

UTC Children's Center Newsletter November 2025

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Reminder: Please remember to give your child's updated vaccination records to Ms. Jackie or Ms. Doreen when your child receives vaccinations.

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<u>Pre-K:</u> Emma Gray, Sunny Smith

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<u>Infants B:</u> Taylor Parker, Latricia Hood

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<u>Toddler 1B:</u> Tehya Long

<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

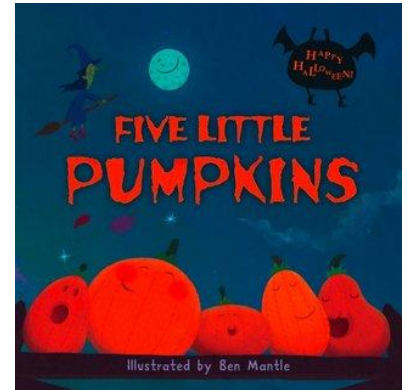
Hello Families!

We had an outstanding October! We had a great time learning about fall and nocturnal animals. We explored felt toys shaped like pumpkins and bats and plastic toy pumpkins. We have been looking at the leaves changing color outside and singing "Five Little Pumpkins." We loved exploring textures in our touch and feel fall books.

This month we will learn about one of our favorite things: food! We will explore lots of different pretend foods and kitchenware. The center will be closed on November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving.

Thank you,

Ms. Sara



This Photo by Ben Mantle is from 'Five Little Pumpkins'

Young Toddlers

November has arrived! With cooler temperatures we really want to encourage double checking your child's take home bag & making sure they have extra pairs of clothing suitable for the weather! (i.e. long sleeves, school gloves/hats, jackets, pants, etc.)

We will be starting our Book Buddies project with PreK again! PreK kids will come (and sometimes we will go to PreK) to share stories and work on interpersonal social skills! We had such a blast last year with this project, so we are excited to bring it back for our kiddos this year!

You may have noticed a cage in our class... we will be acquiring a new class pet! We are on the search for two guinea pigs! We are looking via shelters/adoptions as to lean more into socialized, sweet furry friends so we aren't rushing — but we are excited to hopefully soon be matched with some new companions that will enrich our classroom and experience!

- TK & Christin



Older Toddlers



Thank you to all those who brought in fall fruits and vegetables for us. We enjoyed exploring them and tasting them!! For the month of November, we will continue to discuss fall. The Older Toddlers will enjoy nature walks to observe the changing trees, weather and environment. We will use these walks as an opportunity to collect fall nature materials to discuss and explore. Please feel free to take nature walks at home as well and bring in any materials you collect.

Thank you,

Ms. Amy and Ms. Jheri

Preschool

Dear Parents,

For the month of November, we will be discussing how thankful we are and we will be learning about caring, sharing and family.

The project for this year will be to focus on others. We have chosen to donate to Chattanooga Room at the Inn, which focuses on homeless women and children. More information to come!



Big shout out (THANK YOU) to Catoosa County Fire Explores for an excellent presentation on firefighting! I am so very proud of my grandson Aiden and his coworker Thomas for teaching the children about fire fighting and fire safety. And another big Thank You to the Chattanooga Fire Department Station 1 for a wonderful field trip. The children and their families had a great time! Through both of these experiences we learned so much about fire safety!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Ms. Jean and Ms. Nardia

Pre-K

Hi everyone! Pre-K had a fun month exploring pumpkins and dinosaurs, as well as learning about fire safety. Thanks to everyone who helped out with the field trip! In November, we will be doing all things Fall/Autumn. We will learn more about the season and spend plenty of time outside enjoying the weather. We will also talk about being grateful, giving back to others, and kindness as we lead into the holidays. Keep in mind, we will be closed November 27 and 28. Lastly, we are excited to partner up with Young Toddlers again for Book Buddies!

Thanks as always,

Ms. Emma and Ms. Sunny

UTC Children's Center at Brown

Academy

Infant A



It's Feral Baby Fall! We have had a scary great month, spending half our time outside enjoying the wonderful weather, discovering what is inside that smooth orange pumpkin, exploring some creepy Cryptid creatures, and our nifty, noble nocturnal animals! We partied our socks off at our annual Nocturnal Animal Party. Our friends especially loved playing with the giant spider and getting the bugs stuck in its web! This month we will be talking about our wonderful friends and family.



