

# Capitol Campus Child Care Center

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## Infants

The Infant Room would like to welcome Mrs. Amy Rowswell as our new lead teacher. She will be starting on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Mandy has returned to Todd II and we would like to thank her very much for all of the love and support she has given the babies while working in there.

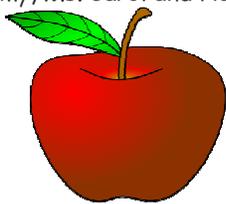
The theme for September is "All about me".

We said "good-bye" to Samara last month; she will be staying home with her grandma.

We are looking forward to the cooler temperatures so that we can get the babies out more and go on more buggy rides. All of the children light up when we get outdoors!

*A quick message from Ms. Amy: Hi all! I have come in to visit your sweet kiddos a bit in the last couple of weeks, and they all have such sweet smiles and twinkles in their eyes. I am really looking forward to meeting all of you & getting to know your children better this month. My husband and I have three daughters, ages 10, 8, and 2, and I truly look forward to teaching and loving on your little ones. I know we will have a wonderful time together!*

Ms. Amy, Ms. Carol and Hoa Hoa



## Wobbs

Welcome to September

As we step into our new school year, there are a few things we will be posting on our parent board: our new monthly curriculum lesson plan and our

newsletter so that parents can see what we are learning about and perhaps continue the conversation and learning experience at home. Secondly, each month we will have a new color and shape to focus on. We will look for these colors and shapes in our curriculum, our classroom, and the world around us. This September's color is yellow and the shape is a circle.

Our first study is "All about Me". We will be looking at some body parts: arms, legs, hands, and feet. We will be seeing how we can use those body parts in everyday life. (Can we wave, walk, and be gentle with them? Even color with them? How do we scoop with a spoon or drink with a cup? Can you find the hands and feet on other people or even animals?) And can you, parents, continue this

conversation at home? What do you do with your hands at home? You can always sing "Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes" with your child.

Our second study will be about school and the busses. Our windows look right out at Garfield Elementary and a city bus stop. Every day we will see students coming to and from school, getting on the yellow school bus, and see the city bus go by. (What are the school kids holding when they walk to school? What do they need? Do they walk home or go on the school bus? What color is the school bus? How many do you see?) Our class will also be singing "Wheels on the Bus", so feel free to continue this at home. Does your child know anyone going to school? Are you able to take your child on a bus ride?

Our third study will consist of family. We will talk about

moms, dads, siblings, and grandparents. We will focus specifically on each child's family. We would love to get some pictures of you and your child and your family to put up on our family wall.

Our fourth and final study for September will be apples. We will look, feel and taste them. We will discover where they come from, who eats apples and the different ways you can eat an apple.

To help the wobbler room function smoothly, here are a few things to help our parents. Our cubbies are for our coats. We try to provide as much space as possible for parents to put diapers and extra clothes and any extra food that you might provide to go in the cupboard above your child's cubby.

As the children's gross and fine motor skills develop we like to encourage them to practice more "self-help" skills. Like attempting to hang their coat and hats themselves. But we do ask that parents keep anything your child should not be accessing themselves up into the cupboard above, or out of the classroom, if it will not fit. As we enter into cold season, we wish to remind parents to wash your child's hands when you enter the class before they go and play. Not only will this help keep germs from spreading, it may also help drop-off as you help your child transition to the classroom for the day.

Our wobbler class will say goodbye to Miss Moriah, who is headed off for her next adventure, and who will be dearly missed and to also say goodbye, to Salem, Ellie, Caitlin, Cormac, Justin, Mara, Brianna,

and Ellis as they move to Todd I. We would like to welcome Levi and Juliette who are new to the center this September.

Thank you parents and we hope you all have a wonderful September.

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## Notes from Miss Tina

Parents,

Thank you for the wonderful turnout to our end of the year BBQ! Everyone seemed to have a nice time and the children were adorable running on the tennis courts, playing in the water and participating in the sports activities. Thanks to all of the staff for doing a wonderful job serving the food and cleaning up.

The flower bulb orders will be sent off this week so that we will have them back in plenty of time to plant before the first frost. Hard to believe we are already transitioning into fall weather too!

The Center is closed on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> for Labor Day. We will transition a lot of children on September 10<sup>th</sup>, so watch for a notice if your child will be moving into the next classroom.

Parent Board Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 in the Preschool classroom and everyone is welcome. The Parent Board does an awesome job of supporting the center

and staff and we appreciate their hard work and dedication!

Please remember to let us know when your child has immunizations so that we can keep your child's record updated.

We have six new families joining the 5Cs family this month, WELCOME!

Hope everyone has a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

Ms. Tina ☺



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### Todd I

It is September and we are ready for the new school year. We want to welcome all of our new friends: Mara, Justin, Ella, Caitlin, Ellie, Brianna, Cormac, Fiona, Ellis, Salem, Lucas and Sai.

And we are saying "see you later" to Bass, Mira, Charlie, Luke, Max, Cooper, A.J., Connor, and Greta as they move up to Todd II.

Our last week together the theme will be "Our Favorite Things" from the school year.

The second week when all of our new friends have joined us, our theme will be "All about me" to learn more about each other.

We will have a pet week to talk about our furry or feathered friends. Also a "Back to School Week" and we will talk about what it means to go to school and what we can do while we are there.

Our shape for the month will be the circle and the colors that we will be exploring are red, yellow and blue. We have two birthdays: Christopher will be 2 on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Ella will turn two on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday! We look forward to getting to know all of our new families.

