



## UNO Child Care Center Chronicle

### June 2025

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#### Announcements/Reminders

1. The **School-age program** will run from June 2 to August 1, 2025. There is a \$115.00 summer activity fee for each child. This fee covers the cost of field trips and other activities throughout the summer. Please make sure that you have received a summer packet from Mrs. Patty. The **Preschool** summer packets have gone out and the summer activity fee is \$70 and covers the cost of field trips and summer activities. Please see Miss. Erin for the summer packet. The **Transition** summer packets have gone out and the summer activity fee is \$40 and covers the cost of summer activities. Please see Miss. Alecia for the summer packet. The **Toddler** summer packets will be going out during the week of June 2. The activity fee is \$25 and will cover the costs of summer activities. Please see Mr. Fred for summer packet. All summer activities fees are non-refundable and will not be prorated for any missed field trips or activities.
2. The children do play outside and will go for walks on campus. For afternoon walks, the children are back at the Child Care Center by 4 P.M. If you will be picking up your child early for the day, please let your child's lead teacher know, so the group can plan for the day. We monitor the temperature, including heat index and the air quality index. Please make sure your child has tennis shoes or shoes with backs for outside play.
3. Water Play for each group will begin the week of June 9. Your child will need a swim suit, towel, and water shoes. If your child is a toddler or transitioner in diapers/pull-ups, they will need swimmers. Water days are as follows: Mondays: Preschool; Tuesdays: Transition; Wednesdays: School-age; and Fridays: Toddlers. Time of day will depend on the temperature. Either mornings at 9:30 A.M. or afternoons at 2:30 P.M.
4. Thursdays is Library Day. Each group will be walking to the UNO Library for story time and check out books. Toddlers will leave at 9:05 A.M. for story time at 9:20 A.M. Transition will leave here at 9:25 A.M. for story time at 9:40 A.M. Preschoolers will leave here at 9:45 A.M. for story time at 10 A.M. and School-agers will leave here at 10:15 A.M. for story time at 10:30 A.M.
5. Please let us know if your child(ren) will not be in attendance for the day. You can call the child care center at 402-554-3398 or email Dawn (dhove@unomaha.edu) or Monica (mdey@unomaha.edu) to let us know. This helps us prepare meals and staffing for the day.
6. Stretch-N-Grown Summer Fitness Fun Program will be on Mondays beginning June 2, 2025, from 10:30 to 11 A.M. for children under 5 years and 11 to 11:30 for school-age children. It is a combo class of games, yoga, sports and dance. The cost for the 8-week session is \$90.00. Please see Stretch-N-Grow website to sign-up and pay. Please let Dawn know if you sign your child up for the class.
7. The UNO Child Care Center **closes** promptly at **5:30 P.M.** Please make sure you pick up your child by 5:30 P.M. The staff thank you.
8. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dawn at 402-554-4936 or by email at dhove@unomaha.edu.

## Happy Birthday!

3 – Miss Devin  
5 – Elena D-L.  
14 – Lilly S.  
15 – Hudson H.  
27 – Miss Bella



## July



### National Picnic Month

2 – Field Trip to Maplewood Lanes; School-age  
4 – Independence Day, UNOCCC Closed  
8 – Rose Theater Workshop; Preschool & School-age  
11 – Field Trip to Omaha Children's Museum  
15 – UNO Planetarium; Transition & Preschool  
18 – Field Trip to Joslyn Art Museum  
22 – UNO Planetarium; School-age  
25 – Field Trip to Prehistoric Putt; School-age  
30 – Transition Walk to MBSC for Ice Cream



## Reading Fun!



Book Orders are done for this academic year! We will resume in August.

Meanwhile, please check out some of the recommendations we have for you!

Your local Public Library also has the summer reading challenge for kids. Check it out.

## June

### National Safety Month

1 -- World Milk Day  
4 – Zoo Field Trip; Preschool & School-age  
13 – Field Trip to Bellevue Berry Farm; School-age  
14 – Flag Day  
15 – Father's Day  
17 – Dr. Oxygen Visit; School-age  
18 – Transition Walk to MBSC for Ice Cream  
18 – International Picnic Day  
19 – Juneteenth  
20 – Field Trip to Lauritzen Gardens; School-age  
21 – Summer Begins  
25 – Toddler Walk to MBSC for Ice Cream  
27 – Field Trip to Durham Museum; School-age  
27 – Transition & Preschool at Picnic Elmwood Park

## Recommended Books for the Month

June is supposed to be a warm and sunny month! Summer will be her soon, so we have selected some great, books to help your child grow throughout the month!

