After years of requests, we have finally organized our first Mother & Son event. Friday, October 27th The Center is inviting guests to the Mummy & Me- a Halloween Bash.

The event will be tons of fun and gives moms a special night to spend with their sons. The event will include professional photos, donuts and cider, music and dancing, games, tattoos and door prizes. Doors will open at 6. The Halloween Bash will be from 6:30-8 p.m.

Music will be provided by Jim McVicker and photos will be taken by local professional Ian Domes.

Door prizes will drawn throughout the night for moms and sons.

On Tuesday, October 31st The Children’s Center will celebrate Halloween with a safe child-friendly celebration.

For children enrolled in our program, dressing up is a part of our everyday fun. Halloween allows us an opportunity to dress up and celebrate with campus. If your child has a costume please feel free to send it in. We also have lots of dramatic play outfits that can be used.

Part of an annual tradition, the classrooms will head out around 10 am for the Halloween Parade. The parade will include a loop through the academic quad and walk to Hamilton Hall.

Faculty members will be invited to bring healthy, child friendly treats to pass out to the children. Each classroom will have extra adults for added supervision.

Parents and family members are welcome to join us for the fun. Please let your child’s teacher know if you are planning to attend.

We always like to remind everyone to take extra precautions and stay safe on Halloween!!

Join us for our Fall Open House

You are invited to the Fall Open House on September 27th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Classrooms will be open and activities will be set up for visitors. Families, friends and community members are welcome to come and see our classrooms.

Refreshments will be set up in the little gym and visitors will be eligible to enter a drawing for a door prize.

This is a perfect opportunity to come and meet other families, bring in older siblings or extended family members. Hope you can make it.
“The more that you READ, the more THINGS you will KNOW. The more you LEARN, the more places you’ll GO!”

Dr. Suess

The Children’s Center would like you to know that we support early literacy. An easy, inexpensive way to fill your home with books is ordering books through Scholastic Books. We will be sending home Scholastic booklets each month with your child. If you are interested in ordering please make checks or money orders payable to Scholastic Books and drop them off to Robin or Jen. Also available this year is online ordering. You can simply order on the Scholastic website and use an activation code that credits The Center with points that generate reward dollars for our own library.

A second easy opportunity to buy books is through the Books Are Fun display. A new display is delivered and available every couple of months. There are order forms located on the display and items are delivered directly to The Center. Another display will be arriving soon.

Make reading a part of your family time. Reading to your children will encourage them to love books and become great readers.

Literacy Opportunities

Preschool Harvest Dinner

Annually the preschool classrooms host a Harvest Dinner. The dinner is cooked by Miss Ellie while the preschoolers prepare a delicious dessert.

This year’s big event will be November 14th in Madison Hall. Dinner will be served at noon. Family members are welcome to join their children. It is a wonderful time to share a feast together and remember what we are thankful for.

Our annual menu includes children’s favorites: roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, muffins and a homemade dessert.

Please watch for an invitation and the sign up will be posted soon. Because we are limited on space, we politely ask guests be limited to two per child.

We truly hope that you’ll consider joining us. If you are not available please feel free to invite a family member or friend. All visitors will be asked to sign in on the visitor’s log at Madison Hall.

From The Children’s Center Staff, I would like to thank you for sharing your child with us everyday. We consider it a privilege to work with your child and support their learning and growth.

Children’s Center Chatter

Programs Closed on October 9th and November 23rd & 24th

The Center and School Age Programs will be closed on Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day. Morrisville State College classes will not be in session on Monday and Tuesday, October 9th & 10th for fall break. Offices will be closed on Monday and reopen on Tuesday. There will be no school at the Morrisville Eaton Elementary on Monday the 9th. The Center and School Age Programs will reopen on Tuesday, October 10th.

The Center and School Age Programs will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. There will be no MSC or MECS classes the 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Please watch for a sign up for the 22nd. The sign up will help us make a staffing plan. All programs will reopen on Monday, November 27th.

