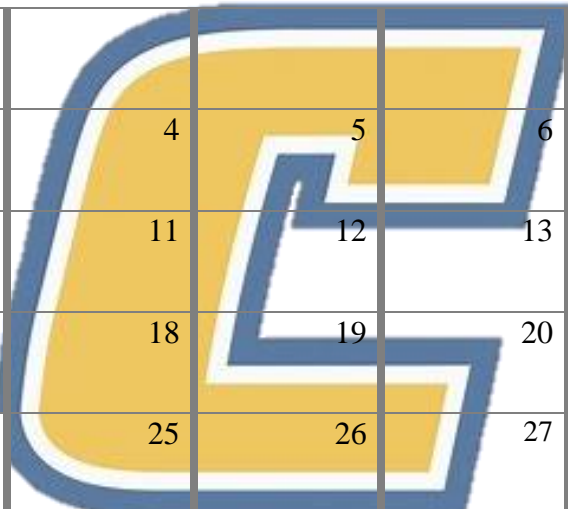


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The UTC Children's Center follows all inclement weather closings for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. You should receive an alert from the RAVE alert system. Information will also be available at the following places

- Email message sent via campus-wide listservs:
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- Media advisory to all Chattanooga and regional news media
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UTC Children's Center at Battle Academy

Infants

Dear parents,

We have had a great start to the new year! A couple of our friends moved up and we miss them, but we know they are having fun in their new class. We are excited to welcome a new friend! This month we will be learning about dinosaurs, and we will be having a dynamo dinosaur party on February 14th! Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet for snacks if you would like to bring something. Please remember to bring a coat and hat daily or to leave at school for our outdoor time.

Thank you,

Ms. Sara



Young Toddlers

February in YT we will be focusing on friendship and sharing! We will make cards and art for our friends and have sweet treats to celebrate friendship in our classroom and Center! Sharing is an ever flowing project in Toddlerhood- but we will be highlighting all the fun ways to share with friends! :)



Through our explorations with art and making treats, we will also learn about the colors pink and red! We will get to mix and match these colors and see how they show up all around us (and even more so in February.) Lastly, we will be investigating shapes— hearts, squares, rectangles— and using a variety of tools & materials to create our own unique shapes (and colors!)

If you'd like to bring any goodies to share with the class, we welcome that! As well as cards, etc. to share/exchange! We're looking forward to highlighting the great friendships we have here in YT and at UTC-CC!

Older Toddlers

For the month of February, we will be discussing shapes. The Older Toddlers will explore all the shapes in their indoor and outdoor environments. We will also be discussing the differences in shapes, how many sides they have, learning to draw some shapes and going on shape hunts. We would love for you to take your child on nature walks or walks around the house to see what shapes you can find outside of school.

Thank you for your support!

Ms. Amy



Preschool

Dear Parents,

I am so proud of all our snow people! Everyone did a great job, and it was such a fun project!

January was a busy month. We have learned:

- Ice crystals make snow
- Snowflakes are different shapes and sizes
- We need to wear warm clothing for winter weather
- Some animals hibernate during winter

For the month of February, our units include:

- Healthy hearts
- Friendship and Valentine's Day
- Post office
- Dental health
- Groundhog Day
- Black History

Please send in a small box or shoe box with your child by February 3. We will be decorating our boxes for Valentine's Day.

As always, thank you for your support,

Ms. Jean and Ms. Nardia



Pre-K

Happy February! We had a great January welcoming our new classmates and learning about snow, arctic animals, and ice. We are excited to talk about friendship, love, and sharing this month. We will have a few fun activities that will need donations, so be on the lookout for that! Also in February, we will learn about our community helpers and different careers/jobs.

Thanks,

Ms. Emma



UTC Children's Center at Brown

Academy

Infants A

We had a joyous January learning about numbers for the new year; winter weather that we actually got to see; polar animals; our beautiful, Scenic City; and amazing art! February promises to be even more exciting as we discover dinosaurs, explore Eric Carle's art and books, and mosey up to Mo Willems.

We will have our annual Dinosaur Party on February 14th, so keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet outside our classroom if you would like to bring something for us to snack on during the party! We hope you all can attend while we share our love for all things dinosaur. We will have some crafts, snacks, a photo booth, and a special reading center.

Katie and Tiffany



Infants B



In January we said hello to some new friends to the class! Welcome Henry, Juliette, and Zeela! This month we learned about winter, arctic animals, and Antarctic animals. In February we look forward to learning about Valentine's Day as well as Black History Month!

Ms. Taylor and Ms. Ebony

Toddler 1

Dear T1 Parents,

I'm enjoying getting to know you and your children. As Kristen has said I've been doing this a long time and have loved getting back into a young toddler classroom. They have so much joy and energy!

