From the Director

From the Kitchen to the Classroom

Zucchini – Carrot Bread
3 eggs
1 ½ cups sugar
3 tsp. vanilla
1 cup vegetable oil
1 ½ cups whole-wheat flour
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. soda
¼ tsp. baking powder
1 ½ zucchini, shredded
1 ½ carrots, shredded

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Makes 2 loaves.

The preschoolers had fun cutting the carrots in half and putting them in the food processor to shred for our bread. They also shredded the zucchini and noticed it was a different color than the carrots. We counted the number of times the mixture was stirred as we went around the table for each to take a turn. The children stated the flour was two different colors when we took turns adding it to the mixture. It was interesting to see how the different ingredients blended together into one mixture. As ingredients were added it became harder to stir. We had to use our strong arm muscles.

Popsicles on the Playground

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Time: 3:30PM - 4:00PM
Location: Preschool Playground (weather permitting or classroom)

Please come and join your child for a cool treat, outdoor play, take a look at our gardens and meet other families in the Center. Hope you will come!

Is Your Family Taking A Vacation?
If your family will be on vacation this summer or just want to spend a day a home, please let the teachers know in advance. This helps us plan for staffing and have accurate meal counts to save dollars. Also, if teachers are taking annual leave they will inform you in advance of the day, time, and who will be subbing for them.
Big Wheels Permission Form
Throughout the month of June the children and teachers will be walking to NDSU Facilities Management to see a demonstration of various big wheel loaders, trucks, graders, and utility vehicles. NDSU requires written parental permission for a child to participate. On June 1, a Parents Agreement of Waiver of Liability, Indemnification, and Medical Release will be placed above your child’s cubby for your review and signature. **If we do not have your child’s written permission form on file by Monday, June 5, your child will not participate in this educational opportunity.** Questions? Please contact Deb Habedank 231-8281.

Center Receives $500.00 Team Nutrition Grant
The goal of this Team Nutrition Grant is to improve children’s lifelong eating and physical activity habits by improving the nutrition practices of Child Nutrition Programs.

The Center will use the grant dollars to purchase nutrition education materials, child-size serving utensils, implement a field trip to a local grocery store to purchase produce, and parent-child taste testing opportunities with recipes provided.

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Annual Child Enrollment Forms
North Dakota licensing requires child enrollment forms be update annually. An enrollment packet including the 2017-18 Parent Manual, Center Closed Dates/Hours and forms will be placed above your child’s cubby mid-June. Please return the completed and signed forms by Tuesday, June 27, 2017 to EML Hall room 261. Your child’s file will be updated along with emergency information for the classrooms. If you would prefer to complete the enrollment forms on-line, go to [www.ndsu.edu/childcenter/forms](http://www.ndsu.edu/childcenter/forms). Please contact Deb Habedank at 231-8281 or Debra.Habedank@ndsu.edu if you have questions.

If you have not done so already, please bring three tooth brushes, two lip balm labeled with your child’s name, and a 16 oz. or larger bottle of Lubriderm lotion (blue cap).

Sun Screen Reminder
Please remember to apply sun screen to your child in the morning at home for morning sun protection. Teachers will apply sunscreen to your child after nap each day for afternoon protection.

Infant / Toddler EML 161 Happenings by Stacey, Raelyn & Anna

Welcome and Good-bye
A warm welcome goes out to Vivienne (7 months) with parents Amy and Ryan and Huck (4 months) with parents Kimberly and Matt. Welcome back to our classroom! Danielle and family will be moving to a different state. Her last day is June 30. We wish their family the very best in their new home and community.

Alex and Daenerys will be transitioning to the toddler room. We wish them the best in their new adventures. See you on the playground!
No Cook Playdough
2 cups self-rising flour
2 Tablespoons alum
2 Tablespoons salt
2 Tablespoons cooking oil
1 ¼ cups boiling water

Add a touch of food coloring if desired. Mix, knead, and stir in a covered container.

Fun Summer Recipes

Magic Crayons
Melt bits of crayons in a small or regular size muffin pan in a 250 degree oven for a short time. Put in the freezer for a minute or until cool. The crayons will pop out of the tin. You can combine colors for multicolored crayons or use one color per muffin tin.