"And Then Comes Summer" by Tom Brenner

"Brick by Brick" by Heidi Woodward Sheffield

"How to Babysit a Grandpa" by Jean Reagan

"Chicka Chicka I Love Dad" by Bill Martin Jr

"Rani's Remarkable Day" by Saadia Faruqi

"Just a Worm" by Marie Boyd

"Bubbles . . . UP!" by Jacqueline Davies

"One Hot Summer Day" by Nina Crews

"Ice Cream Man" by Glenda Armand and Kim Freeman

"Everything Grows in Jiddo's Garden" by Jenan Matari

"Summer Is for Cousins" by Rajani LaRocca

"The Watermelon Seed" by Greg Pizzoli



## Talk With Toddlers

Welcome to June!

The official start of Summer at UNOCCC!! Here are some activities we have planned for this month.

The Toddlers' Water Play will be on Fridays beginning June 13. If you have not already, please bring a swimsuit, towel, and swimmers for your toddler. Water shoes are optional.

Toddlers' Library days are Thursdays beginning June 12. We will be leaving the center for the library at 9:05 AM and returning to the center by 9:45 AM. Please have your child here by 8:45 AM.

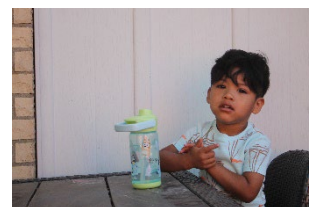
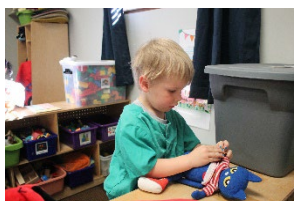
The Toddlers' Ice Cream field trip will be Wednesday, June 25. We will be leaving the center at 9:30 AM and returning to the center by 10:30 AM. Please have your toddler here by 9:15 AM.

We will also be spending more time outdoors either playing, taking walks or wagon rides. So, please consider swapping out winter clothes for summer clothes in your toddler's tubby and bringing a hat for your child to wear while playing outside if they need one.

Do not forget to turn in your Toddlers' permission slip for our summer activities by Wednesday, June 11. The permission slip is in your summer packet. If you need a new one, please talk to Mr. Fred or Ms. Dawn

This month, we will be reviewing our shapes, colors, numbers, and letters, along with our theme of Summer Fun!  
Let us laugh, have fun, and play in the sun!!

Mr. Fred and the Toddler Teachers



## Time With Transition

Summer is here!

Transition will have library time this summer every Thursday morning starting June 12 from 9:40 AM to 10 AM at Criss Library. During Library Time, we will read a story at the library together! After each reading, we will pick out some books to read back at the center. We will leave the center by 9:20 AM. Please have your child at the center no later than 9 AM, so that we can go potty and get ready for our walk to the library.

We will be having water play every Tuesday morning starting June 10, weather permitted. If you have not brought in items for your child to participate in, please do so. Your child will need a swimsuit, water appropriate shoes, a towel, and swim diapers if they are not yet potty-trained. You are more than welcome to bring a hat, sunglasses, and other sun protections items at your discretion.

On Wednesday, June 18, we will be going to the Milo Bail Student Center to get some ice cream. We will be leaving the center at 9:30 AM, so please have you child at school no later than 9 AM. Grown-up volunteers are encouraged, so please let us know if you will be joining us to get ice cream.

Friday, June 27, will be our Elmwood Park Field Trip. We will walk as a class to the park, play, and enjoy a sack lunch together before walking back for nap time. We will leave for the park at 9 AM, so please have your child at school no later than 8:45 AM. Your child will need a peanut-free, tree nut-free, and sunflower oil free sack lunch. Grown-up volunteers are encouraged, so please let us know if you will be joining us at the park.

Your child's permission slip will need to be signed and returned for them to join us on field trips this summer. The summer activity fee is \$45 and is due by Monday, June 2.

Our themes for June are Insects; Vacation and Travel; Camping; and Bodies of Water.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me in person, email me at [aleciakeller@unomaha.edu](mailto:aleciakeller@unomaha.edu), or call the center during my desk duty (1 PM to 2 PM) to chat.

Ms. Alecia & Transition Teachers



## Preschool Perspective

Hello Preschool Parents!

