**From the Director**

**Our Program Was Re-Accredited!!!**

Our program has achieved a new, five-year term of NAEYC Accreditation by successfully completing the renewal process. The NAEYC Accreditation of Early learning programs commends the Center for Child Development for its outstanding efforts in maintaining and renewing NAEYC Accreditation. The percentage of criteria met (pass rate) for each program standard is as follows:

1. Relationships 93%
2. Curriculum 83%
3. Teaching 100%
4. Assessment of Child Progress 100%
5. Health 100% +
6. Teachers 100% +
7. Families 100% +
8. Community Relationships 100% +
9. Physical Environment 100%
10. Leadership and Management 100% +

Percentage of criteria met for each class observed:

- Preschool 96%
- Toddler 94%
- Infants 97%

Thank you Center teacher for your dedication and commitment to continuous quality improvement and to our parents for completing required surveys and for your partnership!

**Rate Increase Effective July 1, 2018**

Effective July 1, 2018 The Center for Child Development child care and education rates will increase due to increased food costs and salaries. This is our first rate change since July 2011. Our new rates will be:

- **Infant-Toddler Rooms** - $968.00 per month & **Preschool Room** - $847.00 per month

**Bomb Threat “Safety Drill” Evacuation Policy Change**

Effective immediately, the shelter location for a bomb threat “safety drills” is now in Room 24, Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse (lower level). University police chose that location for us based on keeping the children safe. We will no longer be using the University Lutheran Center as our safety shelter.

**Sun Protection**

Thank you parents for bringing your child’s sunscreen. As a reminder, parents apply sunscreen to their child at home from morning protection and teachers apply sunscreen after nap for afternoon protection. Sun hats, sunglasses and sun protection clothing for your child is also welcome.
A HUGE Thank You to Our Parents!

A special thank you to Adam and Bethany (Everly’s parents) for enriching the children’s curriculum and learning. Bethany share her expertise on oral health and Adam shared his carpentry skills and built two raised garden tables for our playgrounds. Funds from the Jr. Master Gardening Grant were used to purchase the garden materials.

Popsicles on the Playground

Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2018
Time: 3:30-4:00
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 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.

Annual Child Enrollment Forms

North Dakota licensing requires child enrollment forms be updated annually. An enrollment packet along with the Center Closed Dates/Hours and forms will be placed above your child’s cubby mid-June. The 2018-19 Parent Manual is available for your review at www.ndsu.edu/childcenter/ under forms and documents. All enrollment forms may also be completed on-line. Please return the completed and signed forms no later than Tuesday, June 26, 2018 to EML Hall room 261. Your child’s file will be updated along with emergency information for the classrooms. Please contact Deb Habedank at 231-8281 or Debra.Habedank@ndsu.edu if you have questions.

Little Chefs

Michele is preparing different recipes with the children in each classroom. The Strawberry Smoothie recipe was prepared by the infants. The children enjoyed helping put ice in the bowl, taste the fresh strawberries and then the delicious smoothie. Strawberry smoothies were a hit with the infants and toddlers and they signed “more” for more taste testing!

Strawberry Smoothie - By One Sweet Appetite

¾ cup Strawberries
¼ cup milk
½ cup plain Greek yogurt (we used vanilla yogurt)
2 tablespoons honey (omitted)
2 teaspoons vanilla (omitted)
½ cup ice

Add all ingredients to your blender and blend until smooth. Enjoy!

Infant / Toddler EML 161 Happenings by Stacey, Ariel & Holly

Welcome and Good-Bye

A warm welcome goes out to Clara with parents Katie and Phil, and Natalie with parents Kimberly and Brian who start in our classroom June 1. Welcome to our Bison family!

Brecken and Alexandria first full day in the toddler room is June 1st. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them on the playground!
Office Times
Teachers work on lesson and environment planning and professional development during this time.

