



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC.
PARENT NEWSLETTER
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



Looking Ahead...

April 2012 - Month of the Young Child

- Apr. 12 12:00 – 1:00p.m. SAFE KIDS Mtg.
Apr. 12 4 – 7 pm FREE Area Car Seat Check-Up Event @ Rydell's
April 12th Valued Provider Night sponsored by NENDAEYC; Meal + training of Early Childhood staff @ United Church of Christ; **UDN All Staff Mtg.!!**
April 15 – 21 National Volunteer Week
Apr. 18th 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. G.F. Center Director's Meeting
April 19th UDN BOD meeting 4:30 p.m.; ULC Library
April 21st - Hands On Learning Fair 10:00 – 1:00p.m.; Purpur Arena
April 22 – 28th Week of the Young Child

Looking Ahead...

May 2012 - MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

- May 8 7:05 p.m.; UDN Annual Music Program
May 7 – 11 Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
May 10 4 – 7 pm FREE Area Car Seat Check-Up Event @ Rydell's
May 11 Provider Appreciation Day
May 23 4 – 8:30 p.m. Parent – Teacher Conferences

June 2012 - SUMMER FUN to begin...

- It is very helpful and much appreciated if you call in to the office (or catch your child's area supervisor and/or teacher) to *let us know if your child(ren) will not be in attendance on days when they are scheduled to be here.*
- [Calls are always appreciated!]

Monthly Tuition Payments....due by the 1st!

Special thanks to those who turn in payments early/on time every month.

In order to ensure that we are able to pay our staff and monthly bills – meet our obligations - **Tuition accounts not paid by the 3rd of each month will be assessed the \$25.00 late fee.**

Food for Thought:

Among the things you can give
and still keep are
your word, a smile, and a grateful heart!

**** Hands on Learning Fair – Celebrating 21 Years**

The 21st Annual Hands-On Learning Fair will be held on Saturday, April 21st, 2012 at the Purpur Arena in Grand Forks. The fair features an exciting variety of learning activities for children from birth to age seven and their families, as well as parent information displays. The mayor's proclamation will kick off the event at 9:45 AM, and the activity floor is open from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

The Hands-On Learning Fair is a community celebration in observance of April as the Month of the Young Child and Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. **Early Years are Learning Years** is this year's national theme, emphasizing the amazing brain power of young children. Sponsors are the Northeast Chapter of the North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children and Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota.

The preschool years are the foundation for healthy development, learning, and success throughout life. Many of the people in our community who provide education for young children will be at the Hands-On Learning Fair to celebrate early childhood and our shared investment in the future. This is the best deal in town for developing young minds and bodies—it is totally FREE! For information call Dawnita Nilles (741-5539; dsnilles@gra.midco.net) or Judy Milavetz (775-4473; judy.milavetz@und.edu). **Hope to see you there!**



Friday, May 11th, 2012 – Provider Appreciation Day

Provider Appreciation Day is a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. The founding organizers saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents. Momentum and support for this event has grown each year and recognition presently includes individuals and government organizations throughout the United States.

Spring appears to be on the way!

Children and teachers will be going outside most every day as the weather allows, both mornings and afternoons. On inclement weather days they may still go for a walk.

Please send children in layered clothing so we are prepared for the chilly weather but can 'lighten up' when weather allows!

If weather is somewhat uncooperative, children and teachers will alternate going out mornings and afternoons, every other day.

**The younger age children will be less likely to go outdoors – weather will be monitored...temperature, wind chill, etc. by supervisors and administration of UDN.

Keeping in contact with:

SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:



Next Car Seat Checkup Event:

**Thursday, April 12th, 2010 4-7 pm
at Rydell GM Auto**



Planning ahead...

Fall 2011 Enrollment Forms

Each family will receive labeled forms for their child(ren). Please complete this and return to UDN office asap – Fall 2012 will be here before we know it!!

Reminder: Two week written notice is needed in UDN office if you choose to withdraw from child care here (temporarily and/or permanent.)

United Day Nursery is a "**partner agency**" of United Way!



Scholarships are available to families that qualify for financial assistance as long as funds are available. Scholarships are made possible by United Way and United Lutheran Church.

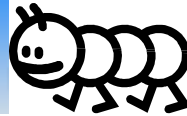
Songs &/or Fingerplays for young children:

Spring Is Here (Sung To: Are You Sleeping)

I see robins,
I see bird's nests,
Butterflies too,
flowers too.
Everything is growing,
The wind is gently blowing.
Spring is here, spring is here.

Caterpillar Change

There was a little caterpillar crawling all about.
(Walk with fingers on arm)
He worked and he worked without a doubt.
(Wiggle fingers)
Wrapping himself in a snug cocoon.(Wrap other hand around fingers)
Waiting and waiting, will it be soon? (hold fingers)
Look, he's coming out, my oh my! (raise arms in excitement)
For now he's become a beautiful butterfly (Cross thumbs and flap hands like wings)



The Little Caterpillar (Sung to "Itsy, Bitsy Spider")

The little caterpillar crawled up into a tree,
Spun his cocoon and slept so quietly,
All through the winter he didn't make a sound,
He dreamt of his new life when he'd be flying all around.
While he was sleeping the snow did gently fall,
Winter came and went, then her heard the robin's call,
Come on Mr. Butterfly, out of your cocoon
Spread your wings and fly for me, while I sing my tune.

W-I-N-D-Y (sung to BINGO)

There was a day when we were blown
And windy was the weather-O,
W-I-N-D-Y, W-I-N-D-Y, W-I-N-D-Y,
And windy was the weather. Sunny, rainy, snowy

