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COVID-19 Screening/Attendance Exclusion Continues

The Center continues to enforce the COVID-19 Screening/Attendance Exclusion policy. The ND Department of Health advises that we keep our exclusion sign posted in the main entry way stating “If the answer is “no” to all 3 symptoms categories, the adult and child can enter the facility. This includes:

1. Fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher
2. Loss of taste and/or smell
3. Two or more of the following symptoms: fatigue, headache, muscle body aches, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain

Wish List

Men’s & Women’s Shoes, small size
CD Player
Instrumental CD’s
Crayola Chunk Crayons
Infant-Toddler size socks

Center Hours

Summer Hours: M-F 7AM-4:30PM

Center Closures

July 5th, 2021 – Independence Day Holiday

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Featured Family Bulletin Board
Our classroom will be taking a few months off from our Featured Family Bulletin Board. We will post classroom photos of the children at play and work. Please check it out!

Featured Family – Check it out!

Warm Welcome and Goodbyes
This month we will say goodbye to Teeda and her family as they move to the toddler room July 15th. We wish Teeda well in the toddler room and look forward to seeing her on the playground!

Please help us welcome Edith (5 months), along with her parents, Aaron and Jess. Welcome to our youngest Bison family!

Outdoor Learning
The children will continue to enjoy the great outdoor through campus walks, waterplay, chasing bubbles, ball play, riding toys, watering our garden, music and movement, sand play, and playing in our new playhouse!

Planning a Summer Vacations?
Will your family be vacationing this summer? If so, please let the teachers know in advance so we can appropriately plan our curriculum and have accurate daily meal counts. Tasha and Adrianna will be taking annual leave the end of July. They will let parents know their substitutes as it gets closer to the leave time.

Summer Fun Recipes - Enjoy!

Liquid Sidewalk Chalk
1 cup of water
1 cup of cornstarch
Mix together and place into a muffin tin. You can use food coloring to make different colors. Your child can paint outside on the sidewalk or inside on paper. You can use brushes or use as a finger paint.

Homemade Bubbles
1 cup water
1/3 cup Joy dish soap
2 Tbsp. light corn syrup
Mix ingredients together and let sit for an hour before using.
Featured Family Board
A year has passed since our last Featured Family Bulletin Board sign-up. We have had the pleasure of learning about each child’s family through pictures and captions. It is again time to sign up for another year of the Featured Family photos. Mary has emailed the sign-up sheet to each family. There is also a sign-up sheet posted near the sign in/out board. Please sign your child’s name to the month you would like to be the Featured Family. Participation is optional.

On the Move with Gardening FUN Update
The toddlers have been watering the gardens daily, pulling weeds, and we look forward to seeing blossoms on our plants soon.

Hands-On Curriculum Highlights
Our curriculum the month of June has included the topics of:
Camping, Fishing and the Great Outdoors-- Highlights were having a kayak on our playground with life jackets to talk about water safety. The also hiked to the Babbling Brook on our beautiful campus, set up a tent on the playground and eat s’mores.
Sand Study --Highlights include exploring “Kinetic Sand”, sandpaper art, colored sand art and singing while using sand shakers.
Gardening--Highlights included planting with the NDSU Extension tomatoes, melons, potatoes, lettuce, and flowers.

Child Transitions
Riley with her parents will be transitioning to the preschool classroom this month. We wish her the very best! Our classroom will be welcoming Teeda, with parents Andrea and Ghasideh, on July 16, 2021!

Teacher Annual Leave
Mary and Ariel are planning annual leave during the month of July. Following are the dates and substitutes:
Mary: July 6-9 / Ashlynne; July 19 / Deb opening, Manny and Hayley; July 28 8:00-3:30 / Manny
Ariel: July 8 2:30-4:30 / Manny; July 23 / Ashlynne

Sad Goodbye & A Warm Welcome
This month we will say goodbye to one of our friends as their family begin a new adventure. Janosik will be leaving the Center for Child Development July 15. We will miss him and his family. The very BEST to you!
We will be welcoming in a new toddler friend named Riley. Riley, along with her parents, Jessica and Brandon will join her older sister Blakely in the Preschool room.

July Curriculum
July 1st-Happy Birthday America Children’s Parade followed by Popsicles on the Playground
July 8th- Walk to Soccer Park at 9:30
July 23rd- Show & Share
*Water play will continue as weather allows
On the Move with Gardening Fun

Have you seen how the garden is growing? Feel free to look with your child at drop off and pick up times. The children have been doing a great job watering and weeding the garden. The children will preparp and cook our harvested vegetables when they are ready to eat. NDSU Extension continues to teach the children about gardening each Wednesday morning at 9:00. Please look for the Parent Gardening newsletter placed above your child’s cubby each Wednesday.

Why Garden?

Gardening offers such an array of hands-on learning experiences for children with the goal of healthy eating and a lifetime of gardening pleasure.

The North Dakota Early Learning Standards- Birth to Kindergarten affirms that early science is an important step towards school readiness in children. When we garden, we are testing our knowledge on how physical properties can change, identify differences between living and non-living, learn that living things are made up of different parts and plants need food, water, air, and sun to survive. We are using observation through our senses and changes in the world. We express inquisitiveness through wonder of nature, ask questions and answer them through experiencing them and hypothesize why changes occur. We investigate by recording data about plants and their growth and will apply all our new knowledge to how we can use gardening in our lives. Each of these terms directly influences how children learn and discover the world around them.

Science, of course, is not the only area where learning occurs for young children when gardening. Mathematics is used in many ways while gardening also. The children will learn to graph plant growth, compare seeds to growing plants, measure height of plants as they mature and weigh our harvested vegetables and fruits. Learning to apply mathematics to nature, and gardening, will help children to better understand how math applies in everyday life. Social studies is another area where learning abounds when gardening. The children will learn why plants are important to our environment, how we can grow what we need instead of buying and use decision making experiences to plan out how and when we garden. Gardening offers young children learning in so many academic areas that as preschool teachers we have begun to tell ourselves “how can we apply such valuable learning in our classroom.”

If you would like more information on gardening with children, the Young Children magazine published by the NAEYC program explores this topic in their September 2008 issue. This article highlights many different programs that have had flourishing gardens with their preschool children in cooperation with community and family members. Happy Gardening!