



UNO Child Care Center **Chronicle**

April 2025

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UNO Child Care Center Happenings and Reminders

Week of the Young Child: April 7 through 11, 2025

Musical Monday, April 7, 2025.

We will have a Monday morning Dance party at 9:30 A.M.



Tasty Taco Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

We will have Taco's for lunch and a special snack.

Work Together Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

As a team, we must work together.

Have your child wear their favorite sport team shirt.



Artsy Thursday, April 10, 2025

Have your child wear their favorite color to school.

Family Friday, April 11, 2025.

From 3 to 6 P.M. Car Seat Safety Check UP Event in Parking Lot H

From 4 to 5:30 P.M. Come grab some fun take home activities to do with your child.

Each Lead Teacher will have tables set up with a take home activity. We will have a free book for you to take.

Grab a take home snack. Hope to see you there.

Preschool 2 Graduation: Friday, May 2, 2025 at 10:30 A.M. at Thompson Alumni Center

All Preschool 2 Graduates need to be at the child care center by 9:30 A.M.

We will be walking over to the Alumni Center at 9:40 A.M. to get ready for the event.

Parking passes for the Alumni Center Lot will be emailed out the day before the event.

Parents, Grandparents and Guests are welcome.

Preschool 1 and Transition classes will be going over to watch the graduation.

Stretch-N-Grow Dance Recital, Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 3 P.M. at Thompson Alumni Center

This event is for the children who are participating in Dance Lessons.

Parents, Grandparents and Guests are welcome.

Parking passes for the Alumni Center Lot will be emailed out the day before the event.

The Transition, Preschool & Pre-K classes will be walking over to watch the recital and will return by 3:30 P.M.

The UNO Child Care Center CLOSES promptly at 5:30 P.M.

Please make sure you are picking up your child by 5:30 P.M. Your account will be charged \$1.00 late pick-up fee for every minute you are late picking up your child past 5:30 P.M. and you will be responsible for paying this fee. If you are unable to be here by 5:30 P.M., please make other arrangements to have someone else pick up your child. You need to call the Child Care Center and let us know. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Outside Play & Walks

As the weather is getting warmer, the children are playing outside and will go for walks on campus. You may want to bring in a light jacket for the warmer afternoons instead of a coat. Sunscreen permission slips have gone out. Approved sunscreens will be listed on the form.

Happy Birthday!

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| 1 - Mr. Sushanth | 20 - Miss Erin |
| 3 - Mr. Jiho | 24 - Mrs. Patty |
| 5 - Miles A. | 25 - Mary C. |
| 7 - Tiru S. | 30 - Malayah J. |
| 13 - Anakin O. | |



May

National Physical Fitness and Sports

- 1 - May Day
- 2 - Pre-K Graduation; Alumni Center 10:30 A.M.
- 5 - Cinco De Mayo
- 6 - National Teacher Day
- 7 - Stretch and Grow Dance Recital; Alumni Center 3P.M.
- 11 - Mother's Day
- 19 - Summer Semester Begins
- 26 - Memorial Day, UNOCCC closed
- 27 - Summer School-age Program Begins



Recommended Books for the Month.



During the month of April, everything is growing! With this in mind, here are some great, books to help your child grow throughout the month!

- "Rain Feet" by Angela Johnson
- "Planting a Rainbow" by Lois Ehlert
- "Rain" by Robert Kalan
- "I Am Earth: An Earth Day Book for Kids" by James McDonald
- "Be a Tree!" by Maria Gianferrari
- "April Foolishness" by Teresa Bateman
- "Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt" by Kate Messner
- "Arbor Day Tree" by Dee Smith
- "Blue on Blue" by Dianne White
- "So Loud!" by Sahar Golshan
- "Donut Touch!" by Seb Davey
- "Tíos and Primos" by Jacqueline Alcántara



April

National Nutrition Month

Week of the Young Child April 7-11, 2025

- 1 - April Fool's Day
- 7-11 - Week of the Young Child
- 11 - Car Seat Safety Check Up Family Event
- 12 - Passover Begins
- 14 - National Gardening Day
- 15 - Tax Day
- 20 - Easter
- 22 - Earth Day
- 23 - National Picnic Day
- 25 - Arbor Day



Congratulations to all of the new additions to the following families!

