It does not seem possible that summer is half over and July is here. The summer is going by so fast. We hope that you have had the chance to get outside and enjoy the sunshine.

The children are keeping busy and doing lots of fun activities. Please make sure you are checking the “Where We Are Board” each day to see where your child’s group is. The children do go for walks in the morning and afternoon. The groups are required to be back by 4 p.m. in the afternoon. But if you require your child to be at the center to be picked up before this time, please notify your child’s teacher that morning, so we can have them stay back with another group. Also, please note that some groups go for early morning walks and they leave the building at 9:30 a.m. Please plan accordingly.

Please notify us if you will be planning a vacation and your child will not be in attendance at the center. Reminder, you must pay in-advance any tuitions due during your time off, so that you are not assessed a $10 late payment fee. If you have any questions about vacation time or how to figure tuition, please see Dawn or Monica.

We continue to advertise for the Preschool 1 Lead Teacher Position. We are continuing to accept applications and started interviewing candidates. I will continue to keep you updated on the progress.

The UNO Child Care Center is getting a new computer software system. We will be gradually introducing the system to families over the next couple weeks to show you how to sign your child in and out. We will also show you how to view tuition charges/credits. This system will also be able to email out weekly tuition statements. Our goal is to have this system up and running at full capacity at the beginning of August 2017.

Finally, I will be out of the office on July 25th. If you have any questions, during these times, please see Monica or the lead teachers.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at 402-554-4936, e-mail me at dhove@unomaha.edu or stop by my office.

Until next month… “Take some time and make summer time memories! Go run through the sprinkler with your child or plan a day at the park. There are so many summer activities that you can do.”

UNOCCC
Family Luau ~ Potluck
Friday, July 28. 2017
From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Bring your favorite summer dish to share and network with other families and staff.

Look for the sign-up sheet to be posted the week of July 17th.
Hope to see you there!

Annual Food Program forms will be going the week of July 10th. ALL families are required to have a form on file, even if you do not qualify. You will simply need to fill the top of the form and then sign & date the form. All summer enrollment forms must be turned in by Monday, July 17th. All fall semester forms must be turned in by Wednesday, August 23rd. This also includes the required special request form for food allergies and milk substitutions. Questions see Dawn or Monica.

Feature Facts from Dawn

UNOCCC Family Luau ~ Potluck
Friday, July 28. 2017
From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dates to Make Note of…

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Summer is here, so as I selected a recipe for “Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp” that my mother had made during this time.

Ingredients include:
- 4 C strawberries, cut in pieces
- 4 C fresh rhubarb, diced (4 to 5 stalks)
- 1 1/4 C granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp grated orange zest
- 1 Tsp cornstarch
- 1/2 C orange juice, freshly squeezed
- 1 C all-purpose flour
- 1/2 C light brown sugar, lightly packed
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1 C quick-cooking oatmeal
- 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, diced
- Vanilla ice cream for serving

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix the rhubarb, strawberries, 3/4 C sugar and orange zest in a large bowl. Next dissolve the corn starch in the orange juice and pour into the fruit mixture. Pour this mixture into an 8x11 inch baking dish and place it on a sheet pan lined with parchment paper.
3. With an electric mixer with paddle attachment—combine the flour, remaining sugar, brown sugar, salt, and oatmeal. With the mixer on low speed, add the butter mixing until moist and the mixture is crumbles. Sprinkle the topping over the fruit, covering it completely, and bake for 1 hour or until fruit is bubbling and topping is golden brown.
4. Serve warm with ice cream

Enjoy! Mr. Rick

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Happy Birthday America!
We hope our families have a safe and fun 4th of July holiday.

Mr. Fred will be helping Miss Megan with the school-age program during the summer. He will be back in August.

This month we are planning some summer activities. Please watch for details throughout the summer.

We will be tie dyeing T-shirts this month. Please bring in a white T-shirt for your child. You may also purchase one from the center for $5.

We will continue to go on wagon rides during the summer. We usually take our afternoon wagon rides right after snack. If you wish your child to stay back, please let Mrs. Effie know.

