

UTC Children's Center Newsletter June 2024

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UTC Children's Center at Battle Academy

Infants

Hello Families,

May was a month full of farm exploration for your infants.

Please check the hall for the crafts Miss Kristen did with our class! I hope everyone is enjoying the pictures. I will keep on trying to get at least 2 per child per day as I know it is hard enough being away from them, as a parent myself.

I look forward to this month, we will be exploring the colors of the RAINBOW!

Centers will be set up for free play and color exploration themes.

I will be sending home clothes that are either too small or not weather appropriate and would appreciate replacements for their bins. I will also be checking the stock of snacks, pouches, diapers, and formula and will reach out if more is needed individually.

I am excited to work more with your children as their teacher!

Just so you know more about me, I am a mom to 3 beautiful girls. I live on Signal Mountain, and I worked at Signal Mountain Preschool as a lead teacher for the 3/4s class for a length of time. I also run an Airbnb at Fall Creek Falls as a side job.

I enjoy interacting with children and hospitality, they are a strength. Nothing gives me more joy and fulfillment than having a positive impact on a person's experience.

Feel free to contact me on ProCare with any questions or concerns, and I will be happy to address them!

I look forward to a colorful month in June! ~ Miss Melanie

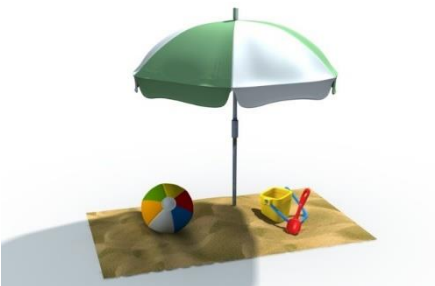


Young Toddlers

Dear Parents,

This month we are exploring Beaches, Water, Ocean Animals, and Oceans. We would love to get some pictures of the beach if that is where you take your family vacation. We would like to make a vacation book with pictures of all the places our families visit (doesn't have to be the beach).

The Outdoor Learning Garden is still in progress. The raised garden beds are growing strawberries, herbs, annual flowers and tomatoes. the children are learning how to carry watering cans and helping water all the



gardens. Weeding is done periodically with hopes that no plants get pulled. We also have a Pumpkin and Gourd wild garden on the far side of the playground and it is trying desperately to grow!

Thank you so much for all of your thoughtful presents, treats and cards during Teacher Appreciation week. They are greatly appreciated!!!

Have a great June,

Ms. Ann and TK



Older Toddlers



Dear Parents,

For the month of June, the Older Toddlers will be learning all about animals. We will start this unit by discussing cats and dogs. We will then move on to discussing and learning all about farm animals, zoo animals and aquarium animals. During this unit we will learn how to take care of animals and how to treat our pets.

I also wanted to remind you that the Center will be closed on June 19th in celebration of Juneteenth!

Thank you for your support of our room and everything we do!!

Ms. Amy

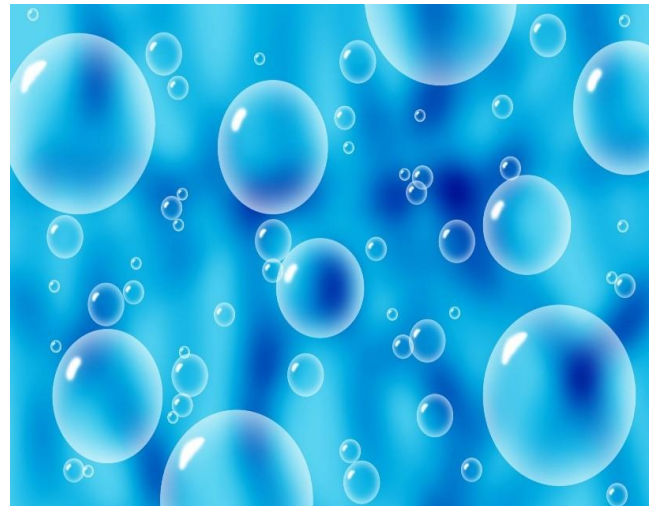
Preschool

Dear Parents,

Summer has arrived! What a fun time of the year to enjoy bubbles, water play, exploring the great outdoors, and picnics. Preschool loves to be outdoors. We go on walks around the school and visit the music park.

We will be discussing vacations and families for the month of June. Please send a family photo in with your child to be hung on the family board for your child to enjoy.

Mother's Day Tea Party was so much fun! We enjoyed having our moms for tea and cookies. Next is Father's Day Doughnuts for Dads. More information to come.



We will be starting Sprinkler Day Friday June 7. Please send a towel and swim suit to school on this day.

Much thanks also to all the parents for Teacher Appreciation Week! We cannot thank you enough for all your kindness and generosity.

Have a great summer!

