



UTC Children's Center August 2026 Newsletter

Reminders:

- Parents, please inform teachers before 8:30 am if your child is not coming to school; this helps us keep up with snack/lunch counts as well as ratios for the classroom.
- Please remember to send/bring updated immunization forms to Ms. Jackie or Ms. Doreen when your child/children have new vaccinations and update your contact information on ProCare when there are changes.

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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 August! It has been a great month in Infants! The last few weeks we have been exploring some really exciting things, in our first week of July we talked about the Beach! After the beach, we talked about Ocean Animals and painted our own baby sharks! We next explored farms and farm animals!

This month we are exploring all about ourselves! From our body, to our senses, and feelings! We will look into colors and activities based on us and our feelings. We will have an All About Me party to celebrate us! After that unit we will finish up the month with our transportation unit! We are very excited for a new month filled with fun and sun! We will continue taking walks around campus and enjoying the sunshine.

Ms. Kloe and Ms. Dominique

Young Toddlers

August has arrived!

YT will be exploring the themes and fun of camping and pets! We will get to craft our own special pets, build tents and “campfires”, and hopefully get some visits from some of our teachers pets!

If you'd like to send in photos of your child and your family pet(s), please feel free to text or email them in OR bring them printed to class and we can make collages to show and tell everyone's pets!

We will make smores and get to try some camp style hotdogs! If you'd like to bring in some goodies for our special treats- there will be sign up for s'mores on the classroom door!

- 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 Ms. Jheri

Preschool

Dear Parents,

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

- Friday September 25 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 a real dog. Thank you TK for bringing in your 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

Hey Pre-K families! It's hard to believe summer is wrapping up already!

We had such a fun July learning all about water and how it helps our Earth. Also, thank you to all who contributed and came to our graduation celebration! It turned out great!

As we start August, we will be losing a lot of our classmates to new schools. We wish them all the best and will continue talking with the children about their feelings and what class will look like now.

We look forward to this new chapter of learning and growing!

-Miss Emma and Miss Sunny

UTC Children's Center at Brown Academy

Infant A

Infant A has had a wonderful time this July learning about the ocean, beach, America, and farms. We can't thank you guys enough for your help with Floor Wax Friday and hope everyone enjoyed the Produce Party! This August we are excited to spend time learning about ourselves! We even plan to have a family collage making party on the 21st so we can hang collages of our beautiful families in the classroom!

Thanks again for all of your support!

Katie and Tiffany

Infant B

Hello Infant B families! I hope that everyone has had a wonderful July!

During the month of July, we have been exploring jungle and rainforest themes, learning about many kinds of animals through play, reading stories, and our jungle party! In the month of August, we are excited to learn about All About Me!

We are also excited for Ms. Taylor in her journey from Infant B to Toddler One! We know that change can be hard for our small friends, and Ms. Taylor and I are continuously working with one another to make the transition easier for your little ones.

Thank you all for your understanding and trust in us as we navigate this new chapter!

Ms. Amarree

Toddler 1



Hello T1 families! We had a great July having our water days and Jungle party! At our Jungle Party our friends were able to see some real tortoises. In August we are going to learn about ourselves with our "All About Me" unit. We will learn about our families, body parts, and five senses.

It has been a great transition to Lead Teacher in Toddler One! We have had so much fun already.

Thank you for your partnership and support.

Ms. Taylor 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.

Clark and Sloan are joining us from Toddler 1 this month! We look forward to having

them in our class with us! Please help us make them feel welcome in their new classroom.

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

Thank you!

Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Mackenzie



Preschool 1

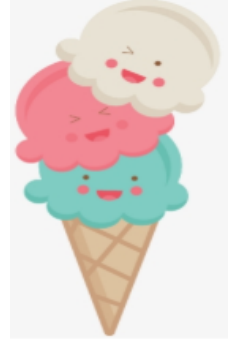
Dear Preschool One Parents,

Happy August! We had a wonderful 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 to a lot of our centers. Of course, water days have been some of the best, most fun days of the month!

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 sh



Preschool 2

Dear Preschool 2 Families,

Happy August! We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. We are excited to begin another month filled with hands on learning, creativity, and fun!

This month, our class will explore **two exciting themes**. During the first half of the month, we will dive into the magical world of **Fairy Tales**, where children will listen to classic stories, act out their favorite characters, create fairy tale-inspired art, and build early literacy skills through storytelling and imaginative play.

During the second half of the month, we will focus on "**All About Me.**" Children will learn about themselves, their families, their emotions, and the unique qualities that make each of them special. This unit helps build confidence, encourage friendships, and supports social-emotional development.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We appreciate all you do to help make Preschool 2 a wonderful place to learn and grow. We look forward to a fantastic month together!

Sincerely,

Ms. A & Ms. Jada

Pre-K

Dear Pre-K families,

We've had a great July with water days and learning about the beach and ocean. We are heading into a busy August.

This is the emotional time for goodbyes as our rising kindergartners move on to their new schools. They are prepared and we will miss them so very much but hope they keep in touch.



Our Celebrate Pre-K 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.

Thank you for being such supportive families!

Ms. Shawn and Ms. Angela

Little Miss Mag at UTC

Infant A

Summers greetings

Hello families and little ones during the month of August we will focus on proper summer attire and when to put on sunscreen. Your little ones will also practice using their five senses by playing with exploring seashells, playing with taste safe sand, and sea animal water play. We're also going to expand your little one's vocabulary by reading books such as *Llama Llama Sand and Sun* and *You're My Little Firecracker*. And look for to seeing all the beautiful artwork your little Picasso will make.

