC!



Congratulations on 15
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UTC Children's Center at Battle Academy

Infants

We had a super September! We had lots of fun exploring forest animal toys and painting trees. We are very excited for our theme for this month: fall! We will read books about fall and nocturnal animals and play with toy pumpkins!

Thank you!

Ms. Sara

Young Toddlers

It's Fall Yall!

We are jumping into it in YT! We'll start by welcoming Ben and Evie from Infants into our class! We're excited to have them joining us for new adventures and learning!

We're going to be exploring the changing weather and leaves outside all around us! Noting and learning to identify some colors associated with fall time such as red, orange, brown, and yellow.

We will get hands on with pumpkins and apples! Having taste tests of treats and flavors of fall— as well as carving a pumpkin (with much help and oversight from teachers 😊) and trying the classic “bobbing” for apples! (with our hands!)

We will also get some gross motor movement going with raking and leaf blowing leaves as well as jumping and scattering our piles too! We can't wait to get into all the fun that fall has in store for us!

Older Toddlers

Dear Parents,

For the month of October, the Older Toddlers will be learning all about fall foods and will focus on a different fruit or vegetable each week.

During our fall foods unit, we will be tasting and exploring some different foods. We will need parents to help with this unit by bringing in the foods we will be discussing. Besides just tasting the foods, we will be examining them and discussing their textures, colors and sizes.



As always, thank you for your support!

Ms. Amy and Ms. Jheri

Preschool

Dear Parents,



Welcome to our new friends Stella, Violet and Russell!!

Welcome Fall!! What a great time of the year! We are looking forward to cooler weather, leaves changing colors, and going on nature walks. The many themes we will be discussing for October are fall, fire safety, apple tasting and pumpkin decorating. So much fun to come!

Preschool is excited to go to the Fire Department. More information to come at a later date.

Thank you for the great turn out for Parent Teacher Conferences. I always enjoy meeting with you.

As always, thank you for your support!

Ms. Jean and Ms. Nardia

Pre-K

Happy Fall everyone! We are excited to welcome in the season and enjoy the cooler weather.

Our kids are super curious right now, so for the first week of October we will have a "mystery unit" where they will learn about using clues, go on scavenger hunts, and use teamwork and problem-solving skills to solve the "mysteries!"

We will then go into Fire Safety to recognize Fire Prevention Month. We are really looking forward to our field trip to the fire station on the 10th!

Lastly, we will explore and learn about pumpkins! We will need donations of pumpkins so stay tuned for that!

Thanks,

Ms. Emma and Ms. Sunny

UTC Children's Center at Brown Academy Infant A



We're having a scary good time learning about Fall, Pumpkins, Leaves, Imaginary Creatures, and Nocturnal Animals here in Infant A! We are looking forward to finding out what exactly is in a pumpkin, why the leaves change color, what animals sleep during the day, and what exactly is an imaginary creature? With our Nocturnal Animal unit comes our highly anticipated annual **Nocturnal Animal Party!!**

This September we added a new, exciting chart to our lesson plans that contains some words we're going to be learning about in both English and Spanish! We had the exciting opportunity to visit the Challenger STEM Learning Center on campus this month where we got to learn a little about space and the Challenger shuttle! We also learned a lot about apples, farms, construction vehicles, sports and teamwork, and started learning about one of the best seasons, Fall!

Thanks for all your love and support

Katie and Tiffany

Infant B

Hello families! We had an awesome September in Infant B! Our friend Owen turned ONE on the 12th of September, we welcomed our new friend Noah to the class, and we learned about the five senses, construction vehicles and community helpers! In October we look forward to learning about apples, pumpkins, leaves and mythical creatures as well as celebrating our friend Zeela's and Ms. Taylor's birthday!

We hope you have a great month!

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 the farm, our five senses, and fall. In October, we will learn about apples, pumpkins, spiders, and Halloween! Additionally, let's welcome our new friend; we are so excited to have Henry C. join our class!! I'd also like to welcome our new assistant Keegan! We're so happy to have him joining our T1 family!!

Here are some important reminders:

- Parent-teacher conferences will be held the last week of October. I have placed a sign-up outside our classroom with dates and times! This is not mandatory, but if you would like to have a meeting then you are more than welcome to sign up. :)

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. Email, text, or reach out on Procure and I'll be sure to get back to you as soon as I can.

