

UTC Children's Center Newsletter December 2025

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Information Sources for Weather-Related Campus Schedule or Operations Changes

- Email message sent via campus-wide listservs:
@UTC-INFO, @UTC-NEWS and @SCRAPPY
- Text message to all [UTC-ALERT](#) followers
- Digital displays on building/classroom messaging boards
- RSS feed/home page bulletin on utc.edu
- UTC official social media accounts
 - [@UTChattanooga](#) (Twitter)
 - [Facebook.com/UTChattanooga](https://www.facebook.com/UTChattanooga)
- Media advisory to all Chattanooga and regional news media
- On-campus NPR affiliate WUTC-FM 88.1
- Recorded telephone voice message at:
 - UTC Main Switchboard 423-425-4111
 - UTC Inclement Weather 423-425-4766
 - UTC Communications and Marketing 423-425-4363



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UTC Children's Center at Battle Academy

Infants

Hello Families!

We had a terrific November! We had so much fun exploring pretend foods and kitchenware! We pretended to have a picnic and we loved stirring with spoons in bowls and cups. We read books about our favorite foods and sang songs about food and eating.

For the month of December, we will learn about one of our favorite things: lights! We will explore toys that light up, rope lights, and flashlights.



The Center will be closed from Monday, Dec. 22nd through Friday, Dec. 26th and January 1st and 2nd

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ms. Sara

Young Toddlers

The final chapter of our 2025 year! We will be learning all about celebrations, having a variety of festive experiences, and learning about lights!

I believe we've all been introduced now, but we do officially have our newest class pets settled into YT! Anna and Elsa the guinea pig sisters have made quite the entrance to our class and routine; and so far seem to be bringing the best of giggles and lessons!



We will be having a holiday party throughout the Center on December 12th! We will have a sign-up sheet if you'd like to volunteer to bring some goodies to share amongst our class and all parents and family are INVITED! 🐹 We hope to see you there!

Older Toddlers



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your generous donations to the Room in the Inn!

WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 22-26 and JANUARY 1 AND JANUARY 2.

For the month of December, we will be discussing families. The Older Toddlers will learn all about their favorite things and all about their families, so we may be sending things home to work on or asking you to bring things to school. We will need some family photos too.

Thank you for your support!

Ms. Amy and Ms. Jheri

Preschool

Dear Parents,

WE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 22-26 and JANUARY 1 AND JANUARY 2.



For the month of December, Preschool will be learning about different holidays around the world. We will also be working on various holiday projects.

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! PJs and Pancakes was a big hit...Preschoolers sure do love their pancakes!! A big thank you to all the parents and children for your generous donations that were collected for the Room in the Inn. Our caring and sharing project was a great success.

As the holidays approach, we would like to thank all the Preschool parents for your continued support. Wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Ms. Jean and Ms. Nardia

Pre-K

Happy December! We are glad to have FOUR new friends in our class! This month Pre-K will be learning about holidays and different cultures around the world. We will have our holiday party + annual book swap on Friday, December 12. Stay tuned for more information! Reminder- the Center will be closed on December 22-26, and January 1-2. Thanks everyone for a fun year so far :)

-Miss Emma and Miss Sunny



UTC Children's Center at Brown Academy Infant A

As feral baby fall cools to wild baby winter, we plan to enjoy as much outside time as we can! We are so excited to welcome our new friends to our class, but so sad to see Harper and Adrianna move up to their big kid class. Last month we learned how important our friends and family are. This month we are going to



learn about lights, holidays, and traditions! Please let me know if your family would like to share their traditions with us; we would love to learn about other families' traditions. I'm pretty excited to add a week of special lights to our lessons this year; we will be talking about how special lights are used in different

holiday celebrations; you know I love my fancy lights!

As a reminder, UTCCC will be closed Monday, December 22nd through Friday the 26th for our Winter Break and on Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day.

Happy Holidays

Katie and Tiffany



Infant B

Warm greetings families! In November we had a great time learning about leaves, harvest, and families. As we gear up for the Holiday season, in December we are going to learn about Arctic and Antarctic animals, and winter holidays! As a reminder, UTC will be closed Monday, December 22nd through Friday the 26th for our Winter Holiday. UTC will also be closed on Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day. Wishing you all a happy holiday and a happy new year!

Ms. Taylor and Ms. Latricia



Toddler 1

Dear Toddler 1 Families,

I hope everyone had a great month! As November comes to an end, I'd like to say the kids had a great time learning about Gratitude, the color brown, our families, and forest animals!! In December, we will learn about everything about winter, holidays, and nursery rhymes!



Here are some important reminders:

- The UTCCC will be closed December 22nd -26th, January 1st and 2nd for the Winter Holidays!
- 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 hard to believe that it is already the end of the year! December is a busy month! We will be learning about different cultures and celebrations this month. If you would like to come discuss some of your own cultural traditions this month, please let us know! We will also spend a week on The Gingerbread Man story. This is always so much fun,

because we get to make gingerbread cookies and gingerbread houses. There will be a sign-up list posted, if you would like to help by bringing in supplies for this.