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### Todd II

Here we are, September in Todd II! Summer is winding down and we are preparing for the fun season of fall! Before we dive into the new season's activities we will be talking about back to school happenings the first week of September. This includes things such as our siblings going to school, the yellow school bus, and packing our backpacks.

With all this back to school excitement we will also be saying goodbye to our older friends going off to pre-school

and hello to our new friends coming in from Todd II! To get to know our newest friends there will be "All about me" week one & two! The first week will consist of talking about them; what their favorite things are, how big they are and who their friends are. The second week is focused on their family and creating Family Trees\*.

\*This will be September 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and we ask you to bring the following:

Pictures (that may be cut & glued) of their families including parents, close relatives, siblings, pets.

The last week will be everything fall! Throughout this time we will be focusing on the signs of fall all around us, from the changing colors to our changing wardrobes. Our main colors this month will be red, orange, and yellow.

As mentioned up above we will be starting transitioning September 10<sup>th</sup> so keep an eye out for notifications with further information. Although we have different themes each month, we do focus on self-help skills in Todd II all year round. These skills include hanging up our coats in our cubbies, putting our blankets in our buckets, washing our hands and putting on our shoes.

We look forward to getting to know our new friends and their families!

Ms. Mandy, Ms. Shilpa and Kayla

## Preschool

We had a great summer but it's starting to be fall again! September is a busy time of the year and a lot is happening! With that said some reminders: if you have any 5C's clothes please wash and bring them back. We are getting ready for

our big transition and getting everything in order. The weather is getting cooler and fall is coming quickly so please have your child dressed appropriately. Having a light jacket in their cubby is recommended. Also, please bring in a family picture, we will be hanging pictures on or around our new tree in the room.

As most of you know it is transition time for the center, transition day will be September 10<sup>th</sup>. Which means we will be losing about half of our class to Pre-K 😊. We also will be getting 9 friends from Todd II and 1 new friend coming from another center. If we could all help welcome Gabe to 5C's and the Todd II friends who join our preschool room. I know Steph and I are very excited to welcome everyone but also very sad to see our friends leave.

We are very proud of them and wish them the best of luck in Pre-K!

We will be focusing on becoming independent and learning our self-help skills. With the new friends coming over to our room we will also working on table manners and using manners when we are playing with our friends. In preschool we really try to resolve our issues with words and talking out our problems. Really focusing on our fine motor skills as well as our gross motor skills. Our curriculum for this month is focusing on fall, we will start talking about apples/pears, then leaves and end it with trees.

We would really appreciate toys from home only coming to school on show and tell days. Stuffed animals are okay and can be used during nap time only. Having personal toys in the classroom causes issues we

would like to avoid. We thank you for understanding! Lastly, we have a few birthdays coming up in September. We have Bryson who is turning 4 on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Mason who is turning 4 on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and Jaiya will be 4 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>! Happy birthday boys! If there are any comments or questions feel free to ask me or Steph, we will be happy to talk with you. 😊

## Staff Birthdays



No Sept. B'days...

## Pre-K Big Bears

What an amazing year we had in the Big Bear room.

It has been difficult to say farewell to so many great friends. This year's group had a very special shine all their own; a highly intelligent, inquisitive class full of energy and fun. We know that great parenting results in wonderful children and we'd like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve your family. We will miss having you in our room, on our field trips and giving us helpful suggestions. Thank you for helping make this a successful year.

We will begin the new semester with a study of chairs; centered on the themes of back-to-school, family, self and autumn nature. The children will have time to explore the classroom and design their own chairs while making new friends. We will

discuss what makes a family and discover why each person is unique as well. And of course we will fill the room with all the beautiful colors from nature that surround us during September.

**WE HAVE ONE CLOSURE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd for LABOR DAY!**

We also have two celebrations: HAPPY BIRTHDAY **Evan**, September 6<sup>th</sup> and **Mabry** on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Some of our big projects in August centered on ocean life and pirates. We rebuilt the huge Lego castles into two sailing vessels and played a game called "Battle Ship" that involved hitting down the flag of the opposing ship. The kids played with great vigor and the accuracy of their throws was stellar. We also made an ocean scape that included drawings of sea life, handmade SCUBA divers, Lego pirate ships and creatures made of clay. Stop by the display near the front door or pop in to the room and check out the bulletin boards to see what we've been doing.

We'd like to get off to a great start with our parent communication from behavioral to nutritional needs so please come in and talk to us. We are here to serve your child and no one knows how to do that as well as you. We try to work as a team with family members to best support each individual's day. Let us know how we can be of assistance as we are always striving to do our best. One of our goals is to have **EXTRA CLOTHING** for each child to keep them comfortable throughout the day.

Our hearts seem to know the year is almost over. Hugs grow longer and eyes wetter at each child's "last

day." But there is a special place here for every child who comes through the door. We feel that too. We all wish the very best for our Big Bears as they begin their new schools. We know they will make us proud. And we are excited and happy to meet our next group of friends as we head into fall together.

Best wishes to all and remember...once a Big Bear...always a Big Bear!  
Ms. Lori, Ms. Samatia, Ms. Shannon

**Parents,  
Thank you for  
your prompt  
payments of the  
\$50/family annual  
fee.**

**We still do not  
have everyone's  
updated  
emergency cards.  
This is very  
important...if  
there is an  
emergency we  
want to be able  
to reach you  
ASAP!**

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orders! We will  
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order online if  
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