Sudduth Family
Cornell Sudduth III
Born December 2, 2024

Little Family
Jared Leroy Little
Born January 27, 2025

Medeiros Family
Jeziah David Medieros
Born March 21, 2025



Reading Fun!

Book Orders for this month will be due on Friday, April 11, 2025

Books are an important part of a child's development and can help your child gain pre-literacy skills. When you order your child's books through Scholastic Book Orders, the center earns points to use towards free books and educational materials we can use in the classrooms!

Please visit [scholastic.com/bookclubs](https://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs) to order.

If this is your first time ordering online, you will need to create an account using our center's code GKXFX. This is the center's account under "Dawn Hove". Please make sure you are using this account, or your order may not be processed. You will be able to pay online and the books will be delivered to the center. Happy Reading!

Talk With Toddlers



Welcome to April!

We would like to thank all of our families who were able to sign up for Parent /Teacher conferences last month. Your input is important to us!

Week of the Young Child will take place from Monday, April 7 to Friday, April 11. There will be fun activities and events for children and families, culminating with a car seat safety event on Friday, April 11.

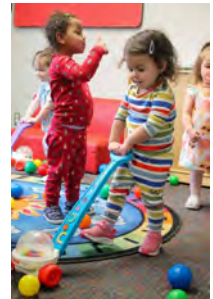
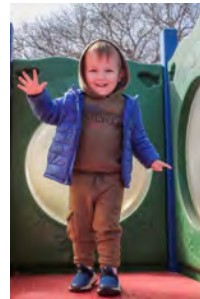
This month, we will be exploring the environment for our monthly theme. The letters we are focusing on are V, W and X, and our number for the month is 9. We will be discovering the color purple and our shape is the oval.

We are starting to apply sunscreen, so please make sure you have returned the sunscreen permission form and have provided a new bottle of sunscreen for your child by the end of April.

Enjoy the wonders of Spring!

Mr. Fred and the Toddler Teaching Staff

“Children need to practice feeling wonder to develop curious minds.”



Time With Transition

Happy Spring Transition Families!



Thank you to everyone who signed up for the conferences. I loved talking with all of you! If you have any questions or would like to discuss any concerns, please reach out to me in person, by email at aleciakeller@unomaha.edu, or call the center during my desk duty (1:00 PM to 2:00 PM) to chat.

Family Reminders:

Sunscreen permission slip forms were sent out in March. Please sign and return the slip with a new school-appropriate tube of sunscreen lotion (no aerosol cans or sunflower oil listed as an ingredient).

April 7-11 is the Week of the Young Child! Throughout the week, we will be celebrating at the child care center. We will have fun, themed activities that week. On Friday, April 11, we will have take-home activities for parents and children to do together, and a car seat event hosted by Safe Kids Nebraska.

Diapers/Pull-Ups/Clothes: We have had a hard time staying stocked on our diapers, pull-ups, and extra clothes for friends. Please pay close attention to the “Please Bring” sheets, as well as the bottom portion of our “Daily Notes” to see if your child needs more pull-ups, diapers, or extra changes of clothes. There is a \$1 charge for every center diaper used.

Closed-Toed Shoes: Because we are playing outside and going on walks, our friends need to wear closed-toed shoes to keep their feet safe. Sandals, flip flops, and Crocs make it difficult for our friends to walk safely on the rocks. It is always a great option to keep an extra pair of tennis shoes in their tubbies!

Our themes for April are Season of Spring and Changes in Nature. We will be talking about the Plant Life Cycle, Water Cycle as well as Earth Day all month. This month we will be focusing on the letters U, V, W; numbers 18 and 19, the color is pink and the shape is oval.

Alecia and the Transition teachers



Preschool Perspective

Hello Preschool Parents!

So far, the weather has been interesting, but we are definitely enjoying the nice spring weather.

With it finally being spring and the warmer weather becoming more frequently, we will be going outside more often.

This means one thing, we need sunscreen! The sunscreen permission slips have been put in your child's mailbox and please have those signed and returned promptly along with new sunscreen. Please refer to the sunscreen permission form for a list of approved sunscreens.

