The month of April has shaped up to be a very busy month for the UNO Child Care Center. We have many activities planned throughout the month, so please make sure that you mark your calendars now so you do not miss all the fun and exciting events.

As the weather gets warmer, the children will be spending more time outside. Please make sure that your child has up-to-date non-aerosol sunscreen. The groups have also begun talking walks on campus, so please make sure you check the “Where We Are” board, located in the Multi-Purpose Room, to see where your child may be. Also, as a reminder that if you will be picking up before 4 P.M., please let the teacher know, so in case the group goes for a walk in the afternoon, that we have your child stay back.

Summer and Fall registration forms are due now. Projected numbers show that the UNO Child Care Center will be full for the fall.

This year, Week of the Young Child is April 8-12, 2019. The UNO Child Care Center will be doing special activities and events before, during and after this week. There will be themes for each day of the week. Here is a list of the activities to mark your calendar for:

- **Monday, April 8:** Guest Reader and Plant Donation Begin:
  - Come Read to Children. Either bring a children’s book to read or you can use one from the center. The times available in the morning are 9:00, 9:30, 10:00 or 10:30 A.M. Times available in the afternoon are 2:30, 3:00, 3:30 or 4:00 P.M. There will be only one spot available per time-period. Call the UNO Child Care Center at 402-554-3398 to sign-up. Slots will go quickly, so sign-up early.

- **Tuesday, April 9:** Parent Nigh – Bedtime Story Night:
  - Come Read to Children by either bringing a children’s book to share or you can use one from the center.
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- **Wednesday, April 10:** Purple Ribbon & Guest Reader Day
  - Wear the color Purple on this day. You can pick up your Purple Ribbon from the front desk and sign-up to read to the children.

- **Thursday, April 11:** Taco Thursday and Thank You’s
  - UNOCCC children and staff will be creating wreaths to deliver to departments on campus. We will have tacos for lunch, Yum!

- **Friday, April 12:** Family Friday Breakfast
  - Your child will be serving you breakfast. Breakfast will be muffins and juice. Toddlers and Transition groups will eat breakfast from 7:45 to 8:15 A.M. Preschool groups will eat breakfast from 8:15 to 8:45 A.M. We hope that you can stop by or stay for breakfast time.

Come help us celebrate this wonderful week. We hope that you can join us for one or all of the activities. Please watch for more details about additional activities that will be happening in your child’s classroom.

**Friday, April 26:** Preschool 2 Graduation and Center Wide Luncheon Day
- Preschool 2 Graduation will be held at the Milo Bail Student Center beginning at 11 A.M. Everyone is invited to attend. The entire center will be going. A shuttle bus will be provided to take the children and the families from the child care center to the student center beginning at 10:15 A.M. and will do return trips back to the center beginning at 12 noon. All children will be attending the graduation and lunch. If you will be dropping off your child after 10:30 A.M. or picking them up before, 12:30 P.M. you will need to either bring them to or pick them up from the student center’s ballroom. We hope that you can join us and have lunch with your child.

Mark your calendars now for the annual Dance, Dance, Dance Recital.

**Wednesday, May 15:** Dance Recital
- The children that are currently taking dance lessons with Dance, Dance, Dance will do a Dance Recital on Wednesday, May from 10 to 10:30 A.M. at the Alumni Center. All the children and staff from the center will be walking over to the Alumni Center to watch the dance recital. Parents, Grandparents and Guests are welcome to join us.

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...“Begin each day with a little courage and a little curiosity and a little spring in your step.” –Dee Zantamata

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**Children Care Chronicle**

**Dawn Hove-Casart — Director**

**Monica Dey — Assistant Director**
Welcome to April! Spring is here and we are planning to spend more time outdoors. Parents, please remember to provide proper clothing for outdoor wear. For example, a warm jacket/sweater and tennis shoes.

Time for sunblock. Thank you to the parents that have already brought in their child’s sunblock. Just a friendly reminder that if your child has a sibling in another classroom, you will need to provide him/her with his/her own sunblock. If your child does not have a sunblock permission form on file, a copy will be placed in your child’s mailbox.

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Talk with Toddler 1 & 2

Effie Swinarski & Fred Abram – Lead Teachers

Dates to Make Note of...

April
1 – April Fool’s Day
8-12 – Week of Young Child Activities
9 – Family Story Night; 6 to 7:30 P.M.
9 – CHAMPS Meeting; CCC 4:30-5:30 P.M.
15 – Tax Day
21 – Easter
21-26 – UNO Prep Week
22 – Earth Day
24 – Administrative Professional Day
25 – P2 Graduation Practice MBSC 9:30 A.M.
26 – P2 Graduation, Luncheon, MBSC 11 A.M.
26 – Arbor Day

May
1 - May Day
3 – Last Day Spring Semester
5 - Cinco de Mayo
6 – Summer Session Starts
6 – Ramadan Begins
12 - Mother’s Day
27 - Memorial Day; Center Closed

June
1 – National Doughnut Day
14 – Flag Day
16 – Father’s Day
19 – Juneteenth
21 – Summer Solstice

Happy Birthday!

2 – Nora W.
3 – Truitt B.
4 – Preston G.
9 – Miss Jamie
10 – Emmett J.
20 – Pepper G.
20 – Miss Kelsey
21 – Wren S.
25 – Miss Abby
26 – Alik K.
28 – Mr. Spencer

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Until next month,
Toddler Teachers
Hello Parents, last month the children focused on the letters S, T and U along with the numbers 17 and 18. We also learned about the shape of a Shamrock and the color green. Some of our themes last month included the Alligators, Crocodiles, Bats, Caterpillars, Frogs, Chameleon, Howler Monkey and Upside Sloth. All these animals related to the color green and there connection to the Rainforest. In addition, the nursery rhyme is Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. We had many fun activities with these themes and I think the children enjoyed learning about them.

