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.

Mission >>>

From the Director

Welcome to Fall Semester
The Center staff would like to WELCOME each family to the Center for Child Development and thank you for choosing to be a part of our program. You have chosen a nationally Accredited Early Childhood Program and 4 STAR ND Bright & Early program for your child’s care and education. Our goal is to develop a partnership with parents to promote your child’s education and prepare them for life success.

2021-22 Parent Advisory Committee Meetings
The Center would like to invite all parents to participate in our Parent Advisory Committee meetings scheduled for the year. The purpose of the Parent Advisory Committee is to advise and assist Center educators on implementation of our program and curriculum for children and their families.

The Parent Advisory Committee meetings are usually 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 tentatively plan to meet from 12:00-1:00 PM:

- Tuesday September 21, 2021
- Tuesday January 25, 2022
- Tuesday March 29, 2022

All meetings will take place in EML Hall room 269 Please mark these dates on your calendar now. An agenda will be emailed to parents in advance. WE LOVE parent input and feedback, which helps us meet your child’s education and family needs.

Welcome Back Student Assistants
The Center has many returning Student Assistants and a few new faces in each classroom. We would like to welcome back the following Student Assistants to our classrooms:

**Infant Room**
Taylor W.
Elizabeth L.
Adrianna K.
Jordyn Q.

**Toddler Room**
Aubrey K.
Erin L.
Meghan E.
Claire G.
Hailey M.
Natalie B.

**Preschool Room**
Hannah J.
Olivia K.
Ashlynn N.
Erika H.
Sarah M.

---

Child Care & Education Hours >>>

**Center Hours**
**Summer Hours:** M-F, 7AM-4:30PM
**Regular Hours:** M-F, 7:30AM-5:30PM
*resume Aug. 23, 2021*

---

Wish List
Crayola Markers Fine Point
School glue 4 oz Bottles
Construction Paper – all colors
Colorful Ribbon and Lace – any length
Golf Tees for woodworking

---

Watermelon Feed Family Social
**Date:** Tuesday, August 31
**Time:** 3:30 AM-4:30 PM
**Location:** Preschool Playground

Thanks a “Melon” for sharing your child with us! We look forward to a wonderful year of partnering with parents for your child’s education. Center staff would like to start the year with a celebration of our children and parents. Come to the preschool playground to enjoy a slice of watermelon, play on the playground with your child, check out our gardens and get to know other families enrolled in the Center. Hope you can come!
Warm Welcomes and Goodbyes

Please help us welcome Luna (2 months) along with parents Lauren and Cory, Nils (2 months) along with parents Anne and Ian, and twins, Gideon and Micah (12 months) along with parents, Kristen and Jacob.

We will be saying goodbye to our friends Charlotte, Graham, Hunter, and Madison as they transition to the toddler room. We wish them well in their new learning adventure and look forward to seeing them on the playground!

Special Thanks to Adrianna

A special thanks goes out to Adrianna, our Teacher Assistant, for her dedication to the children and families this summer! We look forward to her continuing with us in the fall.

On the Move with Gardening FUN!

It’s been a warm summer and our garden is growing like crazy. We look forward to taste testing our vegetables and melons in August. The children have enjoyed watching our garden grow and watering it often.

Promoting Cognitive Development

One accreditation standards that promotes infant cognitive development is in the area of Creative Expression and the Appreciation of the Arts. Activities that the teachers have intentionally planned and implemented with the children to promote these developmental areas included:

- offering costumes/masks/puppets of different cultures
- painting and drawing to allow free expression/creativity
- offering different dress up opportunities to allow role playing/acting out
- puppet play to encourage mimicking and acting out
- offering different textured items and introducing new vocabulary such as smooth, bumpy, hard, soft, rough, etc.
- introducing different types of music and instruments to allow creative expression
- offering different types of art experiences including wooden crayons, chalk, Q-tip painting, finger painting, painting tin foil and texture paper, etc.

Welcome New Families and a Sad Goodbye

We would like welcome two new children and four transitioning children from the Infant room. Valerie with parents Leilei & Di and Scarlett with parents Stephanie & Ryan will be starting in the toddler classroom on Monday, August 16th. Transitioning from the infant room are Charlotte with parents Kayla & Justin, Graham with parents Kylie & Eric, Hunter with parents Brianna & John, and Madison with parents Katie & Matt. Welcome everyone to the toddler classroom. Mary and Ariel look forward to partnering with you to support your child’s education. A sad goodbye goes out to Teeda and family as they move to a different state. We wish them the best in their life journey!

On the Move with Gardening Fun!

We have a wild garden full of varied shapes and colored cherry tomatoes, melons, and varied colored potatoes. All are healthy and growing. Teachers will be providing taste testing experiences soon. The toddlers love to water the garden with their watering cans and spray bottles. Seeing the produce on the vines is a great example in why we need to make sure the plants have “water to drink so they can grow, just like us!”.

Teacher Annual Leave

Mary will be taking annual leave on Monday, August 9th and Friday, August 20th. Ashlynne will be opening and working until 3:30 both days.

Ariel will be taking annual leave on Friday, August 13th. Ashlynne will be working 8:00-4:30 closing with Hayley.
Sad Goodbyes & Warm Welcomes!

As the summer comes closer to an end, the preschool room will have new faces joining us and friends leaving for kindergarten. Amelia, Blakely, Eliza, Everly, Inga, Jack, Lyle, Meredith, Milo, Rozalyn, and Ruby will be starting their new schools soon. Good luck to you as you continue your educational journey in a new school. We will miss our friends but confident they will do very well in school and life!

We would like to welcome new friends and families to our classroom. Five fabulous toddlers will be transitioning from the toddler room and join us full time August 16th. Teachers have already started their transitions. Anuva with parents Mariam and Mohiuddin, Clara with parents Phil and Katie, Natalie with parents Kimberly and Brian, Uyum with parents Kritika and Kshitij, and Zelie with parents Kristi and Ted are all becoming members of the preschool room. We will also like to welcome in Ava with parents Jiyan and Bosim, Elijah with parents Kristen and Jacob, Howard with parents Chunju and Hongang, Jaden with parents Megan and Justin, and Vivaan with his parents Shubhashri and Nilesh as new preschoolers. Wow! We can’t wait to get to know these new friends!

Student Assistants

Classes will be starting on August 23rd and our Student Assistants will be back. We will have some familiar faces back and welcome in new students. Please watch for the student’s picture and a short biography in our classroom.

On the Move with Gardening FUN!

Our garden is growing even without much rain! Have you had a chance to look at it lately? We have varied colored tomato plants, bell peppers, green beans, summer squash, basil and oregano growing. The children have been busy weeding and watering. Soon we will be able to taste our delicious vegetables!

NDSU Extension and dietetic students has been educating the children all summer on gardening. The children are learning how we can be healthy by eating a variety of foods. They have also learned about the various parts of the plants that we can eat and tasted many new recipes and foods.

Preschool Happenings

Water Play!

We will continue to have water play on warm days throughout the summer. Teachers appreciate how parents have kept your child’s water play items at school. Thank you!

Aug. 5 - STEM activity with Eric Hall (Edison’s dad) at 9 AM
Aug. 13 – Soccer Park-The children and teachers will walk to the soccer park behind T-lot. We will leave at 9:30 a.m. and return at 11:00 AM
Aug. 31 - Please join us for Watermelon on the Playground between 3:30-4:30.