



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC.
PARENT NEWSLETTER
Nov/Dec 2011

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



- Nov. 2, 3 – UND Speech, Language & Hearing Screenings begin @ 8:45 a.m.; watch for further information
- Nov. 6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends; (clocks are set back 1 hr.)
- Nov. 11 – Veteran’s Day; No GF Public School
- Nov. 21 - 4:30 p.m. Board of Director’s Meeting
- Nov. 22 – 6:30 – 8:30 pm; All Staff Mtg.
What Are Children Learning Through Play Experiences:
Presenters: Andrea B. & Co.
- Nov. 24 - UDN Closed; Fri. 25th No GF Public School

December

- Dec. 1st NENDAIEYC Meeting/Training; 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
“Growing Up Wild” (exposing children to nature”
Presented by Laura Bell of the Univ. of Crookston
- Dec. 8th 12:00 – 1:00p.m. SAFE KIDS Mtg.
- Dec. 8th 4 - 7 pm FREE Area Car Seat Check-Up Event @ Rydells
- Dec. 13th All Staff Meeting; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
How Should We Behave? Exploring the Early Childhood Code of Ethical Conduct: figuring out the most professional way to behave with children, families, and child care associates. Exploring the NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct for Early Childhood.
- Dec. 15th 4:30 p.m. Board of Director’s Meeting
- Dec. 25th Christmas Day
- Dec. 26th (Mon.) *UDN Closed in observance of Christmas Holiday*

Looking ahead...

- Jan. 1, 2012 Happy NEW YEAR!**
- Jan. 2 (Mon.) *UDN Closed in observance of NEW YEAR Holiday*
- 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. 24th 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

- 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 Dec. 23, Dec. 26 – 30.**
- [Calls are always appreciated ☺ !!]

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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!!  
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UND’s Communication Sciences and Disorders were here Nov. 2nd & 3rd to do speech, language, hearing screenings on **children ages 3 and up.** *This was done free of charge this year for UDN children/families.* Sarah Robinson, Ph.D., CCC-SLP coordinated efforts.

WINTER is here!! ...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.

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.

*Keeping in contact with
SAFE KIDS GRAND FORKS:*



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

Quotes for month:

“It’s not what you have in your life but whom you have in your life that counts.” **Author Unknown**

“ Success is not a miracle; it requires one man with one mission, who can challenge destiny.” **Saba Hussain --- India**

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!



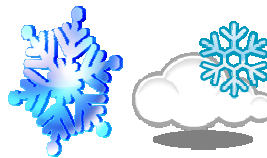
Fun songs/fingerplays for children, teachers, and parents!



(To the tune of: Are you Sleeping)

Dance like snowflakes
Dance like snowflakes
In the air
In the air

Whirling, Twirling snowflakes
Whirling, Twirling snowflakes
Here and there
Here and there



Way up high In the winter sky , 2 little snowflakes caught my eye. Down to the ground they fell without a sound. And before very long, it was snowing all around.

Hand motions: Point to sky, hold up 2 fingers or two have children hold up two arms, point to eye(s) children turn around and around - they really will have fun with this finger play.

A cute poem that makes the kids giggle...☺

I made myself a snowball
Just as perfect as could be.
I thought I’d keep it as a pet
And let it sleep with me
I gave it some pajamas
And a pillow for it’s head.
Then, last night it ran away,
But first –it wet the bed! Gotcha!



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