Mrs. Effie will be on vacation from July 14th through 21st. If you have any concerns, please see either Dawn or Monica.

Upcoming Special Activities:
1. Week of July 24 Tie Dye T-Shirts.
2. July 13 Ice Cream Day at the Student Center.

We would like to welcome Chloe W. and William H. to the Toddler Classroom.

Parents, just a reminder that if you wish to bring in a Birthday snack for your child, please check with either the lead teacher, Dawn or Monica. Our treat policy has been updated. We will be more than happy to give you a copy of the updated list.

Enjoy the warm weather and keep safe!

Toddler Teachers
Happy July!
We kicked off the month with our annual 4th of July parade across campus. The kids had a great time showing off their patriotic necklaces and outfits. We would like to thank all the parents who helped out and come to watch.

The Transition class is enjoying the summer weather! With temperatures heating up want to make sure the kids are staying hydrated. We are asking for parents to bring in water bottles for their kids to keep at school. This allows them to have easier access to water.

We will also be checking sunscreen and sending please brings for those kids who are starting to run low.

Water play is still on Mondays and will be going through Monday, August 14th. If you child isn't typically here on Mondays but switches days, we will have extra swimsuits for them.

Please make sure you are checking your child's mailbox daily so you can stay up to date on all the happenings in the class.

Lesson plans are posted outside the room along with our weekly themes and special events.

Stay cool!

The Transition Staff

Points to Ponder with Preschool 1

Summer is here and we are ready for fun!

We are going to be very busy with lot's of fun summertime activities this month. One of the highlights during the week will be Wednesday's when we get to play in the sprinklers. Please make sure your child brings a swimsuit towel and water shoes.

Since we are spending more time outside, please make sure the your child has extra, weather appropriate clothing in their cubbies. Also, please make sure that shoes are comfortable, no flip-flops.

There are 2 field trips and events coming up in July! Here are the dates to remember:
1. July 7 - Field Trip to the Children's Museum. Your child needs a peanut/nut free disposal sack lunch and drink. Please have your child here by 8:45 a.m.
2. July 21 - Walk to the UNO Kunzle Planetarium for a light show.

Parents and Guests are welcome to join us on these field trips. There may be cost of admittance. Just let us know.

If you have not filled out the permission form for all of the field trips, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to Anna, Dawn or Monica at any time.

Happy Summer!

Preschool 1 Staff

News and Views from Preschool 2

Summer is in full swing and we are going to be busy!!!

To start with we have field trips planned all throughout July which include:

1) Friday, July 7th, Omaha Children's Museum- please have children here by 9:00 am. SACK LUNCH NEEDED.
2) Wednesday, July 12th, Joslyn Art Museum - please have children here by 9:15 am. SACK LUNCH NEEDED.
3) Tuesday, July 19th, Together Inc.- please have children here by 8:45am. No sack lunch is needed.
4) Wednesday, July 19th, Pottery Place- Please have children here by 9:30 am. No sack lunch is needed.
5) Wednesday, July 26th, Durham Museum- Please have children here by 9:15am. SACK LUNCH NEEDED.

We will also have a macaroni box drive for Together Inc. going on from Friday, July 3rd- Monday, July 17th. Please help us reach our goal of 500 boxes by July 17th.

Another service learning project that will be happening for school-age group is our lemonade stand on August 1st & 2nd for Alex's Lemonade Stand, an organization that funds childhood cancer research. I will send home more information regarding that project with the children.

We also be having our family picnic on July 28th. It will be Luau themed and I will be teaching the girls a hula dance and the boys will be learning the traditional fire dance.

With so much fun left to do, I'm looking forward to the rest of the summer.

If you need to get in contact with me for any questions or concerns please email me at mmliu@unomaha.edu, you can call me during my desk time between 8:30-9:30am.

Happy July!

School-age Staff
Transferring to Kindergarten
By Janis Strasser

Starting school can be scary and exciting for both you and your child. Effective kindergarten teachers know that children are individuals who each start kindergarten with a wide range of skills. You do not need to drill your child with letters, numbers, and facts, before school starts. But there are some things you can do to prepare both you and your child for kindergarten. Here are some ideas.

