



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011 – June -

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SUMMER is upon us...!

Warm-er weather will soon be here (to stay!) is the hope. Sunscreen is important every day (of the year actually!) – the clouds do not deter UVA or UVB rays and burns still occur.

SUNSCREEN and INSECT REPELLANT

All children are to have sunscreen and insect repellent applied before arrival – each day! – by their parent(s) or guardians. It is preferred that the same brand be used so as not to mix ingredients/chemicals and that you use your own product, not the United Day Nursery supply. United Day Nursery staff will apply sunscreen (Equate - Kids SPF 50) and insect repellent (OFF Skintastic Family Care Unscented with 7% deet only) only to the child(ren) with signed permission on the specified form. This will happen at least 30 minutes before outside play. Parents are invited to purchase and bring a bottle at some point over the summer to help defray the cost.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



June 2011

June 10 – Annual ‘Summer Fun’ events begin!

June 30th – Annual 4th of July Parade; 10:00 a.m

Looking ahead...

July 4th – UDN CLOSED in observance of Independence Day Holiday

August 12th – Summer Fun 2011 concludes with ‘Fun in the Field’

August 22nd – FALL 2011 begins

* Copies of Summer Fun 2011 calendar – have been labeled and sent home with each family. PLEASE **post this in a convenient place at home** as there’s a lot of super fun experiences in store for one and all!

Quotes to ponder:

A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in.

Time spent speculating about another’s actions is time well wasted

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 before and after a holiday.**

[Calls are always appreciated ☺ !!]

On these potential 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!!*

REMINDER:

Pastor(s) with the church have requested that **ALL families and staff** use Entry # 3 for entering and exiting United Day Nursery. This entry is monitored by security cameras in United Day Nursery office.



Fall 2011 Enrollment Forms

Each family received labeled forms for their child(ren). Please complete this and return to UDN asap – Fall 2011 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.)

*Keeping in contact with
SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:*



Next Car Seat Checkup Event:
Thursday, July 14th, 2010 4-7 pm
at Rydell GM Auto Center



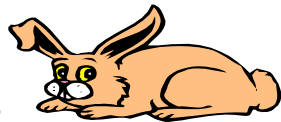
Bringing in snacks/treats and/or quick breakfasts, etc.

United Day Nursery serves three USDA certified meals (breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks). Due to possible food allergies, no outside foods will be served.

PLEASE have your child finish their snack/treat outside in the car – not in the building preferably. United Day Nursery is a peanut free environment and must be kept this way! Children are not to be arriving with food in their hands or drink(s) – other than water bottles.

Everyone is expected to follow all policies and procedures in order to maintain an optimally safe environment for everyone at United Day Nursery.

Your cooperation with this will be greatly appreciated.



Summer fingerplay

Here is a bunny
(Hold one hand up with two fingers up.)
with ears so funny.
(Wiggle, bend two fingers as bunny ears.)
And here is a hole in the ground.
(Other hand is shaped as an o or hole in ground.)
When a noise he hears,
(Listen intently; facial expression!)
He pricks up his ears.
(Stand up two fingers/bunny ears tall!)
And jumps in the hole in the ground.
(Bunny jumps inside o or hole in ground of other hand.)

SOME FOOD for THOUGHT:

Young children and preschoolers do not have a formal **dress code**, however certain requirements are necessary when in quality care and education environments. ***All children should come dressed for "messes."*** ***It is proven that the best learning experiences are hands-on activities.*** Please strongly consider this when dressing your child in good clothing to spend their day at child care. Telling children themselves (and/or teachers) to not get dirty is an unrealistic expectation in other words.

Additional note: Shoes are to provide complete coverage and be securely fastened to the child's feet; slip-on shoes, sandals or "flip-flops" should not be worn to child care. Shoes with wheels or that leave black heel marks are also not to be worn. Children are to be dressed modestly – tank tops, strapless or backless tops are discouraged. It's highly recommended that girls who wear dresses must also wear shorts underneath. Hats may be worn to child care, but not inside!

The goal of this Child Care Enhancement Project (CCEP) is to improve the quality of child care across the state of North Dakota.

For more information log on to: ndchildcare.org

CCEP Goal Plans

Final Observations of Andrea, Amie, and Pam will be occurring in the month of June. They will be in action – **teaching in classrooms for this observation.** This is final step for completion of their CDA's. All three are on track to have successfully earned their certifications by early summer 2011.

Sherry is presently working on completing the last two modules for the National Director Credential.
Module 8 Creating Partnerships with Families
Module 9 Evaluating Program Quality

Hopefully you are excited about the changes occurring which are quite visible – room arrangement/new materials, etc. - and proving to be very successful for children and staff.

There are more to come as well!!

The child care consultant and nurse have been here throughout this process to simultaneously evaluate each respective UDN environment.

One of the recommendations which UDN is working towards is to ensure that for each child – with medical need for example, asthma, etc. and school – IFSP or IEP's that we **have CARE PLANS on file in the office in order to best plan for and meet individual children's needs.**

Benefits of

Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP):

- Supports children's individual development and learning
- Engages parents as partners in learning
- Uses a variety of teaching strategies and learning formats

3 Components of DAP

- ~ teaching in ways that meet children where they are, as individuals and as a group
- ~ teaching young children in ways that help each child reach appropriate, challenging, and achievable development and learning goals.
- ~ teaching with an understanding of the multiple social and cultural contexts that influence children's development and learning.