



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



May 2012 - MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

May 8 7:10 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 13 Mother's Day
May 17 All Staff Meeting: 6:30 -8:30 p.m.
May 23 4 – 8:30 p.m. Parent – Teacher Conferences
May 28th Memorial Day Holiday, UDN CLOSED

Looking Ahead...

June 2012 - SUMMER FUN to begin...

June 8th - the fun begins – everyone is encouraged to wear
RED today!!

July 4th (Wed.) – Independence Day Holiday; UDN CLOSED



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.

Annual Music Program

Tues., May 8th, 2012 - 7:10 p.m.



Children may be brought back to their classrooms by 6:45 p.m. Parents and friends may find a seat in the church sanctuary. Teachers and children are practicing the songs they will sing regularly with Amanda C., our music teacher!

All are invited out to UDN playground (weather permitting) for some refreshments, socializing, etc. for a brief time. (In case of bad weather, refreshments will be in the church Fellowship Hall.)

***Parent-Teacher Conferences ***

Conferences will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd from **4:00 p.m. – 8:30/9:00 p.m.** Parents with two children attending will be asked to sign up first (so they can get to both conferences in a timely manner.)

This is a time for parents to visit with their child's teacher to hear about progress, their child's interests – likes and dislikes.

Spring appears to be on the way!

Outdoor play is highly valued – an essential part of every child's and teacher's day!_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.

Food for Thought:

The man who really counts in the world is the doer, not the mere critic - - the man who actually does the work, even if roughly and imperfectly, not the man who only talks or writes about how it ought to be done. – Theodore Roosevelt

Keeping in contact with:
SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:



Next Car Seat Checkup Event:
Thursday, May 10th, 2012 4-7 pm
at Rydell GM Auto



Planning ahead...

Fall 2012 Enrollment Forms

Each family received 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!



United Way of Grand Forks
East Grand Forks & Area

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.

United Day Nursery has been allocated \$13,000 from United Way to utilize for scholarships towards tuition (for families which qualify). **Additionally, donors may specify their dollars to an agency....**UDN will receive an additional \$1,539.75 in Donor Directed funds!!

MUCH THANKS to all who donate to United Way - *as well as those who designate UDN as recipient of their dollars!*

Just a quick reminder...

Continue to save your **Campbell's and Our Family Label's** (proof of purchases) for United Day Nursery, Inc. – these programs enable us to purchase new, needed equipment and supplies.

Your **Scholastic Book Orders** provide us with new books, posters, and companion CD's for reading!

Songs &/or Finger plays for young children:

Baby Birdie (This is a "scale song" - each line gets one note of the do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti do scale)

Here's a baby birdie(crouch down low, head down)
Hatching from his shell
Out pops his head,(head pops up)
Then comes his tail (tail pops up)



Now his legs he stretches (stand up)
His wings he gives a flap (flap arms)
Then he flies and flies and flies (twirl around and around)

Now what do you think of that?
Down, down, down,.....BOOM!
(fall down)

Little Duck Song (tune to London Bridge)

Little ducks go quack, quack, quack
Quack, quack, quack, quack, quack,
quack

Little ducks go quack, quack, quack,
In the springtime.



Little lambs go baa, baa, baa.....

~ make up other verses with other baby animal sounds and movements

Hello Spring (sung to the first part of "Good Night Ladies")

Hello spring, hello spring, hello spring,
We hope you're here to stay!

Hello green grass, hello green grass, hello green grass,

We hope you're here to stay!
(add other spring items to sing hello to – blue skies, bright sun, new flowers, etc.)

The Little Seed (traditional, sung to the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot")



I'm a little seed, I'm brown and fat
I haven't got a front, and I haven't got a back.
Plant me in the earth and give me water each day
I'll grow to be a maple tree while you play.
~ What other ideas do the children have of what the seed might grow to be: juicy watermelon, orange pumpkin, white daisy, yellow corn, etc.