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.

Child Care & Education Hours

Center Hours
Regular Hours: M-F, 7:30AM-5:30PM
Center Closure: Friday, Oct. 22nd
Professional Development & Carpet Closure: Friday, Oct. 15th

Wish List
Pumpkins & Gourds
Indian Corn

Bison Spirit Parade
Date: Friday, October 8, 2021
Time: 9:15 AM

The children will be showing their Bison Spirit Friday morning the week of Homecoming by wearing green and gold colors and participating in a parade. At 9:15 AM the children will leave their classrooms. At 9:30 AM the Center will take a group picture of the children with Aggie in the Memorial Union. Please join us to cheer on the NDSU football team as we parade through FLC, EML Hall and the Memorial Union Buildings. A green and gold snack will be served to the children in the afternoon.

From the Director

New 6-Week Menu Cycle
On October 4, 2021, the Center will begin our new winter 6-week menu cycle. Lunches are catered from the NDSU Dining Services, with breakfast and snack prepared by the Center. Please note that a * next to a food item indicates a whole grain rich food.

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Nut Allergy Alert
The Center for Child Development is a nut free facility. We also want to inform you that a child in our program does have a tree nut (cashews, pistachios, pecans, Brazil nuts) allergy. It is important that we prevent these foods from entering our facility as exposure may require emergency medical treatment for a child. If you plan to bring a commercially purchased birthday treat to the Center to celebrate your child’s special day, please avoid foods with tree nuts. Refer to our Birthday and Other Celebrations Treat Policy located on page 33 of the Family Handbook for healthy food suggestions.

Family Handbook Link:

Pajama Day!
On Friday, October 29 the children and teachers will celebrate an easy, breezy pajama day instead of the traditional Halloween. Please bring your child to school in their pj’s, slippers, robe etc. Parents make sure that the child’s regular shoes are available for outdoor play. A special “sleepy day” snack will be served along with other planned developmentally appropriate activities. The preschool room will also have a show and share day, as this is always a favorite of the children.

Bright & Early ND - 4 STAR Award
What is Bright & Early North Dakota? Bright & Early is North Dakota’s Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). Bright & Early is part of a national movement to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in childcare and early education programs across our state.
From the Director, continued…

Bright & Early is an initiative led by the ND Department of Human Services to ensure that North Dakota’s children receive the quality childcare and early education they need for success in school and life. They recognize childcare and early education programs for going above and beyond and deliver professional rewards for going above and beyond for a job well done.

Every three years the Center for Child Development is re-evaluated for our quality by Bright & Early trained professionals. As we are a Nation Association for the Education of Young Children accredited program, a Bright & Early professional observes and evaluates our program using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) tool which focuses on teacher-child relationships and extending children’s learning through play. The Preschool Environmental Rating Scale and the Infant-Toddler Environmental Rating Scale focuses on the environment and materials provided for play. The Director must also have a National Director Credential to achieve a STAR 4 Award, the highest rating. The Center entered the September 2021 cohort with the goal of achieving our 4-STAR Award for quality no later than May 2022.

**NAEYC Accreditation Annual Report**

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is a voluntary system to measure the quality of childcare centers, preschools, and kindergartens, and to help these programs improve.

The 10 Standards of High-Quality Education Include:

1. Promote **positive relationships** for all children and adults to encourage each child’s sense of individual worth
2. Implement a **curriculum** that fosters all areas of child development: cognitive, emotional, language, physical, and social.
3. Use developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate and **effective teaching approaches**.
4. Provide **ongoing assessments** of a child’s learning and development and communicate the child’s progress to the family.
5. Promote the **nutrition and health** of children and protect children and staff from injury and illness.
6. Employ a **teaching staff** that has the educational qualifications, knowledge, and professional commitment necessary to promote children’s learning and development and to support families’ diverse needs and interests.
7. Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with each child’s **family**.
8. Establish relationships with and use the resources of the **community** to support the achievement of program goals.
9. Provide a safe and healthy **physical environment**.
10. Implement strong personnel, fiscal, and program management policies so that all children, families, and staff have **high-quality experiences**.

Mid-September our third-year annual report was submitted for our Accreditation, along with the fee. As part of our evaluation, we needed to identify our program strengths and areas for improvement based upon accreditation standards. Our Accreditation Annual Report was accepted, and our status maintained!

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**Fall Curriculum in the Infant Room**

This month we will focusing on the outdoors and doing hands on activities with nature. We love the season changes! This will include:

*making homemade applesauce
*exploring different colored/textured gourds
*exploring leaves, pinecones
*exploring the inside of a pumpkin
*campus nature walks and stroller rides

**Things to Remember**

- Please wash your child’s hands upon arrival and when you are visiting your child during the day.
- Teachers ask that parents only enter the nap room if you are breast feeding your child. We ask that you be as quiet as you can as some of our children are light sleepers.
- Label ALL ITEMS brought into the classroom please.

**Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Teachers will begin preparing for parent teacher conferences this month. Conferences will be held November 8-16. This is a time to sit down with your child’s primary teacher and learn more about your child’s growth and development at home and at school. Teachers will send home a Pre-Conference Survey for parents to complete and return prior to the conference. This form helps teachers organize and prioritize our conference agenda. Watch for a parent conference sign-up sheet coming soon.

**Our Primary Care Groups**

Stacey  Riley, Luna, Edith, Connor
Tasha   Nils, Melvin, Micah, Gideon

We look forward to learning more about your child, and together setting new developmental goals!

**Homemade Applesauce**

3 quarts of apples, cut up (without skin) 1 cup water or apple juice
2 Tbsp lemon juice (optional) Dash of cinnamon

Put all ingredients in a crockpot on low for 4-6 hours. Stir occasionally and enjoy!
Children’s Clothing For Cooler Temps

Please check your child’s extra clothing baskets located in the bathroom cupboard to be sure your child has cool weather clothing. A warmer jacket, light weight mittens and a hat helps keep your child comfortable while playing outside. Label your child’s clothing with their name to prevent mix-ups. It is amazing how many children have identical clothing items.

Family Picture for Children’s Cubbies

Please bring an updated photo of your family to be placed above your child’s cubby. This is especially important for children who have grown and changed over the past year. Please give the photo to a classroom teacher. Thanks in advance.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences are scheduled for November. Mary and Ariel will post a conference sign-up sheet for the children in their Primary Care Group mid-October. A copy of the conference sign-up sheet will be emailed to you ahead of time to facilitate choosing a conference time that best works with your schedule. Primary Care Groups are:

Mary- Madison, Ayla, Hunter, Graham, Penelope, Iver, and Charlotte
Ariel-Ava, Linus, Morgan, Mythri, Scarlett, and Valerie

We are excited to meet with parents and together develop new learning goals for your child!

Featured Family Sign-up

Featured Family Board is posted in our classroom under the telephone. It is a board where you can display photos of your family. The children love to see who is pictured in the photos. It is also an opportunity for the featured child to tell others who is in the picture, recall past events and to answer open-ended questions about their pictures. If you would like to participate in the Featured Family Board, there will be a sign-up sheet posted on the “Daily Sign in/Out” clipboard at the beginning of October. Families are asked to prepare their family board at home with your child. A reminder notice will be placed on your child’s Parent Report clipboard the month prior to your chosen month.

Upcoming Teacher Leave

On Friday, October 1st, Ariel will be taking annual leave. Closing the classroom for Ariel will be Aubrey and Erin. Mary will be taking annual leave from 3:00-4:30 that same day. Hayley B. will be subbing for Mary.

Welcome Practicum Teachers Bethany and Katie

Minnesota State University Moorhead has shared two practicum students with us for their Early Childhood teaching experience. Bethany and Katie work in the Preschool room Tuesdays and Thursdays through October and then begin Monday – Friday full time in November. They will be planning and implementing educational curriculum for the children. Also near the end of fall semester, they each will be completing a Head Teaching week. We are so excited to welcome them to our classroom. Please say hello!

Children’s Clothing

Fall has arrived! The cooler temperatures are here, and we would appreciate you going through your child’s extra clothing box to replace summer clothing with warmer clothes to keep your child comfortable. A light jacket or sweatshirt with hat or hood and thin gloves for outside play would be a great idea for school. The children do go outside everyday unless it’s raining. The teachers have disposed of the used sunscreen but will keep the insect repellant until the insects have left for the season.

Family Photos

We are asking each family to update and bring in a family photo that will be placed in or above your child’s cubby. Please give your photo(s) to a classroom teacher and they will tape them in and above the cubbies. The children love to look at family pictures throughout the day!
Preschool Room continued…

October Happenings

5    Walking Field Trip to the Babbling Brook
8    Homecoming Bison Spirit Parade-Leaving the classroom at 9:15 AM
29   Pajama Day with Show and Share

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place the end of October and continue through November. The conference sign-up page will be posted soon, and teachers ask parents to choose a time when they can attend. Teachers always look forward to discussing the growth your child has displayed. A Pre-Conference Survey will be given to you mid-October. Please take a few minutes to complete this form and return it to the classroom or email it back. Let Robin or Hannah know if you have any questions about conferences. We are excited to meet with YOU!

Fall Family Activities

It’s time to take advantage of our beautiful fall weather. Here are a few suggestions for some fun filled family time.

- Go on a local nature walk to take in the leaves changing color on all the trees.
- Have an autumn themed scavenger hunt. Create a list of things you can find outside in the fall like pinecones, yellow leaves, acorns, and crabapples, and race to see who can find them all first. If this is too easy, make riddles for each item so participants have to figure out what the item is before they can begin to search for it.
- Nothing beats jumping into a huge pile of freshly raked leaves!
- Go outside, collect some colorful leaves, and use them to make some festive crafts. Make a gorgeous garland, a leaf crown or do a leaf press with crayons.