Before school starts
- Send a note to the nurse and to the teacher if your child has allergies or special needs. Do this even if you have indicated this on other forms already. It may be critical for teachers to know that your child reacts to bee stings, has food allergies, or has hearing or vision modifications. As a parent, you have the responsibility to advocate for your child’s health and safety.
- Visit the school and meet the teacher. If there is a visiting day to meet your child’s teacher and visit her classroom before school starts, make sure to participate. If you missed visiting day or the school does not offer one, call to see if you can arrange a quick visit to see the school and to meet the teacher with your child.
- Start your school routine early. To reduce stress and get used to new routines, adjust new bedtimes or wake up times a few weeks before school begins. Routines are comforting for us and for children. Read a soothing bedtime story every night to help your child fall asleep with comforting thoughts. Do not watch the news or violent programs in the evening.
- Label everything. Make sure to label backpacks, lunch boxes - everything your child brings to school. This includes her! If your child’s school has not supplied a nametag, make one. It should have your child’s name, address, and a phone number where a parent/guardian can be reached, the name of the teacher, and how your child gets home from school.
- Read books together about starting school. You can ask your local librarian for suggestions or try some of these:
  - Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten, Joseph Slate (Illustrated by Ashley Wolff)
  - Seven Little Mice Go to School, Kazuo Iwamura
  - Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes, Eric Litwin (Illustrated by James Dean)
  - Mom, It’s My First Day of Kindergarten, Hyewon Yum
  - Yoko Learns to Read, Rosemary Wells
- On the first day of school
  - Be positive. Give your child a smile and a hug, tell her you love her, and wave goodbye.
  - Help your child say goodbye. Saying goodbye in a new setting can be frightening for some children. When you say goodbye (either at the bus or at school), reassure your child that you will see her later. Mention a specific time and a concrete activity, for example “I will pick you up before lunchtime and we will have lunch together.”
  - Avoid behaviors that might upset your child. For example, try not to:
    - Cry as you wave to your child through the bus window.
    - Argue with the bus driver who may be late the first few days. (The drivers need time to learn the route and talk to anxious parents.)
    - Battle with your child about an outfit you want her to wear. (She doesn’t have to be the school fashion queen.)
    - Force your child to eat a big breakfast. (She may be nervous and it might be better to eat lightly than to have a stomachache, for the first couple of days).
  - Wait to ask the teacher your specific questions. The first day of school is not the time to bombard the teacher with personal requests and information. Remember, your child is one of 20 or 25 children. Trust that the teacher is a professional who will make your child feel welcome and help her feel like a member of the classroom community.
  - During the first week of school
    - Be supportive. Adjusting to school may take time. Ask, “What was the hardest thing for you?” (Only ask this after you have discussed what was fun.) Don’t expect your child to tell you every detail.
    - Instill a sense of confidence in your child. Celebrate your child’s successes. Tell her that you are proud of the way she got on the bus and sat down all by herself, or the way she tried to print her name. Don’t dwell on how many friends she has made during the first few days. This is too abstract for most 5-year-olds and their friends change by the minute. Instead, ask, “Tell me about some of the children in your class.” It takes time to adjust to new people, new activities, and a new environment. Don’t expect perfection. If your child was perfect, she wouldn’t have to go to school!
  - Set aside a time, each evening, to share your child’s day. See if your child has brought home any drawings, paintings, or scribbling. These papers may be very important to your young student. If there are no papers, don’t assume that your child didn’t do anything worthwhile. After a few weeks have passed and your child has gotten used to school, ask her about what she played with in the classroom, what stories the teacher read, if she went outside, etc. Listen for clues about your child’s strengths and challenges. If you have concerns, contact the teacher and set up a time to talk.

- Read everything the school sends home. During the first weeks of school children bring home a wealth of information about school routines, important dates, and meetings that you will need to know about. Make sure to check your child’s backpack every day. Also, you may want to go over with your child, in a positive, calm way, the information you have supplied to the school on the emergency card (who may pick you child up other than you, where she can go if you’re ever not home, etc.).
- Enjoy being the parent of a kindergartner! This is your child’s first step into primary school and a unique time in childhood. Enjoy!