Infant B

Warm greetings families! In October we had a blast learning about sports, apples, pumpkins, nocturnal animals, and mythical creatures. We also celebrated our friend Zeela's first birthday! On Friday, October 31st, we had our Spooky Party, and we had so much fun! In November we are looking forward to learning about leaves, harvests, and family. While learning about families, we are going to make family collages to hang in the classroom, so be sure to bring in some family pictures! If your child already has a collage in the room, you can still bring in family pictures, and we can make a collage to send home if you wish!



Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership!

Ms. Taylor and Ms. Latricia

Toddler 1

Dear Toddler 1 Families,

I hope everyone had a great month! As October comes to an end, I'd like to say the kids had a great time learning about fall activities, the colors orange and black, and everything spooky!! In November, we will learn about the color brown, Forrest Animals, Families, and Gratitude. Thank you to our parents who brought special treats and showed up for our spooky party!

Here are some important reminders:

- The UTCCC will be closed November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Please remember to send a jacket with your child to school, as the weather continues to get colder.



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

Ms. Macaria, Ms. Veronica, and Keegan

Toddler 2



Dear Toddler 2 Parents,

It is so hard to believe that it is already November! This month, we will be learning about apples, farms, and being thankful. We always have such a good time with the cooking lessons – learning about following recipes, measuring ingredients, and (of course) tasting our creations!

We are participating in a food drive this month. Please bring non-perishable food items and leave them in the box outside our classroom door.

Here are a few reminders for this month:

- We are required to spend one hour outside each day, weather permitting, as long as the temperature is over 32° F. Some days it is quite chilly. Please be sure to provide jackets, coats, or sweaters for your children to wear while we are outside.
- The UTC Children's Center will be CLOSED on November 27th and 28th in observance of Thanksgiving.
- If your child is going to be absent due to travel or illness, please let us know by calling the center, sending a ProCare message, or emailing Ms. Jennifer.



Thank you,

Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Jennifer

Preschool 1

Dear Preschool One Parents,

What a wonderful October! We had a lot of fun learning about fall, shapes, pumpkins, and Halloween! The kids loved opening a pumpkin to see the gooey mess that was inside and painting our class pumpkin. Our class Halloween party went great! We had lots of Halloween crafts that we made to decorate for our party, and we loved seeing each child's costume. Thank you to everyone that brought treats and party supplies for our class party to make it great!



This November, we have lots of new things to learn about. First, we will learn about nocturnal animals like bats, owls, and raccoons. Then we will learn about being thankful and Thanksgiving. Throughout the month, we will also take time learning about and listening to Native American/Indigenous people's stories. **As a reminder, the center will be CLOSED November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving break.**

We look forward to a great month, and if you have any questions, please let us know!

-Ms. Ashley and Ms. Hannah

Preschool 2

This week in Preschool Two, we talked all about Halloween! The children were so excited to share what they dressed up as and what treats they collected while trick-or-treating. We explored the colors, sights, and sounds of Halloween through songs, stories, and art.

Our friends made festive crafts like paper pumpkins, spooky ghosts, and colorful candy corn art. During circle time, we practiced counting with Halloween-themed objects and talked about how to stay safe while having fun.

To end the week, we had our Halloween party! The children danced to fun music, played games, and enjoyed yummy snacks together. It was such a joy to see their creativity, excitement, and teamwork shine throughout all our activities. We had a **spooktacular** week in Preschool Two! 🍁

Pre-K

Dear PreK families,

What a great October we had, learning about fall, pumpkins, and imaginary creatures. Our costume day on the 31st was enjoyed by all!



In November we will continue to study the fall season including Native Americans, Pilgrims, and Thanksgiving. More details to come.

UTCCC will be closed November 27-28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Remember that we go outside twice a day unless the temperature is below 32 degrees or stormy. Be sure your child's extra clothing fits and is updated to reflect the cooler weather.

As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for all your support!

Ms. Shawn and Ms. Angela

Little Miss Mag at UTC

Infant A

Infant B

Hello Families,

We had so much fun last month exploring the start of fall! The babies enjoyed discovering new textures, colors, and sounds as we introduced early fall activities in the classroom.

