Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss, one of the UNO Child Care Center’s favorite authors. I hope that the snow will be melting and that spring is around the corner with the warmer weather.

As the weather does get warmer, the children will be going for walks on campus and playing outside as the weather permits. Reminder, if you will need to pick up your child earlier than 4PM on a particular day, please make sure you let us know, so that we can have your child stay back at the center and not go on the walk.

The Child Care Center will be open during spring break, March 18-22. If your child will not be here this week, please let Dawn know. You will be charged according to the terms of your contract.

Preschool 2 Graduation and the Center Wide Luncheon will be on Friday, April 26 at 11 A.M. at the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. All children will be attending the graduation and lunch. A school bus will be provided to transport families and children to and from the student center. All Preschool 2 children must be at the center by 10 A.M. We hope you can join us.

March is evaluation time for the children and child care center. Your child’s progress report has gone out in mailboxes. Please review your child’s progress report, sign it, and return it in the envelope provided by Friday, March 8. A tubby will be provided at the front desk counter for you to place the envelopes and progress reports.

The Child Care Center Survey’s will be sent out both as a hard copy, which will go out in the envelope with progress reports, and emailed as a link to the on-line version. Our goal is to have 100% family participation. We need one survey per family filled out either hard copy or on-line by Friday, March 15. We thank you for your continued support and help during this process.

Week of the Young Child is fast approaching and we have many fun activities planned for the week of April 8. We will be having a Family Story Night on Tuesday, April 9. Ms. Nancy, from the Omaha Public Library, will come and read bedtime stories to the children and families. Please watch for more details to follow in the coming weeks about all the activities planned.

Monica and I will be out of the center starting Wednesday, March 27 through Friday, March 29. We will be attending the National Coalition for Campus Children’s Center Conference in Hilton Head South Carolina. This conference is specific to on campus early childhood programs. In our absence, Ms. Effie, the lead toddler 1 teacher, will be in charge. If you have any questions or concerns during this time, please see Ms. Effie or any of 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...
"The more things that you read, the more things that you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” -Dr. Seuss
Welcome March. We are looking forward to the warm weather and being able to go outdoors. Please remember to provide an extra jacket for outdoor play.

Thank you to those parents who took the time to sign up for conferences. Your input is important to us.

We are planning a month full of fun activities. Please check your child’s mailbox for a flyer regarding Dr. Seuss Week.

Mrs. Effie will be on vacation the week of March 11 to 15. If you have any question or concerns, please address them to either Mr. Fred, Ms. Monica or Ms. Dawn.

Themes for this month: Health; the color Green, the Circle Shape, the number 8 and letters S, T, U.

For March, I decided to go with a “Banana Cream Pie” recipe in honor of National Banana Cream Pie Day on March 2.

Ingredients include:
- 9” pre-baked piecrust
- 3 large bananas sliced; 2 for the bottom of the pie and 1 for garnishing the top

For the filling:
- 2 1/4 C milk
- 1/2 C granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 3 Large eggs, beaten
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla

For the topping:
- 1 C heavy whipping cream
- 2-3 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Instructions:
1. Using a double boiler, at medium heat bring 1 3/4 C of milk to the boiling point.
2. While heating the milk, mix together the sugar, salt, cornstarch and flour. Add the remaining milk and whisk until smooth.
3. Next add this milk/sugar mixture into the hot milk; whisking as you are adding.
4. Cook, stirring constantly until it starts to thicken, then reduce to low heat—cover and cook for an additional 5 minutes stirring often.
5. In a small bowl beat the egg yolks.
6. To temper the egg yolks add 3 Tbsp. of the hot cream to the eggs and whisk together.
7. Add the egg mixture to the hot cream. Whisk and cook for additional 2 minutes or until thick.
8. Remove from pan from heat—add in the butter and vanilla. Stir well.
9. Slice 2 bananas and arrange on the bottom of the piecrust.
10. Pour the cream mixture over the bananas in the pie crust-smoothing the top.
11. Allow the pie to cool, then cover and place in the refrigerator.
12. You are now ready to prepare the whipped cream: using a mixer beat the cold cream, sugar and vanilla until peaks form.
13. Spread the whipped cream over the chilled pie.
14. Lastly, right before serving, top the pie with sliced bananas, chill until serving and refrigerate any leftovers.