Summer is here and the fun is just about to start!

June is going to be busy. We will be going on a field trip to the Zoo on Wednesday, June 5 and having a picnic at the Elmwood Park on Friday, June 27. Your child will need a peanut/nut-free and sunflower oil free disposable sack lunch and drink for events. For more information, please read the summer packet that was placed in your child's mailbox. Included in the packet is the permission slip for the activities throughout the summer. Summer activity fee is \$70. Please make sure you have returned the permission slip and fees prior to June 5. Family members are always welcome, so please feel free to volunteer for field trips and other activities!

For this month we are diving deep into the ocean with our themes: Sea Creatures, Coral Reefs, Sea Mammals and the Frozen Ocean.

Beginning the week of June 9, we will have water play days every Monday. Please bring a swimsuit and a towel for your child. You can also bring a pair of water shoes for your child if you wish.

We will be going to the Library every Thursday for a story time. Children will also have an opportunity to check out books to keep at the center for the week. Library time is from 10 to 10:30 AM. Please have your child here by 9:30 AM.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,  
Ms. Erin and Preschool Staff



## School Age Press Release

Dear School Age Families,

We are so excited to kick off our summer program the first week of June! Summer packets were put in your child's mailbox on Tuesday May 27. Please have all the forms back to Mrs. Patty ASAP.

This summer is packed full of art fun. Our themes for June are Art at the Zoo; Art on the Farm; Art in Nature, and Animation. To go along with these themes, we will be taking field trips to the Henry Doorly Zoo, Bellevue Berry Farm, Lauritzen Gardens, and The Durham Museum. We will also have one of our parents coming to share how to make paper and Dr. Oxygen will be coming to share some science fun!

Water days will be on Wednesdays and Library Day will be on Thursdays both starting the week of June 9. Library time is from 10:30 to 11 AM. Please make sure your child is here by 10 AM on Thursdays. Here are some reminders for the month:

- Your child will need sunscreen. Please check with the teachers if you are unsure if your child has sunscreen.
- Please bring in a labeled swimsuit/trunk, a towel and water shoes that are NOT flip flops so we can have them on water days.
- Accidents happen, please check your child's tubby to see if your child has a change of clothes that are suitable for the summer weather.

Thank You,  
Mrs. Patty and the School Age Staff

## Parent Corner

### Guiding Children by Using Questions

By Jack Wright

Asking children questions is a way to guide them toward healthy behaviors by helping them think about what they do—and what effect they have on others. Over the course of many years, children who receive lots of gentle reminders—often in the form of questions—develop the ability to think about behaviors before doing them. For families, it can be hard to remain patient and calm as a toddler grabs a toy from a playmate or a 5-year-old throws a snack she doesn't like on the floor. It can be tempting to punish children to quickly put a stop to their behavior—but punishment often teaches children little about better alternative behaviors and it runs the risk of emotional harm.

What just happened here? is an excellent question after a child's behavior has caused a problem (e.g., maybe he has just knocked over a lamp while running in the house). It is important that he not be afraid that he will be punished when you ask the question, as that fear may limit a child's ability to think. The child will not be afraid if the relationship with the caregiver has been gentle throughout the child's experiences and never (or rarely!) impatient with her learning from mistakes. Many people think that a child is getting away with something if we don't punish them, but thinking about the behavior develops the improved behaviors far better than punishment would have.

Asking a question before an action is also an excellent way to encourage good behaviors. For example, when getting a child dressed for going outside, asking Is it going to be cold outside? is a more helpful and thought-provoking than simply telling him to put his coat on.

Asking a child about his behavior can stop the behavior as it is happening and get him to think about it. The best questions are ones that require more than a yes-or-no answer. Here are some examples.

- What problems are there when you run in the house?
- What happens when you grab your sister's doll away from her?
- What do you see on the table that might easily spill?
- Why is it healthy for you to brush your teeth?
- What are the good behavior ideas we came up with for going to the store?

The feelings we express when we question children are very important. Children know when we are upset with them. If we display anger or irritation, they may feel anxiety or fear—and that's when they aren't doing their best thinking. But if we can stay calm and warm as we ask these guiding questions, we'll see that troublesome behaviors end more quickly and become less common.

Asking children open-ended questions starts a conversation—and builds a relationship—and it even helps develop children's brains. Asking them open-ended questions that help them think about how they want to behave, supports reflection, and increases self-control over time.

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/guiding-children-using-questions>