Ms. Jean and Ms. Nardia

Pre-K

June Newsletter

Summer has arrived fast, and Pre-K is ready for it! We had a fun month learning about gardening and insects, as well as celebrating our moms! We said goodbye to two classmates as they are going to Kindergarten soon! In June, we will be learning about Fairy Tales. We will also celebrate our dads/paternal figures, so look out for that announcement!

Thank you for all you guys do! Happy June!

- Ms. Emma

UTC Children's Center at Brown Academy

Infants A

We had a great time learning about plants, gardening, birds, and insects in June we will learn about sports, shapes, summer, and America. We have posted outside the classroom a general idea of our lesson plan topics for the rest of the year, please know that these are subject to change based on opportunities available to us; if something exciting is happening, we may change our plans to accommodate.

We will be starting up Water Days again; we will be combining with Infants B and Toddler 1 for Water Day. Please do not bring them in a swim diaper, as they leak.

Please keep an eye out for an email with details.

I also wanted to make you aware of our next couple of closing June 19th for Juneteenth and July 4th for Independence Day.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Katie and Tiffany



Infants B



Hello families!

The month of May flew by, and I can't believe we're already at the end! In May we enjoyed learning about flowers, birds, and insects! In June we look forward to starting up our Water Days which start on June 5th! All the Water Day dates are June 5th, June 26th, July 10th, July 27th, and August 7th! I will be sending an email soon with details and sign-up sheets for parents to bring snacks for the babies. Remember to bring your child in sunscreen and keep in mind sunscreen expires after one year! For the month of June, we look forward to learning about sports, shapes, the season of Summer, and America! We will be closed on June 19th to observe Juneteenth! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ms. Taylor

Toddler 1

Dear parents,

May was a wonderful month for us. We enjoyed learning about the zoo, shapes, and numbers. We also welcomed a new friend to our classroom. This month we will be covering dinosaurs, summer weather, and space!

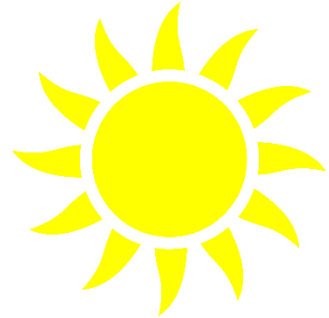
Water days begin this month! Information regarding this can be found outside of our classroom and through email.

Looking forward to the warmer weather and the fun activities for the month.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

Thanks,

Ms. Emily and Ms. Veronica



Toddler 2

Dear T2 Parents,

It's so hard to believe that it's already June! This will be a fun month. We will have lessons based around the beach and the ocean. The children love to learn about animals, so we always have a lot of fun learning about different sea creatures,

We will begin to have water days this month. We will go out and spend some time playing in the water table and sprinkler outside. Here are our planned dates:

- Thursday, June 6th
- Thursday, June 20th
- Thursday, July 11th
- Thursday, July 25th



For water days, please bring your child to school in their swimwear and wearing sunscreen. We will try to be out by 9:30 in the morning, so it won't be too hot. Please do not bring them in a swim diaper, as these leak.

We will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth/Emancipation Day.

As always, let me know if you have questions or concerns,

Thank you,

Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Jennifer

Preschool 1

Dear Preschool One Parents,

Happy June! Summer is quickly approaching, and we are excited to see what it brings. In May, we had a great time learning about rain, birds, frogs, and our five senses. Also, thank you for everyone who participated in teacher appreciation week. We are thankful for you!

This month we are going to learn about a lot of new things! First, we will be talking about space. Then, we will then learn about a class favorite subject, dinosaurs! After that we will welcome in the new season of summer by learning all about it.

In June we will also start having water days! Our water days will be Friday, June 7th and Friday, June 21st. Students will need sunscreen, towels, and bathing suits. You can also bring items like hats and water shoes if desired.

***REMINDER* The Center will be closed June 19th for Juneteenth.**

If you have any questions, please let me know!

- Ms. Ashley



Preschool 2



We had so much fun during the month of May learning all about community helpers, spring, animals that live at the pond, and camping! In June, we will learn about the ocean and animals at the zoo! We will also have Water Day on Wednesday, June 5th!

We also wanted to remind you that we will be closed on June 19th for Juneteenth and July 4th for Independence Day!

Thanks,

Ms. Taylor and Ms. Macaria

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Pre-K



Dear Pre-K families,

It's getting hot! This means fun activities like Water Days during the summer; keep an eye out for details.

In May we enjoyed learning about bugs, fossils, and dinosaurs. This last topic was a huge hit! In June we will concentrate on camping, the beach, and the ocean.

We said goodbye to Austin and Julie as they left for a summer filled with family time and camps before kindergarten begins. We will miss them very much!

UTCCC will be closed June 19th in observance of Juneteenth, so don't forget to make arrangements as needed for your child.

Please be sure that your child wears weather appropriate clothing including comfortable shoes. We tend to be outside more often in the warmer months.

