# Bright Horizons at UTC Fall Newsletter



#### From the Director

As summer comes to an end, we would like to extend our "thank you" to all the children and families that have spent part of their summer with us! We welcomed many new families into our program this summer—thank you for choosing our UTC center for your back—up care needs!

We had lots of FUN engaging in our summer adventures activities! It was wonderful to see new faces and returning children continue to grow in our center.

#### Fall Beginnings

We hope you can join us this Fall as we explore the World of Eric Carle in September, using his books as inspirations for creative art, math, science, language and movement.

October's Colorful Experiences will expose children to many wonderful activities using colors all around us!

November brings us to the season of gratitude, as we launch into our Gratitude Project for all ages. Children will engage in meaningful curriculum focused on building empathy, compassion and social awareness.

We hope to see you this Fall!!!



Marie Dettwiler

Center Director

## Register & Reserve Back-Up Care

Your child must be fully registered before a reservation can be made. Our online system makes it simple to:

- Edit/update registrations
- Request a reservation
- Cancel a reservation
- Print daily information sheets

www.brighthorizons.com/back-up

#### **High Demand Days**

September - none

October 10- Columbus Day

Nov II- Veteran's Day

Nov 21-25- Thanksgiving Week

(closed Thur Nov 24th)

Don't wait... reserve 30 days in advance.

#### **Important Dates**

Eric Carle Week: Sept 12 - Sept 16

Treasure Island Week: Sept 19 - Sept 23

In Your Shoes Week: Oct 10 - Oct 14

Jumpstart Read for the Record: Oct 27

October's Colorful Experiences: all month

Gratitude Project: Nov 11- Nov 30

#### **Bright Horizons at UTC**

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### **CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Infant

This summer our infants have been exploring the outdoors and learning about outdoor creatures. Our summer activities have been centered on developing our pincer grasp. By engaging in activities that build our fine motor skills, our infants are taking the steps into self-feeding. We also centered our activities on emotional development by learning to purposefully interact with our peers and express affection and compassion. During this upcoming month we will be working on developing our senses! Each week we will center our activities on exploring touch, visual development, oral listening, and smell!



Toddler's theme this summer was ArtSmart Summer Fun! Exploring our world through the colors our toddlers saw each day allowed us to engage in daily activities within Science Rocks, Math Counts, and Language Works. We focused on strengthening and refining our small and large muscles through daily summer themed movement activities. For the next upcoming months we will be centering our curriculum on Language Works. We will be exploring different pieces of literature from famous children's authors, like Eric Carle, while developing our listening, speaking, pre-reading and pre-writing skills.

#### **Preschool**

Summer was all about Language Works in our Preschool Classroom! We focused on building on our vocabularies and developing the ability to communicate in increasingly complex ways as we prepped our friends for Kindergarten this fall. We engaged in activities that highlighted name writing, letter recognition, and alphabet pronunciation. We also worked closely within our Hand Writing Without Tears curriculum to build those basic pre-writing skills for our younger preschoolers. With school in session we will soon engage in S.T.E.M. activities that highlight engineering, math skills and critical thinking!

#### **S**chool-Age

This summer was such a blast!! Camp-Explorations in our school- age classroom was all about the world of S.T.E.M. We explored topics about outer space, marine life, nutrition, and engaged in activities focused on engineering, geography, and culinary arts. Every activity created a world of wonder where our students used their ingenuity to develop blueprints and test their thinking. We created healthy alternatives to their favorite summer foods, and we even got to live like an astronaut. Not to mention the great summer games we engaged in everyday in our Movement Zone! School is back this September and we wish all our school–agers a wonderful beginning to a new school year!









## **BRIGHT HORIZONS NEWS**



Considering full-time child care? Watch this Family Matters webinar-on-demand to learn how to distinguish top-notch early education.

#### Webinar On Demand

Access the webinar to hear what makes an early childhood education program exceptional and to get the inside scoop on how NAEYC can help you find the best program for your child.

http://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/parenting-tips-webinar/quality-early-education-choosing-the-best-child-care/



#### Celebrating 30 Years of Learning!

Bright Horizons is proud to celebrate 30 years as the early educator and partner of choice for families and employers around the world. We look forward to supporting the next generation of parents and children, and continue to cheer the big steps made by the early learners at all of our centers.

Because the most exciting milestones are the ones we get to celebrate with parents and children every day.

#### Like Music? Then you'll love Bright Horizons Radio on Pandora!

At Bright Horizons, we know that music positively impacts child development and improves social skills—but finding great children's music can be a challenge. That's why we created Bright Horizons Radio on Pandora®, featuring today's popular artists playing songs that kids will love. Bright Horizons Radio on Pandora gives parents easy access to quality children's music that the whole family can enjoy.

Visit www.pandora.com/brighthorizonsradio to launch the station.

