



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC.
PARENT NEWSLETTER
Winter (Jan. Feb. March) 2012

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



January 2012

Jan. 1, 2012 Happy NEW YEAR!

Jan. 2 (Mon.) **UDN Closed in observance of NEW YEAR**

Holiday

- Jan. 5th 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. NE NDAEYC @ Sunflake Preschool
Round table discussion – communication + sticky situations
- Jan. 12 12:00 – 1:00p.m. SAFE KIDS Mtg.
- Jan. 12 4 – 7 pm FREE Area Car Seat Check-Up Event @ Rydell's
- Jan. 20 9:00 - 11:15 a.m. New Employee Orientation
- Jan. 24 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. All Staff Meeting; staff celebration & Recognition: fun, food & festivities!!
- Jan. 26th 9:00 a.m. – Fire Marshall inspection

February

- Feb. 2nd Ground Hog Day
- Feb. 6th 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. New Employee Orientation
- Feb. 9th 12:00 – 1:00p.m. SAFE KIDS Mtg.
- Feb. 9 4 – 7 pm FREE Area Car Seat Check-Up Event @ Rydell's
- Feb. 15th 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. G.F. Center Director's Meeting
- Feb. 17th Elem (K – 5) early dismissal @ 11:20 a.m.
- Feb. 23rd Staff Meeting; 6:30 – 8:30p.m.
- Feb. 23rd Elem (k – 5) early dismissal @ 11:20 a.m.
- Feb. 23rd 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. **Cleaning Night – all staff!!**
- Feb. 24th No School

March

- March 4th (Sunday) UDN staff recognition @ ULC 10:15 a.m. worship; Refreshments after in ULC Fellowship Hall in honor of 45 years of Caring for Children
- March 5th 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. OPEN HOUSE
- March 8th 12:00 – 1:00p.m. SAFE KIDS Mtg.
- March 8 4 – 7 pm FREE Area Car Seat Check-Up Event @ Rydell's
- March 20 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. CPR Training
- March 21 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. G.F. Center Director's Meeting
- March 22 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. First Aid Training
- March 27 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. **All Staff Meeting;**
Presenter: Dawnita Nilles; Topic: Round table discussion: communication + sticky situations
- March 29th 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. CPR Training

- 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!]

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 NENDAIEYC; Meal + training of Early Childhood staff @ United Church of Christ
- Apr. 18th 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. G.F. Center Director's Meeting
- April 21st - Hands On Learning Fair 10:00 – 1:00p.m.; Purpur Arena
- April 22 – 28th Week of the Young Child**

WINTER has come just in time for spring

...please ensure that your child has *all of the necessary outdoor apparel ...winter coat, mittens, boots, snowpants and hat (or face masks – as scarves are considered a dangerous hazard for children to wear.)*

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.



'Labeled' Winter Outdoor Play apparel is much appreciated as well as very helpful!

P.S. Extra Clothes

It is expected that as parents you make sure your child has extra clothes on hand in case of need – pants, shirts, underwear, socks, etc.

Parents if you have extra or outgrown clothes – pants, underwear, and/or socks at home United Day Nursery would be appreciative of any donations.

Keeping in contact with
SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:



Next Car Seat Checkup Event:
Thursday, March 8th, 2010 4-7 pm
at Rydell GM Auto

Together We Can Make a Difference!

1. Save Our Family UPC Barcodes

2. Turn Our Family UPC Barcodes into UDN – area supervisor and/or office.

1. UDN collects \$.05 for each UPC Barcode that you redeem.

Our Family UPC barcodes assist UDN in purchasing FREE educational merchandise such as CD players, balls/hoola hoops, puzzles, new/used books, musical instruments. books. etc.



Please help save UPC labels for United Day Nursery!



Campbells UPC labels /proofs of purchase assist us in purchasing FREE educational merchandise such as computers, software, physical education equip, musical instruments, books, etc.

Quote:
"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."
-Marian Wright Edelman

Fun songs/fingerplays for children, teachers, and parents!

Song/circle game: (To the tune of Ring Around the Rosie)

Winter Winter Wonderland

Pockets Full of Mittens

Snowflakes, Snowflakes

We All Fall Down!

Mitten Matching Activity

Use real mittens. Hang a clothesline with spring loaded clothespins between two chairs. Clip one mitten from each pair onto the clothesline. Put the mitten mates in a bag. Hold up the bag. Have a child come up and pull one mitten out of the bag. Have the child look at the mittens hanging on the clothesline and find the mitten that matches the one that he/she is holding. Have him/her clip it next to the matching one. Continue until all the mittens have been matched.



1 mitten 2 mittens 3 mittens 4
How many mittens are on the floor?
5 mittens 6 mittens 7 mittens 8
Now we need to lay them straight
9 mittens 10 mittens Oh lets see
Just how many there will be.

(Count them with the children. See if they can figure out how many "pairs" of mittens that is.)



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.