Thanks for all your support!

Ms. Shawn and Ms. Alice

Little Miss Mag at UTC

Infants A

Dear families,

I hope everyone had a marvelous May! We spent the month learning butterflies and mothers. We had fun making Mother's Day cards and footprint butterflies. We read ABC's of love for Mom and Butterfly Marching Band. We also wished George and Sterling an incredible Happy first Birthday. We also made flower soup during the nice spring weather.

The month of June, we will learn about summer and Father's Day. We will focus on fathers, summer clothing, waterplay and more! We will read summer books like Peek a boo Sun a boo sun and sing songs like bringing home a baby bumblebee.

And as always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I hope everyone has an awesome June! Thank you!

-Ms. Shakira and Ms. Wallika

Infants C

Hello from Infant C! We were busy during the month of May. We have welcomed two new friends Bennett and Charlotte. We are so excited to have them! During the month of May we explored animals. We read books about animals and sang songs about animals. The babies explored plastic animals along with stuffed animals. Next month we will learn about the ocean.

Ms. Tavia



Toddler 1

We had a blast in the Toddler 1-A class last month! We explored with real flowers and loved playing outside (especially when it was muddy from the rain 😊). Art is still a favorite activity for us. We painted and used markers. This next month we will explore the summer season coming up. We have some fun summer activities planned and cannot wait to do them all! We will be welcoming a friend in June from Infant A and cannot wait! Parents, please remember to send extra clothes for the warmer weather and remember to apply sunscreen before coming to school.

Miss Lori & Miss Destiney

Toddler 2

Toddler 2 Families,

We spent May learning about insects! The class especially enjoyed looking for bugs on the playground—carpenter bees, worms after all the rain, and a couple of big spiders were the highlights.

During June, we will focus our time exploring oceans and beaches! The children will have sensory experiences with sand and water, look at seashells and other specimens, learn about ocean animals, and explore sinking and floating. We'll make art inspired by the ocean and with materials you may find at the beach, experiment with creating paper boats, and sing lots of songs about sea creatures. If your family has been to the beach or to the aquarium recently, we would love to print some pictures for the class to look at.

A couple reminders: please help us make sure that the backup clothing in your child's cubby fits them and is seasonally appropriate. Please also consider sending them with a hat to wear on the playground.

Thank you!

Ms. Sarah

Preschool

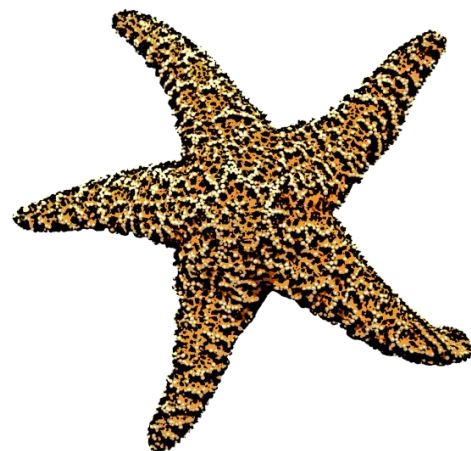
Hello Families!

For the month of June, we are going to piggyback off of the vacations many children are going on: Beach and Oceans! We will explore sand, beaches, waves and more! If you have any suggestions or items (seashells, sand from the beach, pictures, etc.) to send in, I would love to have them!

Please don't forget that we are a nut-free classroom! Peanuts and tree nuts are not allowed!

Also, we have had many students bringing toys from home into the classrooms at drop-off. This causes a lot of fighting amongst the children, tempts children to go into one another's cubbies, and makes toys be lost, causing meltdowns. Please leave all toys from home at home.

Mark your calendars! UTC Children's Center will be closed Wednesday, June 19th for Juneteenth.



Pre-K

April showers bring May flowers! Pre-K has been enjoying exploring the playground finding new things growing. Some things we planted, and some things we didn't. And, of course, cicada shells everywhere to investigate.

In June we will be continuing our study of the alphabet and numbers with the use of props and puppets. Name recognition and self-help skills are daily activities. Remember to ask your child about one specific thing that happened or that they learned at school every afternoon. Let's get those little brains working by recalling the day's events. It's not as easy as you may think!



Remember that we will be closed on Juneteenth (19th) and again on July 4th. Check cubbies daily and, as always, send a complete change of weather appropriate clothes including socks and shoes.

Thank you again to my wonderful families!



Lunch Box Catering
Donna Laster 423-802-1938
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June 2024 Lunch Menu

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



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June VEG Lunch Menu

02	03 Spinach and Cheese Roll-up Sweet Potato Fries Apples Milk	04 Black Bean Mac Baked Beans Bananas Milk	05 Creamy Chickpea Brown Rice Casserole Peas Oranges Milk	06 Hummus and Cheese Slider Corn Bananas Milk	07 Veggie Tenders Biscuit Pinto Beans Apples Milk	08
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