Ariel -- Monday from 8:00-10:00 & Stacey--Thursday from 8:00-10:00

Games to Play with your Baby at Home
* Water and Spoons--Put water in a bowl and let your child explore with measuring spoons and cups
* Paper Game--Give your child a piece of paper, crumble it up and give your child a piece of paper and see if they will follow your lead and crumble it.
* Muffin Tin Game--Have a muffin tin and have toys/balls that will fit into the cups and have your child will have endless enjoyment of taking toys out and putting them back in.
* Shoebox Game--You can hide items in a shoebox and have your child find them, then they can take the toys and put them back in and hide them themselves.

Welcome and Good-Byes
Starting June 1, Katalin will be a full-time preschooler. Also June 1, we will be welcoming Brecken (Keisha and Tony) and Alexandria (Kim and Brent) into our toddler classroom!

Staff Annual Leave
There are dates in June when the Toddler Room staff will be taking annual leave.

- June 4--Maria will be on vacation June 4th, her sub is Tasha.
- June 13-15-- Hayley will be taking annual leave with subs Maria and Michele
- June 21, 22, and 25-- Mary will be taking annual leave with sub Desiree from 8:00-4:30. Hayley will open at 7:00 and work till 3:30.

A parent reminder will be posted prior to annual leave.

Gardening
It is time to start planting! The toddler will be planting: tomatoes, zucchini, cauliflower, eggplant, yellow squash and green beans! We look forward to a fun summer of growing produce to prepare delicious recipes!

Zoo Field Trip
The toddler room is planning our annual field trip to the “Red River Zoo”! More information will be coming when the date is finalized!

Summer Outdoor Fun
Teachers have many fun activities planned this summer for the preschoolers. Please note the Newsletter Calendar for easy reference. In addition to what is listed on the
calendar, the children will have lots of outdoor opportunities this summer. 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 in your child’s cubby the following items:

- A swim suit or short set
- Water shoes with straps
- Towel here at all times

We have water play spontaneously depending on the weather. This way everyone can enjoy water play days!

Big Welcome!

We are excited to welcome Katalin and her parents Carrie Anne and Zoltan back to our classroom. Katalin will be joining the preschool room on June 1st.

Preschool Graduation

Congratulations to the seven children that will be entering Kindergarten this fall. Amanda, Annie, Desmond, Eowyn, Graham, Laura and Shawn are leaving for their next great educational adventure! Congratulations!

June Learning Opportunities

Wednesday, June 13 – Soccer Park, 10:00-11:15 AM

Tuesday, June 26 – Preschool Graduation, 3:00 PM

Family Style Eating

What will I see when you do family style eating? It is when all the food is placed in serving bowls and placed on the tables. The children are serve themselves and pass the food to others at the table. They put some of everything on their plate and they are encouraged but not required to try all foods. The adults sit at the tables and eat with the children as well. This is different than the “cafeteria style” eating where food is placed by the adult on each plate.

What are the children learning during this process? The children are active learners during meal times. The following explains just some of the benefits the children experience through the family style eating process:

- Responsibility and personal hygiene by washing hands, serving their food carefully, cleaning up own dishes.
- Promotes nutrition by encouraging children to taste new foods, letting them decide amount to eat and seeing all food groups represented on the plate.
- Socialization – participating in conversation, using manners, patience and turn taking.
- Motor skills – passing dishes, serving oneself, using eating utensils, and pouring.
- Cognitive concepts – open-ended questions regarding foods, colors, shapes, amounts/numbers, food pyramid, categorizing, how foods grow.

How does the Center and teachers promote child success during family style eating? We follow the guidelines set by the USDA Child and Adult Food Program and incorporate standards set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation criteria. Teachers serve any food that is too hot for children to safely serve. We use appropriate size serving bowls, utensils, and pitchers that are plastic, light weight, and small. Spills happen, so we have clean up materials handy for child and teacher clean up. Finally, if the children need help serving food or pouring out of the pitcher, the teachers use a teacher hand over child hand guidance so the children learn how to successfully serve themselves.

“Fly a kite, jump in puddles, climb trees, lie in the grass, build a fort, PRETEND, catch fireflies, run barefoot, play in the rain, reach for the stars, IMAGINE, sleep soundly, make mud pies and DREAM BIG!” Author Unknown