Parents will be billed for Monday, October 9th and Thursday, November 23rd. As our policy states, accounts will be billed for six holidays per calendar year. They are as follows: New Years Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

If you have any billing questions please stop and see Robin. Our Family Handbook can be found on our website at: www.morrisville.edu/childrens_center
“Only Parents, Teachers and Grown Ups open doors,” is a phrase you’ve probably heard over and over at pick up time. It’s a phrase that our teachers use when asking children not to open the classroom or exit doors. For safety reasons, we do not want children opening any doors (or gates) in The Center. Children are signed into care in the morning and teachers are responsible for their health and safety. We absolutely do not want children trying to leave a classroom without an adult. Furthermore, we do not want children alone in the hallway or exiting the playground or center ahead of an adult. We understand that children enjoy the gratification of opening a door, they feel proud but we don’t want them to ever open a door and leave their group until they are with an adult.

Our campus is very busy during the day. There is a lot of traffic in the breezeway. We want your children to be safe and within sight at all times.

Children should never walk out of The Center ahead of their pick up person. Please share this policy with family members that might also be picking up.

The outside gates will be locked at all times. Young children can easily open the gates and for that reason they will remain locked while the playground is in use. Please be patient and come through the classroom doors to pick up your child from the playground.

We can’t thank you enough for your support of this policy.

Screenings and Developmental Monitoring: How you can get involved!

Every child enrolled in The Center is screened within their first three months of enrollment. This screening checks for any obvious developmental delays or concerns that may need to be further evaluated. Any concerns are immediately shared with the child’s parents or guardians.

In addition to the screening, children’s development is monitored twice a year. Observation notes, daily journal entries and samples of their “work” are used along with a checklist of developmental milestones and stages of typical development. These results are shared with parents and guardians at a parent-teacher conference in November/December and May. In the May conference, parents are presented with a portfolio of their child’s year and accomplishments. Both conference will offer meeting times in the evening.

You can help us by alerting us to any developmental concerns or difficulties that you may have observed at home.

During parent-teacher conferences, please ask questions. Feel free to request meetings throughout the year whenever you need to talk with your children’s teacher. Building stronger partnerships with parents helps better prepare us for caring for your child.

If you would like more information on the tools we use please contact Jennifer.

What you need to know about medications at The Center

The Center is approved through The Office of Children and Family Services to administer prescription and non-prescription medications as well as topical creams to children enrolled.

If your child is prescribed a medication that needs to be administered while in care, arrangements can be made to be sure your child doesn’t miss their scheduled dose.

Medications must in the original container with the prescription label. A drug insert must accompany the medication along with written physician and parental permission.

Forms for medications can be faxed directly to a child’s doctor’s office from The Center. Medication permission must be renew every six months for on going medications.

If your child becomes ill while in care and you plan to visit the doctor, please stop by the front desk and pick up an authorization form.

One last important note, there should be no medication or over the counter products stored in a diaper bag or in a child’s personal cubby. Medication stored at a child’s level is dangerous and poses a direct threat to children enrolled. Thank you for your cooperation.
The current five year accreditation period expires on June 30, 2022. A report will be submitted with examples of our work and results from Family Surveys annually.

The accreditation system involves carefully following the 421 criteria under ten standards. Although the process is time consuming it’s worth the reward of achieving accreditation.

The Board, staff and teachers all stand behind their commitment to quality. The Center’s policies, procedures and daily interactions with families and children build a community that fosters learning.

Our vision is to strive to provide a learning environment that welcomes families and children into a safe, caring community that promotes a healthy lifestyle. Fostering an environment of respect and continuity, the program works closely with each child’s family to provide individualized care. Collaborations and connections with community agencies expand the opportunities offered to families and children.

A huge thank you goes out to the entire staff for their commitment to the process and their hard work. Congratulations!!!