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My phone number is

(423) 750- 5185

Ms. Macaria, Ms. Veronica and Mr. Keegan



Dear Toddler 2 Parents,

It's so hard to believe that it's already October! This month, we will be learning about spiders, pumpkins, nocturnal animals, and imaginary creatures. There are so many fun activities to do around these themes. We will be having a fall party on Friday, October 31st at 3:30. We will post a sign-up list closer to the day, if you would like to help out by bringing refreshments. Feel free to join us in the classroom for this, but if you can't we will be sure to post many pictures!

Here are just a few reminders:

- Please be sure to keep a full set of clothes at school for your child, including shoes. We will try to let you know when they need anything. If they borrow school clothes to wear home, please try to return these as soon as possible.
- When the weather gets cooler, please try to send your child in a jacket. We are required to spend one hour outside each day, unless it is inclement weather, under 32 degrees or over 95 degrees Fahrenheit.
- If we have inclement weather closings, we will try to let you know in advance as much as possible. Please sign up for UTC text alerts and these will keep you informed, as well. We close with UTC, not Hamilton County.

Thank you,

Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Jennifer



Preschool 1



Dear Preschool One Parents,

Fall is here, and we have been learning so much! In September we learned about our letters, apples, and the season of fall. We had some fun science experiments and taste tests with our apple unit.

In October, we will learn about lots of new things! We will talk about shapes, things that go, pumpkins, and Halloween. On Friday, October 31st, we will have a class Halloween party (and the kids can come to school in their costume!), so be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet!

We are excited to keep learning this fall, and if you have any questions, please let us know!

-Ms. Ashley and Ms. Hannah

Preschool 2

Last month, our class had so much fun learning all about fruits and colors! The children loved sharing their favorite fruits with us and talking about the colors of each one. We explored this theme through a variety of fun activities, stories, and hands-on learning experiences.

This month, we are excited to focus on shapes and colors. We will continue to strengthen the children's knowledge of colors while introducing and exploring different shapes. Through play, art projects, and group activities, the children will learn to recognize, name, and describe shapes all around them. We can't wait to see how their understanding grows as we combine these two important concepts!

Ms. Jada and Ms. Hannah

Pre-K



Dear Pre-K families,

Autumn has begun and we are so excited for cooler weather and fun!

What fun we had on our annual field trip to the UTC Challenger Center! We rode the Mocs Express bus to and from the center and learned so many things about space. It was a perfect addition to our outer space unit.

In October we will be learning about fall, pumpkins, nocturnal animals, imaginary creatures, and more.

Please be sure your child wears weather appropriate clothing. As the seasons change, so does the weather.

We welcome Roxsie from PS2 to our Pre-K community!

As always, we are grateful and thank you for all you do for our class. You are wonderful!

Ms. Shawn and Ms. Angela

Little Miss Mag at UTC

Infant A

Dear families,

September has arrived, bringing cool breezes, colorful leaves, and tasty apple fun. This month we focused on the change of leaves and tasty apples. We sang and danced to songs like Way Up High in the Apple Tree and Autumn Leaves are Falling Down. We also had fun exploring the texture and taste of apples by making homemade applesauce. We also enjoyed reading books like One Leaf, Two Leaves Count with Me and Hello World How Do Apples Grow? Next month we will focus on pumpkins and all things pumpkin patch aspired.

We would also like to congratulate two of our friends Jude and Robin who are transitioning to the toddler class in October.

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

Infant B

Hello Families,

Even though the weather has stayed warm and sunny, we are excited to continue our Fall theme in the infant room. With a few cool mornings finally arriving, we've started to bring the season into our classroom through play, stories, and sensory experiences. We will be carrying this theme throughout the whole month.

The children will be enjoying the colors of fall as we use books and toys in shades of red, yellow, orange, and brown. We are exploring new textures through sensory play with safe items such as leaves, pinecones, and soft fabrics, while also singing songs about autumn, practicing hand motions for falling leaves, and moving to gentle music. Story time has also been filled with cozy board books about pumpkins, fall animals, and the changing season.

At home, you can help your child notice the changes of fall by pointing out colorful leaves, feeling the cool breeze together, or even bringing in a small seasonal item such as a leaf, pinecone, or little pumpkin for us to add to our sensory bin.

We look forward to enjoying the beauty of fall with your little ones all month long!

With warmth,

Ms. Lori & Ms. Tashia

Infant C

Hello Families

The month of September has been all about “All About Me”!

Our infants have been busy exploring who they are through songs, pictures, and engaging activities. We’ve been singing fun and familiar tunes like “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes” and “Who Came to School?” to help the children learn about their bodies and their friends.