For April we will be discussing Large Cats and Pastel colors that relate to the month of April. For the month of April with think about Spring and how the oval shape relates to eggs. We will talk about how spring brings new arrivals, such as baby animals that are born and how plants bloom. Our letters will be V, W and X. Our numbers for this month will be 19 and 20. The shape of the month is the Oval and the colors will be the pastel shade of colors we have learned. Our new nursery rhyme song is Humpty Dumpty.

Now that Spring is officially here we would like to remind parents that we will play outside and take our nature walks only if weather is permitting so please remember that jackets are needed we also recommend closed toed shoes and tennis shoes for preschool play.

Thank you and have a great April!
Ronita Bolton & the Preschool 1 Staff
Hippy Hopy April This year has gone by so fast!!! I can’t even believe that in a few short weeks it will be time for preschool graduation!!!! Ah!! I have just a few reminders and announcements to make before then.

The first announcement is that graduation will be on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 11 A.M. in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. Children will need to be at the child care center by 9:00 A.M. in order to get to the student center on time to prepare for graduation. We will be sending out invitations and flyers soon, so keep your eyes peeled. Also, the rehearsal for graduation will be on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 9:30 A.M. in the Milo Bail Student Center. Please have your child here by 8:45 A.M., as we will be leaving the child care center at 9 A.M. to walk over to the Student Center.

The second announcement is that I am still missing baby pictures for a few children for the graduation video. Please submit them to me by no later than Friday, April 5, 2019, so that we will be able to get the video together on time.

The third announcement is that the summer packets will go out mid-May. It will give more information about the summer session as well as explain any requirements for participation in certain summer activities. Please let Miss Dawn or Monica know if you plan to enroll your child in the summer session.

Finally, if you have any questions, please contact me at mmliu@unomaha.edu or during my desk time between 3 and 4 P.M. at 402-554-3398.

Thank you for all you do,
Miss Megan and the Staff of Preschool 2

News and Views from Preschool 2

Baby News
Congratulations to the Bailey Family! Elizabeth, Clint and Big sister Olivia on the birth of a baby boy; Kai Alexander Bailey born March 30, 2019; 6 lbs. 13 oz.; 20 in

Book Orders
The University of Nebraska at Omaha Child Care Center will continue Scholastic book orders for the academic school year. Books are an important part of a child’s development and can help your child gain pre-literacy skills. Scholastic also offers free books and educational materials to the Child Care Center when you order. Please visit scholastic.com/bookclubs to order. If this is your first time ordering online, you will need to set up an account with Scholastic using our class activation code: GKXFX. The center account is under Dawn Hove. Please make sure you are using this account or your order will not be processed. You may pay for your order using a credit card through Scholastics secure web site. You may also bring in order forms with a check made out to scholastic. No cash orders will be accepted. The November book orders will be due on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Happy Reading.
CLOYING
Please send your child to the child care
center in comfortable, washable and
seasonally appropriate clothing (we play
outdoors in all seasons). Each child is asked
to have at least one change of clothing (potty
trainers should have 3-4) including socks
and shoes available at the center. It is highly
recommended that your child’s name be
written on any item brought into the center.
Note: Toddler parents are asked to provide
an adequate supply of disposable diapers
and training pants when applicable and a
package of diaper wipes once a month.

PERSONAL PROPERTY
The UNO Child Care Center discourages
your child from bringing in toys or
non-naptime items from home to the center.
They are often difficult to share and can be
broken or lost. However, occasionally the
teachers will have special activities where
children are asked to bring in certain objects
so please be sure to label the items.

Focus on Policy and Procedures

CHAMPS is preparing for the Preschool Graduation to be held April 26. CHAMPS will purchase graduation gifts for all of our Preschool graduates. All families are invited to the ceremony and lunch in the Ballroom at the Milo Bail Student Center.

The next CHAMPS meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 4:30 P.M. here at the center. We encourage all families’ participation!

Saying Goodbye to Preschool and Hello to Kindergarten

Many preschoolers feel anxious about moving on to kindergarten. They worry that they won’t have friends, won’t like the teacher, will get lost, or won’t be able to do what the teacher asks. Here are some tips to guide your child through the move from preschool to kindergarten.

To Help With End-of-the-Year Feelings
• Place a sticker or make a mark on each day of the calendar every day during the last month of school.
• Encourage children to talk about their feelings about preschool ending; talk about your feelings too.
• Draw pictures and/or write good-bye messages for your child’s friends or teachers.
• Revisit the events of the past year with your child by looking at drawings, paintings, photos, and writing. Celebrate how much your child has learned this year.
• Offer stress-reducing activities at home such as water play, puppets, or playdough.
• Help the class plan an end-of-the-year family potluck.
• Plan ways to keep in touch with classmates or organize a regular play group.
• Read books about starting school, such as Look Out, Kindergarten, Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson; Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen, illustrated by Ronald Himler; and If You Take a Mouse to School, by Laura Numeroff, illustrated by Felicia Bond.
• Describe the daily routines, including arrival, breakfast, snack, lunch, and bathroom practices.
• After your child is well settled into kindergarten, plan playdates with old friends.