Mission >>>

Our mission at the Center for Child Development is to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights, and well-being of all children, their families and university students.

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Child Care & Education Hours >>>

Regular Hours
*Resume Mon., Aug. 26th - 7:30 AM- 5:30 PM

Summer Hours
7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Center Closures
Mon., Aug. 16th - Prof Dev & Carpet Cleaning

From the Director

Shout Out to Sarah Davis

Each month our staff do things that are unseen by parents and co-workers. This newsletter Shout Out will be a place to let you know what our staff are doing to go above and beyond. Sarah Davis, Toddler Teacher, started in our program on June 3, 2019.

Sarah is originally from Fessenden, ND and have lived in Fargo-Moorhead for the last five years. During the summers she worked as a camp counselor at Camp Metigoshe in North Dakota working with children ages 6-18. She valued that work experience greatly because it taught her skills in flexibility and working with others! While attending Concordia College Sarah had the opportunity to study abroad in Australia to learn about their education system. It was an incredible experience and she hopes to go back some day!

Sarah loves to travel anywhere with mountains and hiking! Her favorite trip has been to Banff, Alberta, Canada. She loves spending time outdoors in Fargo during the summer, going for walks, bike rides and going to sporting events.

Sarah completed her undergraduate at MSUM to earn her degree in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education. Through the program she had student teaching placements in preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade. Sarah is thankful for the hands on experience to confirm her love for this profession! She is thankful to be working with amazing families and coworkers in this position and has felt welcomed in her first couple months at the Center.

Wish List

- Colorful Cotton Material
- Colorful Ribbon
- Crayola Washable Markers, thick & thin
- Elmer’s Glue Bottles

Watermelon Feed Family Social

Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2019
Time: 4:00-5:00 PM
Location: Preschool Playground

Thanks a "Melon" for sharing your child with us at the Center for Child Development. We want to celebrate our children and families and invite you to a Watermelon Feed on the preschool playground. Come have a piece of watermelon, play on the playground with your child, and meet the new families! Hope you will come.

Garden Harvest Party

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2019
Time: Anytime between 3:15-4:00 PM
Location: Preschool and Toddler Classrooms

Our parents and child are invited to join us at the Garden Harvest Party to celebrate the harvest season and wrap up the Kids in the Garden curriculum. We will enjoy various activities that involves tasting of recipes the children made (Friendship Soup and Zucchini Carrot Bread) and each family will make a jarred Friendship Soup (all ingredients and jars provided) to take home and enjoy another day. As the Kids in the Garden is also a research curriculum project through NDSU Extension, parents will be asked to complete a Kids in the Garden Post-Survey and submit it to the Center Director the same day. This may take about 5-10 minutes to complete. We hope you will be able to join your child for this harvest celebration!
Fall Student Assistants

A new semester brings new children, families and students to the Center for Child Development. Everyone is transitioning including university students. Please greet and welcome them to our classrooms as they get to know your child and the routines.

Student Assistants thus far:

Infant Room  Returning: Alyssa B., Dayton K., Taylor W., Holly W., Madeline W.

Toddler Room  Returning: Erin L., Erica L., Jennifer V., Morgan Z.
New: Rachael A.,

Preschool Room Returning: Ashlyne N., Courtney S., Isabella S.

2019-20 Parent Advisory Committee Meetings

The Center would like to invite all parents to participate in our Parent Advisory Committee meetings scheduled for this year. The purpose of the Parent Advisory Committee is to advise and assist Center staff on implementation of our program and curriculum for children and their families.

The Parent Advisory Committee meetings are held three times per year or as requested. Based on your feedback from the Parent Involvement Opportunity form (completed with enrollment forms) you said Tuesday at 12:00-1:00 would be the best time for our meetings. This year we will meet:

- Tuesday September 24, 2019
- Tuesday January 28, 2020
- Tuesday April 7, 2020

All meetings will take place in EML Hall room 269. Please mark these dates on your calendar now. WE LOVE parent input and feedback which helps us best meet your child’s education and family needs.

What is Social/Emotional Development?

Source: (www.momjunction.com)

Social-emotional development is the child’s experiences, expressions, management of emotions and the ability to establish positive and rewarding relationships with others.

How can we support social and emotional development in infants and toddlers?

*Love your child and show affection for them…hug, cuddle, read, and talk with them throughout the day

*Encourage your child to try new things

*Give your child opportunities to play with other children their age

*Show your feelings and talk about them

*Establish daily routines and talk about what you will do first, next and last

*Acknowledge your child’s feelings and respond to their cues

Infant/Toddler EML 161 Happenings

Welcome and Good-Bye

Please help us welcome Brienne (3 months) with parents Brent and Kimberly, and Morgan (2 months) with parents Brad and Kristen to our classroom.

