



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE NOTE:

*In observance of the Christmas Eve Holiday, December 24th and to allow UDN staff to be with their families, **United Day Nursery will be closing at 3:00 p.m.!** It will be expected that children are picked up by 2:55 p.m. in order to allow for closing responsibilities.

The same will occur for the New Year's Eve Holiday.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

It would be very helpful and much appreciated if you **labeled your child's belongings** – extra clothes, outdoor clothing (even if with only initials.) It is very difficult to keep track of each and every child's extra clothes - very helpful if brought in a labeled zip lock storage bag. **Remember to send extra socks, underwear, t-shirts...sizes of clothes you have brought here are to be checked periodically as often a child has outgrown all of their extra clothes.**

WINTER has arrived... please ensure that your child has **all of the necessary outdoor apparel ...winter coat, hat/face masks – as scarves are considered a dangerous hazard for children to wear, mittens, boots, etc.**

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. 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.

The **GF Exchange Club** has invited United Day Nursery to participate in their fundraiser – A Winter Festival. Spectrum children are practicing during music time and will perform a brief program at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16th. **All children are to be there and ready by 2:30 p.m. - latest.** United Day Nursery staff will be in attendance and assisting Kalia, our music teacher throughout the performance. [It's been said that SANTA will be there!]

Also, a huge **THANK YOU** to all the parents that were able to contribute money for the speech, hearing, language screening done by UND Communications Sciences & Disorders students. Results are anticipated to be back soon.

Again, thanks so much for your kind donations.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS...



- December 16 – Spectrum children singing @ Empire Theatre for GF Exchange Club Winter Festival; performance @ 3:00 p.m.
- December 17 - Parent/Staff Forum; 6:30 pm – 7:30/8:00pm
- December 20 – Board Meeting; 12:00 noon, ULC lounge
- *December 24th – UDN will close at 3:00 p.m.; PLEASE NOTE!**
- December 25 - Closed for Christmas Day
- *December 31 – UDN will close at 3:00 p.m.; PLEASE NOTE!**
- January 1 - Closed for New Years Day

*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 and especially so on 'special days' such as Mon., Dec. 24th and Wed., Dec. 26th.** [Calls are always appreciated ☺ !!]

*On these lower count (attendance) days it's nice to be able to provide staff with time off (for those who request it.) This is possible when parents inform us ahead of time!!

Special Note: GF Public Schools are closed from Dec. 24th – Jan. 1st...**please inquire and request additional care for your school-age child(ren) ahead of time!**

The children sing and dance in music with Kalia...

A favorite is DANCE

(sung to Frere Jacques)

Dance like snowflakes,

Dance like snowflakes,

in the air

in the air

Whirling, twirling snowflakes

Whirling twirling snowflakes

Here and there, here and there.



Did you know?

Even before they can talk, babies use facial expressions and body language to communicate.

*No matter what the age, one must always pay close attention to other's cues: expressions, movements, and reactions to responses in day to day interactions.

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