The babies have been working on identifying facial features and naming their classmates. They’ve also enjoyed looking at their own pictures while we name who is in the photo — they absolutely love seeing themselves!

We’ve also talked about their pets and started learning the names of siblings.

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

Thank you,

Mrs. Tavia & Ms. Wallika

Toddler 1-A

Dear Parents,

In September we continued to play in sunshine and watch the leaves start dropping from trees. We started exploration of all things fall! We have been learning about the seasonal changes and the changes in colors of the leaves. In October we will get up close and personal with hay and pumpkins. We will all have the opportunity to get our hands inside the pumpkin and discuss the different parts and how it grows!

In October we welcome Jude and Robin to our class! We look forward to have you!

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,

In September, we spent time talking about how the seasons change and made some very unique leaf art. We continued learning all about our bodies and we spent time labeling our babydoll's body parts. We talked about school and school buses, and we sang some fun songs. In October, we are saying goodbye to Millie and Gillian as they move up to Ms. Sarah's class. We will still see them around the halls and outside, but we wish them the best in T2A! While we are saying goodbye to two friends, we are also welcoming two new friends into our class! Leo and Mia will be joining us this month! We have had so much fun every time they have visited, and we can't wait to start learning and making memories with them every day.

I have lots of fun things planned for this month and the rest of the holiday season. I hope to have more details and a wish list posted on the door ASAP! As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Tehya

Toddler 2-A

Toddler 2-A Families,

We spent September learning all about ourselves—we learned about our bodies, emotions, and senses, and all of the amazing things we can do! The children especially enjoyed exploring the five senses.

In October, we will be adding two new friends to our classroom community; Amelia (Millie) and Gillian will be joining us from T1-B! We can't wait to see this group learn and grow together!

For October, we will be focusing on the fall season: we will learn about trees and leaves, apples, pumpkins, and nocturnal animals.

A quick wish-list note: I am always on the lookout for things to rotate into our Discovery and Pretend Play centers! **For Discovery** we love anything you might find on a nature walk: pinecones, shells, empty/abandoned bird nests, special rocks, etc. **For Pretend Play:** non-breakable dishes or kitchen accessories that you're ready to retire, old cell phones and digital cameras, old wallets and handbags, clean and empty food containers (**especially** spice containers), takeout menus, and cookbooks.

Thank you!

Ms. Sarah

Toddler 2-B



Theme: Fall/Apples

Hello Parents,

We were excited to welcome our new friend, Charlotte Michaelis to our class! Yes, two Charlottes. But we call her Char, Char.

For the month of September, it was all about me and sports!

The children enjoyed having group time interacting with their family picture block. Most of the children could identify all the family members in the pictures on their block. They also, took turns stacking their block on top of each other and knocking them down. Great social interaction and gross motor skill.

We discuss their “All About Me Page”! This was a time for great language skills being used with the children, trying to answer open-ended questions. The mirror, mirror on the wall game was very funny to them when they were asked to point to their body parts while looking in the big mirror in the bathroom.

They used their fine motor skills by pasting pieces of brown construction paper in the oval shape to make a football. The children did a good job following directions to make the faces for our sports comic page. They really enjoyed all the different sport balls.

Thanks again to our parents for sending items in the children all about me paper bags! The children loved getting up and sharing what they had in their bag.

October is going to be fun with fall and apples!

Ms. Pearlene and Ms. D’anerys



Preschool

Preschool had so much fun learning about Outerspace and Animals That Live on the Farm ,during September. In October, we will be learning about trees, apples, pumpkins, nocturnal animals, and all things spooky! Here are a few reminders for the month of October:

- please check your child's cubby DAILY for art work, soiled clothes, etc.
- practice covering coughs and sneezes at home to help us keep germs at bay!

Happy Fall!

Pre-K

Pre-K has had fun exploring ocean animals, particularly sharks and dolphins. We've learned lots of facts about these fascinating creatures! Did you know that sharks were here 200 million years before the dinosaurs? And that dolphins are the smartest animals in the ocean? We've even spotted three mermaids in the classroom!

We are also doing a project on bread. We made unleavened bread and even our own butter to go on it. We also plan to bake banana bread, biscuits, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, and sandwich bread. We have begun our letters of the week and have learned that Miss L has the longest laugh, and Miss F has Funny feet. I wonder what Mr. H will have?

We have so many delicious things to bake, we will continue our bread project into next month. Stop by for a taste!

Ms. Beverly and Ms. Andi



Lunch Box Catering
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October 2025 Lunch Menu

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



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October Veg Lunch Menu

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