We will be saying good-bye to our friends Uyum, Clara, and Azalea as they transition to the toddler room. Good luck with your new learning adventures and we look forward to seeing you on the playground!

Classroom Reminders

1. When entering the classroom, please remember to wash your hands for 20 seconds before playing with the children. This required procedure helps keep both children and adults healthy.

2. Label all materials brought into the classroom. This includes diapers, wipes, hats, coats, formula, breast milk, bottles, lotions, creams, etc.

3. Sign your child in and out DAILY as you enter and exit the classroom. This is VERY important in case of an emergency and for the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program. Teachers need to make sure all children are accounted for.

4. Please remember to date and label with your child’s name any food brought into the classroom. This includes breast milk and baby foods.

Special Thanks to Tasha

A special thanks goes out to Tasha, our Teacher Assistant this summer, for her hard work and dedication to the children and families. Thanks Tasha for providing quality care and education!
Child Transitions

Our classroom will be completing the final child transitions for the summer. Teachers will say ‘a sad good-bye to Eliza, Inga and Everly who will be preschoolers. We welcome Uyum with parents Kritika & Kshitij, Azalea with parents Kristi & Ted and Clara with parents Katie & Phil to our classroom, all children are from the infant room. These transitions will begin August 5 and be completed by Thursday, August 15.

Insect Repellent

As a gentle reminder… Center policy for applying insect repellent is that Center staff will apply it once daily as needed for comfortable and safe outdoor play. Teachers will write on the sign-in and out sheet when the insect repellent has been applied to your child’s skin.

Sunscreen Protection Reminder

Please remember it is Center policy for parents to apply sunscreen in the mornings before arriving. Teachers will apply sunscreen in the afternoon for outdoor play.

Kids in the Garden Update

Our garden is growing fast! The toddlers are noticing how “big” the plants have become. We have talked about the blossoms on the plants (flowers) and that is where we will see the fruit or vegetable grow. Gardening is such a fun and educational science experience for the children!
Finding An Agent That's Right For You

Student Assistants

Fall semester begins on August 26 and our Student Assistants will be returning. We will have some familiar faces back and welcome in new students. The student pictures, along with a short biography will be posted in our classroom next to the teachers pictures and our lesson plans.

Warm Welcome and Good Bye

The preschool room will have new faces joining our classroom and other friends leaving the Center. Zaid, Jack, Gemma, Soleil, Aaron and John will be starting their new schools soon. Good luck to you as you start a different educational adventure. We will miss you and please visit us soon!

There will be three children from the toddler room joining us full time starting August 19. Everly with parents Adam & Bethany; Eliza with parents Jess & Aaron; Inga with parents Kristi & Ted, will all be members of the preschool room. We would also like to welcome Milo with parents Joel & Erika and Lucas with parents, Yang & Zhengping on August 19. Lyle and his parents Carl & Roberta will begin on Aug. 28. Wow! We can’t wait to get to know our new families!

Gardening Updates

What a fabulous gardening summer! Have you had a chance to look at it lately? The children have been weeding and watering the plants regularly. We have tomato, pepper, carrot, and large flowers on the zucchini plants. The children have already eaten our freshly grown cucumbers and lettuce at lunch. They have also harvested some herbs and dried them for the children to take home. The bunnies have also enjoyed our gardens.

NDSU Extension has successfully educated the children on gardening each week and prepared with the children a variety of foods to taste. They have learned about the various parts of the plant, what makes a plant grow, experimented with new recipes and learned new food preparation techniques. We hope your family has had a chance to try some of the recipes from the newsletters that were placed above your child’s cubby. Thanks Stephanie and Julie for making gardening fun and educational for the children.

August Curriculum Focus-Friendship

This month one focus of our curriculum will be on friendship as we have many new children starting in the preschool room. How can we be a friend to others? How do we welcome and help our new friends? How does it make you feel when kindness is shared with others?

Field Trips

Tuesday, August 6 – Field trip to Friendship Park located at 360 27th Ave. North Fargo. The children will spend the morning enjoying the summer weather, running up and down a hill and playing on the playground. They will ride the city bus leaving around 9:20 and then return at 11:00 for lunch. Parents, please join us for the bus ride and fun in the park.

Thursday, August 29- Walking field trip to the Soccer Park behind T. Lot. The children will play soccer and explore the playground.

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