“\textit{In like a Lion, out like a Lamb}” --weather folklore

Mr. Rick

Talk with Toddler 1 & 2

Effie Swinarski & Fred Abram – Lead Teachers

We will also be trying out some new cooking activities. If you would like to share a recipe, please let Mrs. Effie or Mr. Fred know. The recipe should be peanut free and simple enough for the toddlers to make.

Take some time to explore your world! Toddler Teachers

Happy Birthday!

9 - Ben A.
20 - Sam R.
23 - Iris H.
24 - Miss Zadee W.
26 - Mila P.
27 - Miss Zoey D.
Hello! We are marching into March and change is in the air! I cannot believe how short February has felt. It seems like only last week we had our Valentine’s Day exchange and now we are heading full force into March. There are a few announcements I need to make regarding graduation and upcoming events.

First, I need pictures for the graduation video. Each child must have an infant and toddler photo for the video. Please submit the photos for graduation in a hard copy format or in an email. The photos will be due by Friday, March 8, on the last day of conferences. For any questions, please see me, Ms. Dawn or Ms. Monica.

Second, naptime is getting a little bit shorter; we will now be napping for 15 minutes from 1:30 to 1:45 P.M. every day. If you have a request for your child’s naptime schedule or have questions about the changes in naptime, please see me for details.

Finally, summer school-age forms have gone out. Please make sure to have those turned back in by Friday, March 15. We need to plan on how many children we will be having for the summer program. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at mmliu@unomaha.edu or call me during my desk time from 3-4 P.M. Thank you for all that you do!

Miss Megan and Staff of Preschool 2
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, March 13, 2019. Happy Reading.

Parent Corner

10 Things Every Parent Should Know About Play

1. Children learn through their play. Do not underestimate the value of play. Children learn and develop cognitive skills – like math and problem solving in a pretend grocery store physical abilities – like balancing blocks and running on the playground new vocabulary – like the words they need to play with toy dinosaur’s social skills – like playing together in a pretend car wash literacy skills – like creating a menu for a pretend restaurant

2. Play is healthy. Play helps children grow strong and healthy. It also counteracts obesity issues facing many children today.


4. Play is more than meets the eye. Play is simple and complex. There are many types of play: symbolic, sociodramatic, functional, and games with rules—to name just a few. Researchers study plays many aspects: how children learn through play, how outdoor play impacts children’s health, the effects of screen time on play, to the need for recess in the school day.

5. Make time for play. As parents, you are the biggest supporters of your children’s learning. You can make sure they have as much time to play as possible during the day to promote cognitive, language, physical, social, and emotional development.

6. Play and learning go hand-in-hand. They are not separate activities. They are intertwined. Think about them as a science lecture with a lab. Play is the child’s lab.

7. Play outside. Remember your own outdoor experiences of building forts, playing on the beach, sledding in the winter, or playing with other children in the neighborhood.

8. There is a lot to learn about play. There is a lot written on children and play. Here are some NAEYC articles and books about play. David Elkind’s The Power of Play (Da Capo, 2007 reprint) is also a great resource.

9. Trust your own playful instincts. Remember as a child how play just came naturally? Give your children time for play and see all that they are capable of when given the opportunity.

10. Play is a child’s context for learning. Children practice and reinforce their learning in multiple areas during play. It gives them a place and a time for learning that cannot be achieved through completing a worksheet. For example, in playing restaurant, children write and draw menus, set prices, take orders, and make out checks. Play provides rich learning opportunities and leads to children’s success and self-esteem.
CHAMPS met on Tuesday, February 12. At this meeting, the group approved the use of CHAMPS funds to purchase new toys and equipment for the center. Each of the classrooms are enjoying the new items that were purchased for them!

We are getting ready for Week of the Young Child as well as Preschool Graduation. We would love to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 P.M. here at the Center!

Focus on Policy and Procedures

CLOTHING
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.

Baby News
Congratulations to the Jácome Family! Christy, Marcos and Big Brother Julián on the birth of a baby boy; Gael Amáble Jácome born March 4, 2019; 6 lbs. 12 oz.; 19 in.