Child Transitions
Adrienne, Layne and Soleil will be transitioning to the preschool classroom this month. Adrienne will be a full-time preschooler June 1, Layne on July 3 and Soleil on July 10. Starting in our toddler classroom will be Alex, Daenerys, Tao, and Meredith. We look forward to getting to know new friends and families. We know that our toddlers will be in good hands in the preschool room.

Sad Good-By
A sad “good-bye” to Jia and her family as they begin a new adventure in Utah. Jia’s last day will be June 30th. We wish you and your family the very best and will miss you!

Toddlers in the Garden
The children started planting our garden the end of May. We are excited to care for our plants, watch them grow and with luck, enjoy the produce. Recipes and cooking activities will be posted for parents as we explore ways to prepare our harvest.

Field Trip to the Zoo
We will be planning a field trip to the Red River Zoo this month. Stay tuned for date and time! All Parents are welcome to meet us at the zoo!

Thinking Skills ~ Matching, Sorting and Classifying
Your child’s two year old brain is continually forming new connections. They can find tiny details on objects which help them identify similarities and differences between objects. Matching, sorting and classifying all require your child to notice how things are alike or different. Practicing these skills lay the foundation for learning reading, math and science. Examples of fun and educational ways to practice these emerging skills at home or in the car:
Matching—Place identical stickers on index cards, cut out identical pictures from a magazine, junk mail, or buy pairs of post cards to make a matching game.

Sorting—Sort silverware as it is put away and sort the laundry according to what item is worn by each family member. When putting away the groceries, let your child sort the food packaged in cans from those in boxes.

Classifying-- Many children are close to three years old before they begin to classify objects. Exposing your child to the relationships between objects can be explored by showing your child three objects, two of which belong to one category, such as a crayon, a marker and a spoon. Ask them which one does not belong with the others and listen to their reasons for their choice. Talk about how the objects are used in a similar way. Try presenting objects in the same category and ask your child why they go together. Their answers will give you great insight in to how they think.

Preschool Happenings by Monica, Robin & Olivia

Outdoor Fun and Exploration
We have lots of fun activities planned this summer. Please take note of special events on the calendar of the newsletter. The preschoolers will also have lots of outdoor movement and water play. We will take campus walks including the Soccer Park (north of T lot) and do sprinkler play. To prepare for sprinkler play, we ask that you keep a swim suit (or shorts and top set), water shoes (with straps), and a towel in your child’s cubby at all times. Please have all items labeled with your child’s first name and last initial. The children often have water play spontaneously, depending on the weather and children’s interests.

Field Trip to the Red River Zoo
We are planning an exciting field trip to the Red River Zoo mid-June. More information to come.

Saying Goodbye
We are saying a sad good bye this month to Evan & YeolJun. Both families are moving out of the area. We will miss them but know they will make new friends at their new home!

Warm Welcome!
We are excited to welcome two toddlers into our class room. Adrienne with parents, Chad & Angie are joining us June 1st. Layne with parents Cole and Raelyn will be moving to our room July 1 after a two weeks transition period.

Hands-on Learning Every Day
Each month we highlight one or two areas/centers in the preschool classroom to help parents become familiar with materials teachers use, activities that are implemented with the children and the learning that takes place.

Area 6- Literacy

Learning: conversations, sharing, taking turns, conflict resolution, language, vocabulary building, problem solving, cooperation, and fine motor development.

Materials: This area/center of course has lots of books! We try to have a minimum of 25 books on the shelf for children to choose from. The books are a combination of topics that includes fantasy, facts, multi-cultural, multi-generational, varying abilities and varying difficulty. This area also includes a writing table. At the writing table we include materials for to practice writing which could be pencils, paper, word cards, dry erase markers/boards, magnetic letters, etc.

Additional Learning: Children at this age are becoming aware that words represent language and ideas. They try to read stories to themselves and others. Research has shown that being read stories greatly increases children’s later school success. Children will often ask a teacher to read a familiar book to them many times. The children are also putting that word/vocabulary knowledge to practice when they are at the writing table.

Happy Birthday to You
June 5th Shawn turns 4!
June 20th Henry turns 5!