Our themes for the month of April are: Spring; Different Types of Weather and Community Helpers. The letters are V, W & X and the numbers are 14 & 15. We will be focusing on the primary colors red, yellow and blue. Our shape this month is the diamond.

Week of the Young Child is April 7 through 11. During the week, we will be doing several activities that celebrate young children. On Friday, April 11, we will be hosting Child Car Seat Check Up and sending taken home activities to do!

We are excited to be outside as much as possible this season!

Thank you,

Ms. Erin and the preschool staff.



Pre-K Press Release

Happy Spring Pre-K Families,

I cannot believe it is April already! That means that graduation is just around the corner!



This month, our weekly themes are: Spring, Weather, and Community Helpers. The letters we are learning about are V, W, X, Y, and Z. Our numbers this month are 23, 24, 25, and 26. We will be talking about the primary colors and the shapes are octagon and parallelogram. We will also be celebrating the Week of the Young Child April 7 through 11 as well as preparing for graduation! Week of the Young will be April 7-11, with the final event of the week being the Car Seat Check-up Event and family take home activities.

We are continuing to shorten nap time and by the week of April 21. No more naps! Instead, we will have quiet time that include quiet activities and online stories.

Please check your child's tubby to make sure they have a change of seasonably appropriate clothing.

As a reminder if you have not emailed Mrs. Monica baby and toddler photos of your child for graduation, please do so ASAP. We will have a final dress rehearsal for graduation on Thursday May 1 at 9:30 A.M., please ensure your child is here by that time. Graduation is May 2, 2025 at 10:30 A.M. we are asking you have your children here at the child care center by 9:30 A.M. so we can walk over to the Alumni Center to get them ready for graduation.

Mrs. Patty and the Pre K Teachers



Parent Corner



Tips for Sun Safety

Most families with young children welcome outdoor fun and sunny days! But before your family takes off for the parks and playgrounds, here are some sun safety tips.

Outdoor Time

Outdoor play is essential. All children need opportunities for physical play and exploration outdoors. For safety's sake, try to avoid the sun's peak hours, generally between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. Seek shade if your shadow is shorter than you.

Sunscreen. Select a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a factor of SPF 30 or higher. Apply sunscreen to all exposed areas of skin, including cheeks, neck, arms, legs, behind the ears, and on the nose. Apply sunscreen 15 to 30 minutes before going out, even on cloudy days. Reapply sunscreen every two hours and after swimming.

Clothing. Dress your child in a hat and lightweight clothing that covers as much of the body as possible for protection. The best way to protect eyes is to wear sunglasses - Look for those that provide 100 percent UV protection.

Sun facts

We all need some sunlight to stay healthy. Sun exposure helps our skin produce vitamin D, which helps us absorb calcium for healthy bones. The amount of time in sunlight needed to produce enough Vitamin D is only 10 to 15 minutes per day a few times a week, depending on skin tone.

Children of all skin tones need protection from dangerous ultraviolet (UV) rays. Too much sun exposure can cause sunburn and possibly lead to skin cancer.

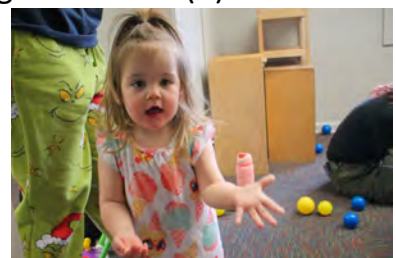
Talk to your child

Give your child a positive message about the sun. "We need the sun to build strong bones, to help our gardens grow, and to make lovely sun tea." Remind your child to use sunscreen and wear a hat and sunglasses every day.

Be a sun safety role model. Wear a hat and sunglasses, and apply sunscreen when heading outside. Your child will follow your example.

Source: Adapted from the Message in a Backpack, Teaching Young Children 4 (5): 16-32

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/tips-sun-safety>



Car Seat Check Up Event

Where: UNO Child Care Center

230 University Drive West, Omaha

When: Friday, April 11 3:30 to 6 P.M.

Sponsored by:

UNO Child Care Center, Children's Nebraska, and
Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership



This is a **FREE** event! Please
bring your car seat, vehicle,
child and instruction manuals.
Allow 30 minutes per seat.