The month of February we will be exploring friendship, colors, shapes and Black History. On February 14, we will be having a Friendship party at 3:30. The children's grownups are encouraged to attend. We will have a sign up on the door for party items. Valentine cards are not necessary but not discouraged either. We will have a Mailbox in the room for any cards.

Gentle reminders:

1. Please wash your and your child's hands upon entering the classroom in the morning.
2. Check your child's bag daily for dirty clothes and art
3. Make sure your child has two changes of weather appropriate clothes in their bag. (toddlers are messy!)

Have a great February,

Ms. Ann and Ms. Veronica



Toddler 2



Dear Toddler 2 Parents,

It's so hard to believe that it is already February! This month, we will be learning about groundhogs, friendship, and nursery rhymes. We will also be having a "Friendship Party" on Friday, February 14th at 4:00. Please feel free to come join us for snacks. If you can help, there will be a list posted on the wall outside our classroom door. Also, feel free to bring in friendship cards, if you would like to do so. I will send out a list of

children in class, for those who would like to do this.

Hopefully, we will be able to enjoy warmer weather this month! Here are just a few reminders:

- Please make sure to bring a full set of warm clothes to keep in your child's cubby bags. Two is a busy age, and you never know what sort of messes we might get into!
- Remember that we close with UTC, not Hamilton County. If you have not, you may want to sign up for the UTC text alerts. We will also pass information along through our ProCare.



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Thank you all for your continued support and help! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ms. Jasmine and Ms. Jennifer

Preschool 1

Dear Preschool One Families,

February is here! In January, we loved learning about winter, snow, and arctic animals. I hope we get some snow, so the kids can try out some of the winter activities we learned about. They seemed especially excited about snowmen and snowball fights!

This month we are going to learn all about our feelings and emotions, Valentine's Day, friendship, and family. On Thursday, February 13th, we will have a friendship/Valentine's Day party in class. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet!

This month is going to be a fun one! If you have any questions, please let me know.

Looking forward to another great month!

- Ms. Ashley and Ms. Macaria



Preschool 2

We have had so much fun learning all about Winter Weather and Animals that Live in the Artic in January! In February we will be learning about Feelings and Transportation! Here are a few reminders for the month of February:

- We will have our Friendship Party on Friday, February 14th at 3:30 pm (during afternoon snack time).
- Your child may bring a small reusable water bottle (with water only) to keep on the hook in their cubby.
- Please check your child's cubby daily and take home any artwork, soiled clothes, etc.
- Practice covering coughs and sneezes with your child at home to help keep germs at bay!

Ms. Taylor

Pre-K

Dear Pre-K families,

We have had a fun and busy January learning all about the Artic, Antarctica, and animals in the wintertime.



Ms. Alice has left us to spend more time with her family. We will miss her very much, but family comes first, and she might come back eventually part time.

Upcoming February lessons will include fairy tales, folk tales, math, and more.

On Friday, February 14th, we will have a Friendship Party! This will also be a costume day. Your child is welcome to bring valentine cards to pass out to their friends if desired. Details to come.

Tell us if your child is going to be out of school so we can have accurate snack and lunch counts. Please be sure to send your child with appropriate clothing so they can enjoy the outdoors. And always have a complete change of clothing to keep at school.

Thanks again for your support and all you do for us,

Ms. Shawn



Little Miss Mag at UTC

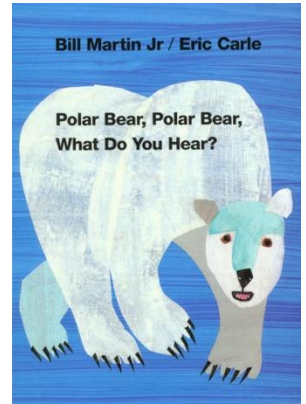
Infants A

Dear families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful January. This month we learned about snow, ice, and about different arctic animals. We used our fine and gross motor skills to toss fish and making and learned to slip and slide across the arctic. We danced and sang to 5 Little Polar Bears and Polar Bear, Polar Bear. And read fun books such as In the Arctic and Polar Bear, Polar Bear What do you Hear?

And as always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email or phone. I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break! Thank you!

-Ms. Shakira and Ms. Amy



Infants C



Hello families! The month of January we learned about winter. This was perfect since we got a lot of snow! I hope everyone enjoyed it! The babies got to explore "snow" in the classroom. They loved feeling it and throwing it everywhere. We talked about clothing items that we wear outside during wintertime such as hats, gloves, and coats. These items were added to the classroom for the babies to explore. We also explored ice cubes to experience the cold winter. We also made snowmen footprints. Next month we will learn about different textures. Please contact me if you have concerns or questions.

Ms. Tavia and Ms. Wallika

Toddler 1-A

Greetings! I am Ms. Amy, and I have been given the opportunity to be the interim lead teacher in Toddler 1-A. February has many activities for us to explore. We will have Valentine crafts and find out about what a groundhog is! We will continue to explore the winter weather. We will continue play outside as weather permits. Please help us stay prepared for play by sending warm wear like boots, hats and a complete change of clothes. I am excited to spend this time learning and laughing with your children.