As the weather begins to cool, we are excited to continue our fall fun by exploring apples and pumpkins! The infants will get to experience these through sensory play, stories, and art. The different colors, textures, and scents will give them lots of new experiences to enjoy.

We are looking forward to another wonderful month of exploring, learning, and watching the season change together.

Ms. Lori and Ms. Tashia

Infant C

Hello Families,

For the month of October, we've been busy exploring all things fall! The babies made adorable leaf handprints, and we had fun investigating a real pumpkin—inside and out! They loved discovering the new textures.

We also read several fall-themed books and sang fall songs together. One of the most exciting activities was crunching real fall leaves—such a fun sensory experience!

If you ever need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

Mrs. Tavia and Ms. Wallika

Toddler 1-A

Dear Parents,

October was exciting in our classroom. October brought new friends and our new Assistant teacher Mr. Mo. He has been an amazing addition to the classroom, we are glad to have him join us! We continue to learn by staying engaged in dancing, creating and we love books. We had fun exploring the outside and the inside of a pumpkin. We squished the inside with delight and some squished with disgust!

November themes will be family, friends and giving thanks.

A reminder: Please make sure to have a change of clothes, sunscreen and bug spray if you would like it applied. As the weather gets cooler, please pack a jacket or sweater.

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 and Mr. Mo

Toddler 1-B

Dear Parents,

It's already November which means this year has really flown by! We have been having so much fun in T1B as we have been learning about leaves and pumpkins as well as some fire safety tips. In October, we also got to meet Ms. Talitha! Ms. Talitha will be our new assistant in T1B. If you have not already introduced yourself, please stop by and do so! We have loved having her here and we look forward to making memories together this holiday season.

In November, we will spend time talking about Veteran's Day and what it means to be a Veteran. We will spend time learning about our families and about being thankful! Please don't forget to send in family pictures if you have not done so already. I promise, it makes a world of difference to our kiddos. They all get SO excited when they see their family photos and they love to tell us ALL about them. Please remember to send in extra weather appropriate clothing for accidents and jackets for whenever we go outside. As always, do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

- Ms. Tehya & Ms. Talitha

Toddler 2-A

Toddler 2A Families,

We spent October learning about fall and the changing seasons—the children enjoyed looking for fallen leaves on the playground, learning new songs about apples, pumpkins, and leaves, and exploring pumpkins with some messy sensory play. Ask your child about the Five Red Apples song, it's become a classroom favorite!

During November, we will continue exploring some fall themes. We'll spend time learning about fall harvests and farms and then move into community helpers, friendship, and gratitude as we get closer to Thanksgiving. We'll have some fun cooking opportunities, so be on the lookout for sign-up sheets to help us gather materials!

Some housekeeping:

Please help me make sure the clothes in your child's cubby are seasonally appropriate and fit them! Each child needs two changes of clothes, including socks.

It is chilly and shady on the playground, especially in the mornings! Make sure your child has a sweatshirt or jacket available, even if the day will be warmer in the afternoon.

We will be closed for Thanksgiving November 27 and 28.

Happy fall!

Thanks,

Ms. Sarah

Toddler 2-B

Theme: Fall/Apples

Toddler T2-B

Hello Parents,

The month of October brought in lots of fun with Fall and Apples activities

The cool mornings and sunny warm evenings have been GREAT!!!!

The colors red, green, orange, yellow and brown have not left our sight and they are making pretty

pictures in our classroom.

For the month of November, we will continue with Fall and Apples.

Reminder: Please make sure your child has at least one seasonal change of clothes in their cubby! Thanks

Mrs. Pearlene and Ms. D'anerys



Preschool Pre-K

Cooler temperatures are finally here! October brings a little relief from the hot summer. It also brings out the MONSTERS. Pre-K is having a ghoulish good time exploring monsters. We took note of what the children thought they knew about monsters and learned only one fact; that they are NOT REAL. They only live in our imaginations. We are doing monster matching, monster painting and reading lots of funny books about silly monsters.

We have made pancakes and biscuits. Next month we will be making banana bread and loaf bread. Apples are the star in November as we sort, match, graph, compare, taste, paint, and cook them. I can't wait to get started making apple pie!

Ms. Beverly and Ms. Andi



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

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



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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
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