Here are a few reminders for this month:

- The UTC Children's Center will be CLOSED Monday, December 22 – Friday, December 26th. We will also be CLOSED on Thursday, January 1st and Friday, January 2nd.
- We know December is a very busy month. If your child is going to be absent, please try to let us know by 8:00 each morning.
- The weather is constantly changing. We are required to spend 1 hour per day outside, unless it is below 32°. Please try to bring a jacket with your child or keep one at school.
- If the Children's Center closes/delays for snow or other inclement weather, you will receive a UTC text alert, if you signed up for these. It will also be posted on ProCare, on the UTC website, and on the local news. Remember, we close/delay with UTC, NOT Hamilton County.



Happy Holidays!

Thank you,

Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Jennifer

Preschool 1

Dear Preschool One Families,

We hope you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday! November was quite a whirlwind, and it's hard to believe the year is almost over. In November, we had fun learning about nocturnal animals, being thankful, and Thanksgiving.



In December, we will learn about animals in winter, different holidays we can celebrate around this time of year, like Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year's. It's always a fun time of year, and we can't wait to celebrate with the kids! If you have any special traditions you do at home, let us know so we can talk about them in class!

Reminders:

- Please bring weather appropriate clothes, in case of accidents or spills, now that cold temperatures are here. Also, please bring your children in warm clothes with jackets. We go outside at 10:30, and it can be quite chilly!
- **The center will be closed Monday, December 22nd- Thursday, January 1st for Winter 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

Looking back at November, Preschool 2 had fun exploring Fall and Harvest – Children learned about the changing seasons, harvest fruits and vegetables, and how nature prepares for winter. Thanksgiving and Gratitude – We talked about thankfulness, kindness, and ways we can show appreciation to our family and friends. Community and Friends – Activities focused on teamwork, helping others, and the importance of our school community. Colors and Nature – We also observed and created art inspired by the warm hues of autumn leaves and the beauty of the outdoors. As we move into December, our classroom will be filled with the excitement of winter and global celebrations!

This month's themes include:

Winter and Weather – Children will learn about snow, ice, and how animals and people adapt to colder temperatures.

Holidays Around the World – We'll explore how different cultures celebrate during this special season through music, stories, and art.

Winter Animals – Our young learners will discover how animals like bears, penguins, and foxes live and thrive during winter.

Cold Weather Reminder 🧤

As temperatures drop, please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for outdoor play!

Warm coats, hats, mittens, and boots help keep everyone cozy and ready for fresh-air fun.

Please label all items with your child's name to help us keep track of belongings.

Holiday Closure Notice 🎄

The UTC Children's Center will be closed December 22–26 for the holiday break and January 1st & 2nd.

We hope your family enjoys a joyful and restful time together!

We'll reopen on Monday, December 29 to continue our winter learning adventures.

With gratitude,

Ms. Jada and Ms. Hannah

♥ Learning, growing, and discovering together every season!

Pre-K

Dear Pre-K families,

Thank you for sharing your child with us and for all your support throughout the year!



December is going to bring many fun lessons. We will be learning about gingerbread men, December holidays and traditions around the world, and adding in a lot of fun along the way. We will be having a class holiday party later in the month, details to come!

- The UTC Children's Center will be **CLOSED** December 22-26 for the winter holidays and January 1st and 2nd for New Year's.
- We go outside to play twice a day unless the weather is below 32 degrees or stormy. Please be sure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing.
- We welcome Ariaiah and Quilyn from Preschool 2 to Pre-K! Welcome!
- As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.



Thank you, Ms. Shawn and Ms. Angela

Little Miss Mag at UTC

Infant A



Dear families,

November has come and gone, bringing with it family, community, colorful leaves, and thankfulness. This month we focused on family togetherness and being thankful. We sang and danced to songs like Mommy Finger Where are You and Once I had a Pumpkin. We also had fun exploring the texture of painting with a pumpkin. We also enjoyed reading books like It's Your Time to Shine and Mama Loves You So. Next month we will focus on the winter season and holidays celebrated around the world.

We would also like to wish our friend Karsyn a very Happy First Birthday!!

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!

As we wrap up our fall unit from last month, we want to share how much fun we had exploring the colors, textures, and smells of the fall season. The infants enjoyed activities with pumpkins and leaves, and it was a wonderful time full of curiosity and discovery.

As we move into December, we are excited to begin our winter theme. This month we'll explore soft winter sensory bins, seasonal songs and fingerplays, simple winter art using baby-friendly materials, and books about snow, winter animals, and cozy weather. Our activities will continue to support fine motor development, early language, and sensory exploration — all tailored to meet babies where they are developmentally.



Thank you for sharing your little ones with us each day! We're looking forward to a warm and joyful December together.

Ms.Lori & Ms.Tashia

Infant C

Hello families,

This month the infants have been learning all about the world of transportation! We explored how to roll cars down an incline and watched them travel across the floor. The babies also explored two different car dashboards that light up and play music, and we practiced naming the different parts of the dashboard. We also have been identifying many types of transportation and reading books about them.

If you need to reach out for anything, please feel free to do so.

