



UNO Child Care Center **Chronicle**

November 2024

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UNO Child Care Center Happenings and Reminders

1. **Week of November 4-8, 2024 ~ Parent/Teacher Conference.** Please make sure you have signed up for Parent/Teachers Conferences. The sign-up books are located on the front desk counter. You can do in person, zoom or phone call. Please indicate your choice when you sign-up. Please note the days/times your child's Lead Teacher is available.
2. **Annual Food Drive for Together Inc. Food Bank ~ November 1-18, 2024.** Our annual food drive has begun. We will be accepting non-perishable food items, toiletries and donation for the food bank. This is our annual service-learning project to help needed families in the Omaha and surrounding area. The classroom with the most donations will win a classroom pizza or ice cream party. Please bring in your donations and place them in the labeled boxes in the multi-purpose room for each classroom. Monetary donations will also be accepted, please make sure you indicated which classroom, so we know where to put the donation to count for the contest. One dollar equals 4 items. Thank you for your support. The food bank is greatly appreciated.
3. **Mark your calendars now for the Child Care Center's Winter Program.** The program will be on **Saturday, December 14, 2024** at the Milo Bail Student Center's Ballroom at 10:00 A.M. The children who participate in dance lessons with Stretch-N-Grow will also do a dance performance. Please have your child at the Milo Bail Student Center by 9:45 A.M. There will also be a special visitor, so bring your cameras. Hope to see you all there!
4. The children do play outside and will go for walks on campus both in the mornings and afternoons. The weather is starting to get cooler. Please make sure your child has a jacket, sweatshirt or coat for outside play. In the morning, the temperatures have been in the 50's. We do not have enough jacket/coats for every child. You can one here on your child's hook. Please make sure to label it. If you know that you will be picking up early, please let Dawn, Monica or your child's Lead Teacher know, so that your child can stay back if you pick up before 4 P.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 for preparing meals and staffing for the day. Reminder that if your child has been diagnosed with an illness to please let us know. Depending on the type of illness, we may need to inform families of the illness. Thank you for your cooperation.
6. The UNO Child Care Center will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29, 2024, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will re-open on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 A.M. normal business hours. We hope that all our families have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and weekend.
7. 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dawn at 402-554-4936 or by e-mail at dhove@unomaha.edu.

BABY NEWS!

Congratulations to the Conn Family;
Alix, Colin, Big Brothers Charlie & Dawson and Big Sister Isla
On the Birth of
Emmett Howard Conn
Born on Friday, October 25, 2024

Happy Birthday!

- 2 - Arlen L.
- 3 - Jonah C.
- 15 - Cora M.
- 15 - Ezra P.
- 15 - Locklyn S.
- 21 - Miss Maggie
- 26 - Nylah D.
- 27 - Maddox L.



November

National Native American Heritage Month

- 1-18 - Food Drive for Together Inc. Food Bank
- 3 - Daylight Savings ends, set your clocks back!
- 4-8 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 5 - Election Day
- 8 - National STEM Day
- 11 - Veteran's Day
- 14 - World Kindness Day
- 20 - Universal Children's Day
- 26 - National Cake Day
- 27 - UNO Student Holiday; UNOCCC OPEN
- 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday; UNOCCC CLOSED



December

Safe toys and Gifts Month

- 3 - Giving Tuesday
- 4 - National Cookie Day
- 14 - UNO CCC Annual Winter Program; MBSC 10AM
- 14-20 - Final exams for UNO students
- 21 - Winter Solstice
- 21 - January 1 - University Winter shut down, CCC closed
- 25 - Christmas
- 25 - Hanukkah begins



Recommended Books for the Month



WE have 2 final shipments of the Nebraska Growing Readers book series. These are free books that families can take and read to their children to keep or pass along to other families. These books are designed to use language and cultural references appropriate for your children. In fact, many will speak to Nebraska specific topics that will engage your child.

- "Our Table" by Peter H. Reynolds
- "The Family Book" by Todd Parr
- "Feast For 10" by Cathryn Falwell
- "Thankful" by Eileen Spinelli
- "Bear Says Thanks" by Karma Wilson
- "Balloons Over Broadway" by Melissa Sweet
- "Run, Turkey, Run!" by Diane Mayr
- "Fry Bread" by Kevin Noble Maillard
- "One Is A Feast For A Mouse" by Judy Cox
- "In November" by Cynthia Rylant
- "Fall Mixed Up" by Robert Raczka
- "Have You Seen My Acorn?" by DK Ryland
- "Five Little Thank -Yous" by Cindy Jin



Reading Fun!

Book Orders for this month will be due on Friday, November 15, 2024.

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 November!

A quick thanks to all the parents that participated in Our annual Costume Parade! Thank you for helping bring a fun end to Spooky season for all of our kiddos.

Our theme for the month is Caring for Others. The letters are G, H, and I. The numbers 6 and 7; the color is brown, and the shape is rectangle.

Toddler parent-teacher conferences will be on November 7 and 8. There is still time to sign up for a conference with time slots available. Just check the green folder at the front desk for available conference times. Parent-Teacher conferences can be in-person, over a zoom or phone call, if that is more convenient for any of the toddler parents.