Parent Corner

Book Orders

Book orders have concluded for the academic school year and will start up again at the end of August.

The children will be working on the Summer Reading Program with the Omaha Public Library and earning points to receive a free book.

You can also check with your local library to see what summer activities have been planned that your child could participate in.

Happy Reading!
WATER PLAY

The University of Nebraska-Omaha Child Care Center has water play time outside during the summer months and inside water play throughout the year. All groups are assigned a water play day during the months of June, July and August.

All children may participate in water play; accept when:
1. A parent has requested that the child not participate.
2. The child has an illness or skin infection that would be contagious through water play.

Individual Water Tubs
1. All children participating in water play must wash his/her hands prior to and after water play.
2. Individual tubs and toys are used for water play for each child.
3. Tubs and toys are sanitized after each child's use.
4. New water is used for each child during water play.

Water Play – Outside
1. All children not potty trained must wear swimmers.
2. All children participating in water play must wash his/her hands prior to and after water play.
3. All children must have on proper swim attire &/or swim shoes (this is optional), towel; all items must be labeled.
4. Children must wear sunscreen that have parental permission.
5. Children are allowed to play in the sprinkler or individual water tubs or use squirt bottles.
6. All tubs and toys are sanitized after each child's use.
7. Other activities are provided for children not participating in water play.
8. All staff are encouraged to participate in water play. Women must have one piece swim suits and men must wear knee length swim trunks or shorts and a shirt.
9. All swim attire is washed after use.

Summer Schoolage – Open Swim (ages 4.7 to 12 years)
1. All children must have a signed parental permission form on file in order to participate in open swim time.
2. All children participating in open swim must wash his/her hands prior to & after swimming.
3. All children must have on proper swim attire & supply their own towel; all items must be labeled.
4. For outdoor swim time; all children must wear sunscreen and have parental permission.
5. All children and staff must follow the policies and procedures of the swimming pool.
6. Ratio: 1 Adult to every 4/5 children.
7. All staff participating in open swim must get in the water with the children. Women must have one piece swim suit and men must wear knee length swim trunks or shorts.
8. All swim attire is washed after use.

Remember when you are bringing in treats in for the children, in any group, make sure there are no nuts or peanuts of any kind in or on them. We have children and staff that are highly allergic. Thank you.

Please remember; it is important to wash your hands wherever you are and go. This could be at home, work, school, restaurants, grocery store, department stores etc. Washing your hands and your children's hands will get rid of the germs and help you and your children stay healthy. It is important that we do what we can to keep everyone healthy and germ free.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Torres-Walker Family, Jeff, Bonnie, Big Sister Aurora & Big Brother Wyatt
On the Birth of
Charles Xavier Torres-Walker
July 5, 2017
10lbs. 7.8oz. & 21 1/4 in.

Congratulations to the Centamore Family, Frank, Elena and Big Brother Mark
On the Birth of
Cora June
June 19, 2017
9lbs. 14oz. & 21 in.

Congratulations to the Fox Family, Derrick, Terah and Big Sister Avery,
On the Birth of
Jackson Alexander
July 10, 2017
7lbs. 12oz. & 20 1/4 in.
School-age Summer Service Learning Projects

Boxes of Macaroni and Cheese Drive
We are collecting boxes of Macaroni and Cheese to take to Together Inc. Food Pantry.

Bring in any and all kinds of Mac and Cheese from Monday, July 3 to Monday, July 17.

Our Goal is to collect **500** boxes. Cash donations will also be accepted.

The School-age group will be delivering the boxes to Together Inc. on Tuesday, July 18th.

The School-age Group will be sponsoring: **Alex’s Lemonade Stand** on August 1 & 2 to raise funds for Childhood Cancer.

Stop by and purchase some homemade lemonade on Tuesday, August 1 from 10 to 11 a.m. or Wednesday, August 2 from 3 to 4 p.m. and donate to a great cause. Cash and Check donations will also be accepted. Make your check’s payable to Alex’s Lemonade stand. All donations will be sent in.