Thank you,

Ms. Tavia and Ms. Wallika



Toddler 1-A

December's themes will be family traditions, cold weather activities and snow. We have been chosen to participate in the classroom residency for WOLF TRAP an Institute for Early Learning through the Arts. Jennifer Daniels is our teaching artist. The kids are loving hands on experience of trying musical instruments. We always love singing and dancing and Ms. Jennifer makes it a blast!

We are having a food drive for the local area food bank. There are boxes for each classroom. We are taking donations through December 12th. We are asking for shelf to table meals.

We are closed December 22-26 and closed January 1 and 2nd

A reminder: Please make sure your child has the appropriate gear for the weather. We will go outside unless the playground has too many puddles or the temperatures are freezing. Please make sure to have a change of clothes in their bags.

We 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,

In November we had a blast learning about families and sharing our own family pictures! We made beautiful poppy wreaths for Veteran's Day, and we read books about Thanksgiving and turkeys. For December, we will be learning about family traditions, snow, and several fun cold weather activities! We will also be having a holiday party on Friday, December 19th. The party will take place after naptime (around 3:30pm) and parents are welcome to attend. I will post a list of food items parents can bring to the party at a later date.



Please remember to send in AT LEAST two extra weather appropriate outfits 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

Toddler 2-A

T2-A Families,

November was a blast in our room—we spent our time learning more about fall and the changing weather and finished up our month focusing on gratitude and learning how to be good friends to one another. We’ve really latched on to the “boundaries song,” ask your little one to sing it for you!

In December, we will be spending time learning about each other’s families as well as the different holidays celebrated in the winter. We will learn about special foods, music, decorations, and traditions from all over. Be on the lookout for a short survey so we can learn more about what your family traditions may be!

We will be closed December 22-26. We will also be closed January 1 and 2.

Thanks!

Ms. Sarah



Toddler 2-B



Theme: The month of
Toddler T2-B



Hello Parents,

The month of November was busy for our class. We enjoyed all the colorful leaves on the playground. The kids played in the leaves with balls and even took a break in the leaves. 😊

We made a scarecrow out of a paper plate; we made a red bird using our footprint, that tickled

The apple water play was really fun! The kids really enjoyed the 100% apple juice I made with my juicer. We made a handprint turkey. Leaf Painting, using the colors red, green, yellow and brown made pretty fall art! Our apple Velcro matching page was a hit! The songs five little apple and leaves are falling down was a favorite. We went on a leaf hunt and counted all the leaves we found in the classroom.



The month of December Theme will bring Winter Weather and Holiday Celebrations!!!

Mrs. Pearlene and Ms. D'anerys

Preschool

Preschool had so much fun learning about manners, turkeys, and Thanksgiving during the month of November. In December, we will be learning about Holidays Around the World, Gingerbread, and ABC and Number Review!

Here are a few reminders for the month of December:

- LMM@UTC will be closed Monday, December 22- Friday, December 26 for Winter Break!
- LMM@UTC will be closed Thursday, January 1 & Friday, January 2 for New Years Day!
- Please remember to check your child's cubby DAILY and take home any soiled clothes, artwork, etc.!



Have a safe and happy holiday!

Pre-K



Like swirling falling leaves, November was a whirlwind of fun! The children enjoyed learning about and making their very own monsters. The monster activities, games, manipulative, and art that went along with that theme were a huge hit! We hope everyone has a bountiful Thanksgiving shared with cherished family and friends.

December brings the excitement of Christmas! This month we will be making ornaments to decorate our very own classroom Christmas tree. We will have a gift wrap station complete with boxes, bows, and all the tape they can use! We will also write and mail letters to Santa (home)

and bake holiday cookies.

It's getting colder outside, bundle up those little ones and enjoy some fun outdoor time! Andi and I hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday and, as always, build precious memories and family traditions through the simple things that make life special. I will always remember getting to spread the icing on the Christmas cookies. It made me feel so special to have the important job of impressing Santa with my icing artwork. I'm sure that, at the time, my mother didn't think much of it, but I will never forget it.

Ms. Beverly and Ms. Andi



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

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



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December VEG Lunch Menu

30	01 Spinach Quesadilla Pinto Beans Apples Milk	02 Creamy Chickpea Brown Rice Casserole Carrots Bananas Milk	03 Mushroom Stroganoff Corn Oranges Milk	04 Hummus and Cheese Roll-up Green Beans Bananas Milk	05 Veggie Nuggets Biscuit Sweet Potato Fries Apples Milk	06
07	08 Hummus and Cheese Slider Baked Beans Apples Milk	09 Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce Peas Bananas Milk	10 Mushroom Alfredo Carrots Oranges Milk	11 Bean and Cheese Burrito Corn Bananas Milk	12 Veggie burger Slider Tator Tots Apples Milk	13
14	15 Cheese Slider Pinto Beans Apples Milk	16 Baked Ziti with Veggies Green Beans Bananas Milk	17 Teriyaki Chickpeas and Brown Rice Peas Oranges Milk	18 Hummus and Cheese Roll-up Carrots Bananas Milk	19 Veggie Ckn Patty on Slider Bun Sweet Potato Apples Milk	20
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