Congratulations to all of our graduates, both big and small. From all of us here at the UNO Child Care Center, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

The child care center will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 30th at 6:30 a.m.

The summer school-age program will officially kick off on Tuesday, May 30th. Your child must be 5 years old by July 31 and attending Kindergarten in the fall in order to participate in our program. Miss Megan and the school-age staff have many fun-filled activities planned for the summer. The activity fee for the summer is $160.00. This covers the cost of field trips, transportation and open swimming. If you have any questions, please see Megan, Dawn or Monica.

Swim lessons will be offered again this summer by the UNO Aquatic Center the weeks of June 12 and June 19, Monday through Thursday from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. for Transition and Preschool aged children and 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. for School-age Children. Your child needs to be at least three years old, 100% potty-trained (no diapers or pull-ups) and have the ability to stand in the water waist high without adult assistance. The child care center staff will escort the children to the H & K (Hper) building and will stay with them until the end of the lesson and then escort them back. (This session only.) Registration will be on-line only through Campus Rec. A link will be emailed out to families the week of May 30th. All registrations must be received by June 9th in order for your child to participate. Spots may fill up quickly.

The Child Care Center will be going through some updates this summer. The Toddler playground is being re-surfaced and the building is getting new flooring and lights. Floors getting updated are the kitchen, the hallway by the transition room, the laundry room, the preschool art area and the bathrooms downstairs. The flooring will be the same style as the new flooring in the multi-purpose room. We are also getting new light fixtures in the front entry way and multi-purpose room. Please watch for additional information regarding the construction project and the schedule.

Finally, I will be out of the office on May 19 & 26. If you have any questions during this time, please see Monica or the lead teachers. Thank you.

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

Until next month... “Yesterday is but a dream, tomorrow but a vision. But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day.” - Sanskrit Proverb
Thank you to all our parents who donated flowers for our garden. The children had fun planting them!

We would also like to wish our friends the best as they move on to Transition. A letter will go home soon.

Parents, please make sure to check your child's mailbox each day.

Happy Mother's Day to all our moms!

Toddler 2 Teachers

Fred Abram - Lead Teacher

Summer is just around the corner so as I selected a recipe for "Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp" that my mother had made during this time.

Ingredients include:
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 cornstarch 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 w/ 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 in 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.

Mr. Rick

Welcome to May!
Themes for this month are:
Pets and Plants
Color: Purple
Shape: Square
Numbers: 9 & 10
Letters: X, Y & Z

This month, we would like our families to bring in a favorite snack recipe. The recipe should be peanut/tree nut free. Ms. Effie will send out a flyer.

Effie Swinarski - Lead Teacher

We are planning some fun activities. Some will involve getting messy outside.

Parents, remember to bring in sun block. Due to change in policy you may no longer bring sunscreen in aerosol cans.

Parents, please make sure to check your child's mailbox. Also, make sure to sign and return your child's accident reports. If you have any questions, see Dawn.

May, what a wonderful month. We are looking forward to a fun filled month.

Congratulations to all our students workers that will be graduation this month.

May Themes:
Pets-Plants
Color: Purple
Shape: Square
Numbers: 9 & 10
Letters: X, Y & Z.

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Toddler 2 Teachers
Time with Transition

Cassie Miller - Lead Teacher

Happy May!
The Spring semester has flown by and summer is fast approaching.

We have a few friends that will be moving down to Preschool One and friends moving up from Toddler 2. The Transition class is excited to have new faces and friends in the room.

During the week of May 15th we will be tie dying t-shirts. Your child will need to bring in a white t-shirt if they would like to participate or you can purchase one from Ms. Cassie for $5.00.

We have many fun activities planned for the month of May. Our monthly picnic will be Friday, May 19th. Parents are more than welcome to join us. Lunch is at 11 a.m. Your child will need a sack lunch of peanut, tree nut, and pineapple products.

As the weather hopefully continues to warm up, we will be starting water play on Monday, May 22nd. Your child will need a swimsuit, towel, and water shoes (optional). Also, please make sure you bring in sunscreen for your child along with permission slip to apply sunscreen.

Something to add to the calendar for June: The Transition class will be taking a mini field trip to Elmwood Park Friday, June 2nd. Parents are more than welcome to come volunteer and eat lunch with us at Elmwood park.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me (cmjones2094@gmail.com) or contact me during scheduled hours at the center (8:00-4:30).

Happy Mother’s Day,
Transition Class

May Themes:
Color: Yellow
Shape: Flowers
Numbers: 19 & 20
Letters: X, Y & Z

Points to Ponder with Preschool 1

Sarah Jacobsen - Lead Teacher

Dear Parents,
As we begin the month of May, we hope we will all be able to enjoy warmer, dry weather and many beautiful spring days.