Toddler 1-B

January was full of new experiences and big changes in the T1-B room at the Little Miss Mag site. We spent time playing in ice water, painting pictures, and making our very own snowmen! Many of our classmates have started walking and the rest are not far behind.

We have several friends that are getting teeth, just in time for Dental Health month! In February, we will spend time talking about our teeth and learning how to brush them. This month, we are excited to welcome two friends that are moving up and will be joining us as we learn about shapes, colors, and friendship. Friendship is an extremely important part of development for children, and I would love to celebrate the friendships we have developed already by having a Friendship party later this month. I want to encourage parents to attend, and I will send out more details about the party in ProCare. Many of you have already noticed, but we do have a wish list posted on the door of our classroom. Anything you are able to purchase or donate will always be appreciated!



Ms. Lori

Toddler 2-A

Toddler 2-A Families,

We had a fun January! We spent time learning about what the animals that live around us do in winter, as well as some animals that live in climates that have cold weather all year round. Given our weather situation, we pivoted away from animals and spent more time exploring ice. We watched ice melt, explored it with our hands while it was melting, counted ice patches on the playground, and talked about what we observed.

In February, we will focus on families and friendships! We will learn about each other's families, what makes up a family, and we will also spend time learning about how we can be good friends to one another. On February 14th, we will celebrate Friendship Day!

A couple of reminders—please make sure your child has extra clothes in their cubby (at least one outfit, including socks, and more if your child is learning to use the toilet). Please also consider sending a pair of rain boots, or messy shoes, with your child. Our playground has had a lot of mud recently, and we'd love to save your child's shoes from it!



Toddler 2-B



Theme: Winter

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!

And It Did, on January 10th YAY!! After, we created our own snow collage.

The children did a great job following the directions of the teacher to create poems.

We interacted with pretend snow, made with two ingredients. We made our own snowman using our foot. We enjoyed going on a bear hunt. We talked about three winter animals, penguin, polar bear and snow leopard. The children did a great job trying to pronounce all the animals and recognizing them when staff asked them to point to them on the pictures.



Our Family Snow Day Collage



We painted with ice cubes on black paper while the ice melt and slipping out of our hands. One of our favorite books, were the Snow Family. Thanks to our parents who sent in family fun Snow pictures for our collage.

For the month of February we will continue our **Winter Theme/Valentine Fun!**

Ms. Pearlene

Preschool

Hi, families!

The preschool class LOVED talking about and experiencing winter weather. The teachers loved hearing about all the fun things the kids got to play in the snow, and it was awesome timing for bringing all our learning together!

For February, we'll do a unit on friends and friendship. We'll play cooperative games, talk about ways we can be good friends, and discuss how we show our friends that we care about them. We'll also have our Friendship Party on February 14th (be on the lookout for a goodie sign-up sheet closer to the date!). We would love to decorate boxes for the children to bring home any goodies or cards they receive, so if you have shoe boxes or Kleenex boxes (or something similar), we would love to have the



Thank you for all you do and never hesitate to reach out to us!

Ms. Elisha and Ms. Mandy

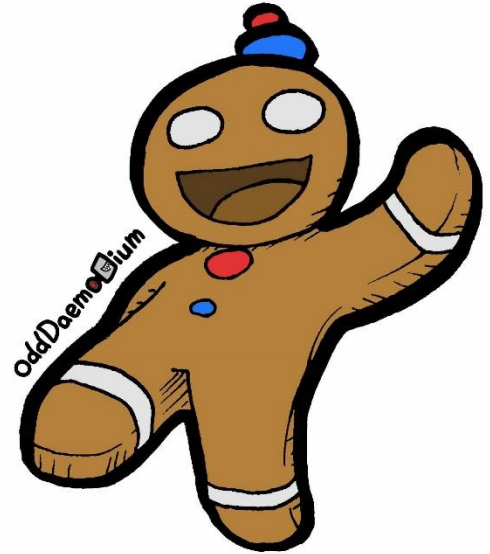
Pre-K

Hello Pre-K families!

How about that snow we had?? And it was right on time with my lesson plan. We will continue to experiment with snow and ice as well as hibernation. We even have our own snowballs in the block center! The Gingerbread Man is the star of the show this month. We will read many versions of the book as well as make our own gingerbread and bake gingerbread man cookies (I hope they don't run away!) I have included brown homemade gingerbread scented playdoh that the children can roll out with rolling pins, cut with gingerbread man cutters and decorate with beads and gems. Remember to dress appropriately - if the "feels like" temperature is above 32 degrees, we go outside. Also, please label coats, hats, mittens, and scarves with your child's name.

Thank you all for everything you do. Hopefully, we'll get some more snow soon. Bundle up, be warm, stay safe, and have fun!

Ms Beverly and Ms Andi



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