



UNO Child Care Center Chronicle

December 2023

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UNO Child Care Center Happenings and Reminders

Wishing everyone a Very Happy Holiday Season!

Happenings: Mark Your Calendars

1. UNO Child Care Center Annual Holiday Program, Saturday, December 9, 2023

The UNO Child Care Center Annual Holiday/Winter Program is on Saturday, December 9, 2023.

It will be in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom beginning at 10 A.M.

Please have your child there no later than 9:45 A.M.

This year's theme is "Musical Celebration". The children have already begun learning their songs.

We hope to see you there.



2. UNO Child Care Center Closed for Winter Shutdown

The UNO Child Care Center will be closed from Friday, December 22, 2023 through Monday, January 1, 2024 for the Winter Shutdown.

The UNO Child Care Center will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:30 A.M.

3. Holiday Break Form

We will be sending home a form for you to let us know what days your child will be in attendance the weeks of December 18 to 21, 2023 and January 2 to 5, 2024. We have several teacher assistants who will be traveling home for the holidays and we need to plan ahead. Please make sure you turn the form in by Monday, December 11, 2023.

4. Change in Schedule

If you need to change your child's schedule for the spring semester, please see Dawn or Monica to fill out updated paperwork and contracts. Otherwise, your child's schedule will stay the same for the spring semester. All parents who are UNO students, need to turn in an updated spring semester schedule for your child's file. These are due now.

5. Winter Reading Challenge

On the last page of the newsletter is a Winter Reading Challenge that you can do with your child during the winter shutdown. Your child can color in the pictures once they complete the challenge. Happy Reading!

Reminders

1. The children do play outside and will go for walks on campus. With the weather getting cooler, please make sure your child has a jacket/coat, hat and/or gloves for outdoor play. As long as the temperature, including wind chill, is above 32 degrees, the children will be able to play outdoor.
2. 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. The staff thank you.
3. As wintertime approaches, so do illnesses. Remember that if your child is experiencing any illness type symptoms, to please keep them at home. If your child develops a fever of 100.4 or above, your child must be fever free with out the aid of Tylenol or Ibuprofen before they can return. If your child has vomited or had diarrhea 2 or more times in a 24 hour period, and/or develop additional symptoms, they must be out for 24 hours, symptoms improving before returning. The UNO Child Care Center continues to follow all COVID guidelines from the Douglas County Health Department. If you child has been diagnosed with an illnesses, please let us know.
4. Rember to turn in the Holiday Break Form by Monday, December 11, 2023.
5. We continue to advertise for the Lead Teachers positions. Help spread the word.
6. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dawn at 402-554-4936 or by email at dhove@unomaha.edu.



Happy Birthday!

- 2 - Miss Jessica
- 12 - Roman R.
- 24 - Miss Sophia
- 24 - Mr. Fred



December

National Safe Toys and Gifts

- 3 - Make a Gift Day
- 4 - National Cookie Day
- 7 - Hanukkah Begins
- 9 - Annual Winter/Holiday Program 10 AM
Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom
- 10 - Human Rights Day
- 21 - Winter Solstice
- 22-January 1, 2024 - Child Care Center
Closed
- 22 - National Cookie Exchange Day
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 26 - Kwanzaa
- 31 - New Year's Eve



January

National Blood Donor Month

- 1 - New Year's Day; Center Closed
- 2 - Child Care Center Re-opens
- 8 - National Gluten Free Day
- 12 - National Youth Day
- 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day;
Center Closed
- 25 - Opposite Day;
- 26 - National Fun At Work Day
- 29 - National Puzzle Day
- 31 - National Hot Chocolate Day



Recommended Books for the Month.



- "Llama Llama Jingle Bells" by Anna Dewdney
- "Bear Stays Up" by Karma Wilson & Jan Chapman
- "Little Blue Truck Christmas" by Alice Schertle
- "My First Kwanzaa" by Karen Katz
- "Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story" by Angela Shelf Medearis
- "My First Kwanzaa ABC Picture Book" by MadGaviette Publishing
- "Sneezy the Snowman" by Maureen Wright
- "A Piñata in a Pine Tree: A Latino Twelve Days of Christmas" by Pat Mora

Book Orders



Book Orders for this month will be due on Tuesday, December 12.

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 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!



The Gift of the Poinsettia / El Regalo de la flor de Nochebuena by Pat Mora and Charles Ramirez Berg





Talk With Toddler 1 & 2

Happy December!

Cooler weather has arrived. Please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves, as we will go outside if the temperature, including wind chill is above 32 degrees. This also means that our friends will be spending more time indoors. We have a variety of activities for our friends this month. Here is a list of some activities: Ice cube painting, Sock Dancing, Magnets, and Sensory Tubes.

Reminders:

1. Congratulations to our friends who will be moving up to the Transition room. We will miss Miles, Frankie, Skylar and Junior. More information will be sent home later this month.
2. We are excited for our upcoming Holiday program. It is on Saturday, December 9 in the Milo Bail Student Center's Ballroom at 10 A.M. Please have your child there by 9:45 A.M. Hope you can join us.

December Themes

Winter Wonderland, Color: Blue, Star Shape, Number: 5, and Letters: J, K, and L.

We would like to wish all our families a safe and Happy Holiday Season!
Ms. Effie and the Toddler Teacher Assistants



Time With Transition

Welcome Winter!