We would also like to congratulate Lily on her move up to Toddler 1 A, she will be missed by her friends in Infant A, but we are so proud of her accomplishments and all that she will learn from her new teachers and friends.

Infant B

Dear Families,

Last month, our infants enjoyed a variety of summer-themed sensory experiences, including water, bubbles, and colorful exploration activities. Through these hands-on experiences, along with music, movement, tummy time, and daily play, the children continued developing their motor, language, social-emotional, and cognitive skills. We loved watching each child grow and reach new milestones!

In August, we are excited to begin our Outdoor Adventure theme! Throughout the month, we will explore the wonders of nature through a fun camping theme filled with outdoor discovery and sensory experiences. The children will enjoy exploring natural materials such as grass, leaves, pinecones, and smooth rocks, along with nature walks, outdoor play, and observing trees, flowers, birds, and insects.

Our camping adventures will include pretend campfires, tent play, nature-inspired books and songs, and sensory activities designed to encourage curiosity while supporting fine and gross motor development, language skills, and early exploration. Weather permitting, we'll spend extra time outdoors discovering the sights, sounds, and textures of nature in a safe and engaging environment.

Family Connection:

Take a walk together, explore different natural textures, listen for birds, or read a book about camping or nature. Talking with your child about what they see, hear, and feel helps build language skills while creating special memories together.

We look forward to another month of learning, exploring, and growing together!

Ms. Lori

Infant C

Hello Families,

This month, the infants have been learning all about pets! We have been exploring a variety of stuffed and plastic animals while learning about the different pets that many families have. The infants love making animal sounds and discovering which sound each pet makes.

We have also been reading interactive sound books about animals and listening to the sounds they make. Singing songs about pets and animals has been another favorite activity, helping the children learn while having fun as well.

Thank you for letting us care for your sweet baby. If you have any questions or need anything, please reach out.

Thank you,

Mrs. Tavia and Ms. Wallika

Toddler 1-A

Dear Parents and Guardians,

July was a busy month of playing in the water, sunshine, and everything in the ocean! Sharks, sea turtles, and crab pinchers were some of our favorites. We will begin our learning with transportation and all the buses taking friends to school in August.

We will have a lot of new in August. Two of our friends are moving to new states, and we wish them nothing but the best on their new adventure. Hailey moved into the Toddler 2A room and Lou moved into Toddler 2B. We are going to miss their laughs and adventurous spirits but are happy for their growth in the 2 Rooms! We have welcomed

our new friends Hayes, Kathryn, Lily and Noah and are very excited to get to know them!

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 and Mr. Mo

Toddler 1-B

Dear Parents,

We have had so much fun together this summer! This month we have been learning all about the beach and vacation. We spent time playing in the sand and painting seashells. In August, we will be learning all about ourselves! We will be learning about our families, our emotions, and our bodies. If you have not already, we encourage you to send in family pictures! There's no such thing as too many pictures, and the children love being able to see their families at school.

As always, we 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 & Ms. Katie

Toddler 2-A

Toddler 2-A Families,

We have had so much fun learning about summer this past month! We all especially enjoyed eating our homemade popsicles, 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.

Thanks,

Ms. Sarah and Miss Payton

Toddler 2-B

Hello Parents,

The month of July was a lot of fun with all the summer and water activities!

We started the month off with ice painting on the playground, creating these beautiful pictures we post in our classroom. The children loved the **animal zoo** scavenger hunt so much, we did a **summer** scavenger hunt as well. A BIG Thanks to **Charlotte** who marked off the summer items on the paper when the children found them.

We made yellow homemade playdough. The children interacted with different color ice cubes putting them in containers, placing the tops on them and watching the ice cubes melt into color water. One of our favorite books was Llama, Llama red pajamas. One of our favorite songs was going on a picnic. The children follow instructions to go around the classroom to pick out something to bring on the picnic. They named the item they picked, while we sing the song, going on a picnic.



Water Play has been a blast!!!

We will continue with Summertime fun for the month of August

Mrs. Pearlene and Ms. D'anerys

Preschool

We had so much fun learning all about the USA, Fairytales, and books by Laura Numeroff, author of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and friends. In August, we will be learning about Going to School, All About ME! and Space! Here are a few reminders for the month of August:

- Check your child's cubby DAILY and take home any artwork, soiled clothes, etc..
- Water bottles must be taken home DAILY and a clean one brought for the next day

Pre-K

Boy it's hot! Water Day was a huge success, and we hope to have another one very soon. We enjoyed our watermelon picnic on the playground and are now having a toasty time CAMPING. We have a tent in the classroom complete with sleeping bags, a cooler, camp chairs, lanterns, and binoculars. We brainstormed ways to make a campfire and will be making smores and rice crispy treats. The kiddos sat around the campfire singing songs and went on a bear hunt. We will put on our backpacks and go on a scavenger hunt HIKE on the playground. They are also looking forward to our FIELD STUDY on the playground. The children will use the binoculars they made in small group to explore their surroundings and will take notes and draw pictures of their observations on their clipboards. I hope we don't run into a sleeping bear!

Next month we will wrap up summer with a trip to the BEACH! I can't wait to learn what they know about the beach and ocean animals. They always surprise me with their knowledge.

Six of our friends will be leaving Pre-K to begin their new life chapter in kindergarten. They are more than ready, and I'm so proud of the big kids they are now.

Thank you, parents, for all you do. Andi and I deeply appreciate all the help and support you've given us this school year.

Ms. Beverly and Ms. Andi