The Toddlers will be participating in the Annual UNOCCC Food Drive for Together Inc. this month. Please bring in nonperishable food items or monetary donations from November 1 to November 14. Each dollar donation counts as 4 nonperishable food items. The classroom that brings in the most items/donations will win an ice cream or pizza party. Help the UNOCCC fight food insecurity this holiday season!

On November 27, we will have a center wide P.J. / Movie Day. The children in Toddlers are invited to wear their pajamas to school! Please make sure your child has shoes.

A quick reminder to bring in a pair of gloves/mittens and a hat for your child. We will continue to play outdoors, weather permitting.

Wishing all our families a Happy Thanksgiving!

Ms. Effie, Mr. Fred
and the Toddler Assistant Teachers



Time With Transition

Let's Be Thankful!

The Transition class will be focusing on the following themes for November:

Home, Family, and Community

Color: Yellow

What Makes a Family?

Shape: Rectangle

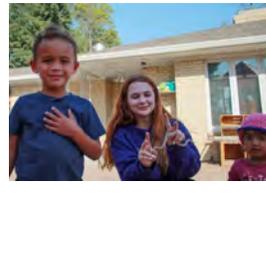
Home, Community, and Cultural

Numbers: 7, 8, 9

Being Thankful & Giving Thanks

Letters: G, H, I

November Holidays: Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving



The Together Inc. Food drive is upon us! We are asking for donations for the food drive. Popular items include: Peanut butter, Canned soup, Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Canned stew, Ramen Noodles, Pasta, Rice, and much more! We are also accepting monetary donations. All dry and canned goods can go to the Transition box in the Multipurpose Room. The classroom who donates the most items will win a class party with special treats. Let's have some fun opening our hearts and pantries for a good cause this season!

This month, we will be discussing the different families and cultures that make up our Transition group. To help celebrate our diversity, we will be creating a Transition Cookbook. I am asking each family to choose a favorite recipe to share with our class. Your recipe can be for any mealtime favorite and can represent your culture and/or represent your family. I will compile the recipes into a book with some stories and art from our friends, and we will share our finished product by the end of the month. For our cookbook to be completed, I am asking for the recipes no later than Friday, November 22. Please share a hard copy or email of your recipe to aleciakeller@unomaha.edu.

With the weather changing, please remember to provide a jacket for your child for outside play. Extra hats and mittens can be stored in your child's tubby. We also encourage a water bottle and Chapstick or Aquaphor to store in our medicine cabinet. The cold weather tends to cause dry skin, and that can be uncomfortable during a long school day.

Thank you so much for your participation and support,
Ms. Alecia and the Transition Staff



Preschool Perspective

Hello Preschool Parents!



October has come to a close and now we are moving into November. The weather is getting colder so please be sure to bring seasonable appropriate clothing to keep in their tubbies. Since we still go outside, please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves for the changing temperatures!

We have lots of fun activities planned for the month of November! month's letters are G, H and I. The numbers are 5, 6 and 7! The color for this month is brown and the shape we will be focusing on is a Triangle. We are starting out the month by learning about Food and Nutrition, followed by Getting Fit, Giving Back and Giving Thanks to end the month.

We also have lots of ways for you to get involved, we will be holding a food drive (monetary donations also accepted) to benefit Together Inc. which is a nonprofit organization that assists people and families in the community. The class with the most donations will win a party! All dry and canned goods can go to the Preschool box in the Multipurpose Room.

Parent teacher conferences are coming up, so if you haven't already done so, you can sign up for a time slot at the front desk.

Please be aware that the center will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday, November 28th - December 1.

Preschool is grateful for you!

Miss Erin and the Preschool Assistant Teachers



Pre-K Press Release

Happy November Pre-K Families!

November is an exciting month!



We will be doing a food drive for Together Inc. We are asking families to bring in non-perishable items that can be distributed to people in need within the Omaha community. Monetary donations will be accepted as well! This food drive begin on November 1 and end on November 18. This is a friendly competition among the classrooms, and the room that has the most donations gets to have a little party to celebrate!

Do not forget that Parent/Teacher conferences are Wednesday November 6 and Thursday November 7. Make sure you have signed up!

This month the children will be learning about food and nutrition, giving thanks and appreciation, and Thanksgiving. Our letters for the month are G, H, and I. Our numbers for the month are 7,8, and 9. Our colors are brown, black and gray and our shape is square.

Just a reminder the weather is getting cold, please bring your child a jacket and check their tubbies for weather appropriate clothing.

Looking towards December, we will be talking about what our families celebrate in December and how they celebrate. I am asking by the end of November you email me or send in a note about how your family celebrates the holidays. My email is pattyjohnson@unomaha.edu.

Mrs. Patty and the Pre-K Staff



Car Seat Recommendations for Children

There are many car seat choices on the market. Use the information below to help you choose the type of car seat that best meets your child's needs.



- Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, choose a seat that fits in your vehicle, and use it every time.
- Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions (check height and weight limits) and read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or lower anchors and a tether, if available.
- To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.

Rear-Facing Car Seat



Birth – 12 Months

Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats:

- Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing.
- Convertible and All-in-One car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.



1 – 3 Years

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether.

Forward-Facing Car Seat

1 - 3 Years

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether.



4 - 7 Years

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.



Booster Seat

4 - 7 Years

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness and tether until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.



8 - 12 Years

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.



Seat Belt

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