The Transition class is already in the holiday spirit! We are excited to spend the month talking about family, traditions, and the spirit of giving.

We have been practicing our songs for the Winter Holiday Program on Saturday, December 9, and hope to see you there.

Soon, we will have some new faces in the Transition class; Miles A., Frankie H., Skylar R., and Junior T. Also, we must see some of our friends go off to Preschool 1, Dawson C., Sofia H., Aurora J., Jacoby M., and McKinley S. We will miss them so much! If your child is transitioning to Preschool 1, be on the lookout for information regarding that change from both myself and Ms. Monica.

Transition's December Themes:

World Culture, Traditions, and Holidays: Giving & Sharing; Different Holidays; Children Around The World; and Similarities & Differences

Letters: J, K; Numbers: 10, 11; Color: Green; Shape: Triangle

Happy Holidays!

Mr. Fred and the Transition Teacher Assistants



Preschool 1 Pals



Preschool 2 News & Views

Goodness! Where has the year gone?

It is December already and that means that the weather has gotten a lot chillier. Preschoolers have made the adjustment to staying indoors whenever the weather is too cold to play outside and are enjoying a variety of fun activities! We will go outside to play whenever the temperature allows us to. Please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves.



This month, there is so much to look forward to! We will be talking about Different cultures, different holidays and observances and of course winter! You will see evidence of our learning on our bulletin boards and in our mailboxes.

The children have been practicing for the Winter Program and are excited to demonstrate their singing abilities! We look forward to seeing all our families at the Winter Program on Saturday, December 9 at 10 A.M. in the Milo Bail Student Center's Ballroom. Please have your child there by 9:45 A.M. We will have a special visitor making an appearance as well!

Please do not forget to check your child's mailbox and tubby daily. The children have been enjoying the art center and there is usually something for you to take home.

Until next month, *"Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius"* Pietro Aretino
Ms. Monica and the Preschool Teacher Assistants



UNO Child Care Center's Winter Program

"A Musical Celebration"

Saturday, December 9, 2023 AT 10 A.M.

Milo Bail Student Center's Ballroom





Parent Corner

Tips for Raising Generous Children

It is natural for children to be somewhat self-involved. Their primary focus, especially when they are young, is making sure that their needs are met by the people around them. This generally means that kids learn to ask for the things they want fairly early in their development, and they will have many opportunities to perfect their technique.

But as kids mature, it also becomes necessary for them to look outside their own needs and begin being more responsive to the needs of others. Parents play a big role in helping kids develop generosity, both through encouragement and example.

Here are some guiding principles to keep in mind for raising generous kids.

Encourage empathy

Generosity starts with thinking about how others feel. Children are naturally egotistical, but parents can cultivate empathy by helping children imagine how others feel. This can be an everyday occurrence (How do you think your brother felt when you took his toy?) or you can seek out occasions for empathy, like participating in a food or clothing drive. Choosing something special to give to someone their own age will make kids feel more connected.

Praise generous deeds

Children will naturally do nice things for others from time to time. If you notice a nice gesture, like sharing a toy, giving a compliment or helping carry in groceries, praise your child for the behavior. Positive recognition for something makes a child more likely to continue doing it.

Set an example

From the moment they're born kids look to parents for cues on how to behave. Talking to kids about giving back is important, but setting an example of generosity in your own life — including an elderly relative in plans, volunteering at the school fair, pitching in with the dishes after a big dinner — shows kids you really mean it.

Pick a charity

Kids can get into the act of giving back by choosing a charity for the family to donate to. If every member of the family chooses a cause to support, however modestly, it can start a conversation about what each person values.

Supporting a charity also makes kids feel proud and might even launch a new tradition, especially if it is timed around a holiday or birthday.

Generosity can happen every day

Often when we think of generosity it's in terms of gift-giving or volunteering, but generosity can also be a spontaneous part of your day. Let children know that it is always good to look for little ways to make a positive difference in someone's day, like pitching in to speed up a sibling's chores, or being kind to someone after they've made a mistake.

Spread cheer

Making cookies, cards and small presents can be fun for kids, and giving them to people in their community can make them feel part of something bigger. Whether they're neighbors or teachers, the local crossing guard or the choir director, acknowledging them strengthens ties and reminds kids to appreciate the people in their lives.

<https://childmind.org/article/tips-for-raising-generous-children/>



Winter Reading Challenge

Embark on a magical reading adventure this season! Color your way to a winter wonderland as you complete all 25 reading challenges.



1. Read a book set in the snow.
2. Read a book about a winter holiday.
3. Reread your favorite book from this year.
4. Read a classic seasonal story.
5. Read a book about family.
6. Read a book with winter animals.
7. Read a book about gratitude.
8. Read a book about new beginnings.
9. Read a nonfiction book.

10. Read a book with a snowman on the cover.
11. Read a book that became a movie or TV series.
12. Read a book that makes you laugh.
13. Read a book about kindness.
14. Read a book about a winter activity.
15. Read an award-winning book.
16. Read a book from a new-to-you genre.
17. Read a book that was published this year.
18. Read a book while drinking hot cocoa.

19. Read the first book of a new-to-you series.
20. Read a book while snuggled up in a blanket.
21. Read a book aloud to a friend or family member.
22. Read a book in your coziest pajamas.
23. Read a book inside a homemade fort.
24. Read a book before bed.
25. Read a seasonal story featuring your favorite character.