It’s hard to believe that our Preschool 2 students will be getting ready to attend Kindergarten in the fall. On behalf of the entire Preschool staff, we would like to wish all Preschoolers the best of luck in their school careers.

This past month, in Preschool 1, we have been discussing spring and the beauty of nature and life. The students have had a wonderful time exploring the local plants and flowers.

During the month of May the students will be learning about Community Workers. We would like to cordially invite all professionals to attend our career day on Friday, May 26th to discuss their job in the real world.

The students and staff are very excited about starting our fun and crazy summer! Please watch for upcoming reminders and fieldtrip permission slips in your child’s mailbox. As always, if you have any questions or concerns you can always reach me by e-mail at sarahlane@unomaha.edu.

Reminders:
If you could please refrain from allowing your child to bring in toys to school. We are not responsible for lost, misplaced, or broken toys.

Please make sure you child has a season appropriate change of clothes and shoes in their tubby as the weather continues to improve.

Please make sure your child has sunscreen here at school and the form signed and in his/her file.

Sarah’s Food for Thought...
"If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes."
-St. Clement of Alexandra

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sarah Jacobsen & Preschool Staff

May Themes:
Green Gardens
Color: Purple
Shape: Square
Numbers: 19 & 20
Letters: Y & Z

News and Views from School-age

Megan Liu - Lead Teacher

Hello Parents-
It’s hard to believe how quickly summer got here. It feels like only yesterday that fall semester started.

With summer upon us, we will be doing a number of activities that will require us to leave the center regularly during the week at certain times. I will be sending out the summer information packets with information about summer activities.

There will be a summer activity fee to cover all the activities such as swimming, field trips, etc. The fee is $160.00 for the summer. It must be paid by June 2 for those families currently enrolled and for those families starting the week of June 5th, it must be paid by June 7th. The warmer weather also means that we will be needing sunscreen. Please make sure that you are bringing in lotion sunscreens and not aerosol sprays. We can no longer use sunscreens that are aerosol cans. As a reminder, Sunscreen does expire and loses its strength after a year. More information and permission slips for sunscreen will be available in the summer information packet.

Finally, although it will be summer and we will be going out into the community for activities we will still be actively engaging the children in learning activities. Please be on the lookout for activities being sent home in mail boxes, some may need to be completed with parent.

Thank you so much for all you do and I look forward to all the fun we’ll be having this summer!!!!

Miss Megan and the School-age Staff

May Themes:
Community Workers
Color: Yellow
Shape: Flower
Animal: Elephant
Numbers 29 & 30
Letters: X, Y & Z
The University of Nebraska at Omaha Child Care Center will continue Scholastic book orders this month. 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. We will be accepting online book orders again this year. Please visit scholastic.com/parent ordering to order. Our class user name is UNOCCC and the password is Durango. You may pay for your order using a credit card through Scholastics secure web site.

The current book orders are due Friday, May 19. Watch for the new book orders to go out.

Thank you to all of the families who enjoyed Lullaby Night! Also, thank you to everyone who helped with our spring fundraiser! We made $699.50. Way to Go!!!!

Week of the Young Child was successful. However, we had to postpone gardening day due to weather! The children and staff were able to plant on Friday, May 5th.

Stop by and see the garden.
Now that the semester is ending and summer will be upon us soon, CHAMPS will not meet during the summer months.
We look forward to seeing families on June 2 for Picnic in the Park!
We hope everyone has a safe and fun summer! See you in the Fall!
Sunscreen

The weather has warmed up considerably and the days are getting longer! This means that our children will be spending more time outside.

Children need to wear sun-protective clothing &/or hats, applied skin protections or both for warmer weather.

Children must have on proper fitting shoes for outside play, this includes tennis shoes or shoes (sandals) with backs. Flip flops are not recommended and are not allowed on the playground structures.

Sunscreen or sun block with UVB and UVA protection of SPF 15 or higher is encouraged to be applied to children’s exposed skin year round when outdoors. Due to a policy changes, sunscreen brought in must be in non-aerosol bottles. The UNO Child Care Center must have a signed permission slip to apply sunscreen.

The use of insect repellent containing DEET can be applied to children no more than once a day with parental permission.

Reminder that Tuition is due on the first scheduled day of each week. You will be charged a $10 late fee if your payment is not received before 11 AM on the last day of the week. There are no credits for sick or missed days. (Prepayments are welcome.) There are NO EXCEPTIONS!

Lesson plans are posted weekly outside your child's classroom. Please read and extend those lessons at home!

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.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Wessel Family, Ryan, Katie and Big Brother Elden
On the Birth of
Nora Rose
April 21, 2017
5lbs 12oz
18 1/2 in

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.