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Center Hours

Jan 1 - Jan 9: M-F, 7-4:30
Regular hours: M-F, 7:30-5:30 (Jan. 12)

Center Closure(s)

Jan 1 – New Year's Day Holiday
Jan 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

CCD Helpful Links

Calendar: CCD Monthly Calendar
Menu: CCD Monthly Menu
Homepage: CCD Homepage
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Wish List!

(See Amazon Wish List above)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year!

We wish you all a very Happy New Year filled with joy and unexpected blessings! Thank you for continuing to allow us to serve your families! May this be your family's best year yet!

Parents as Guest Readers

During the month of January, the toddler and preschool rooms would like to invite parents to be a Guest Reader for the children. Children's books are available in the Center for you to read or bring your child's favorite book to read to a small group of children. Please use the Sign-Up Genius that will be sent through the classroom listserv to sign up. We ask that you please sign up 3 days in advance so that Mindy can let the teachers know that they have a special reader coming that day. The children really enjoy having their parents as guests in the classroom so we look forward to having you join us for some reading fun!

Toddler days/times are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday anytime between 9:00am-10:00am or 3:00pm-4:30pm.

Preschool days/times are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9:00am or 12:00pm.

Parent Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Time: 12:00-1:00
Location: Meinecke Board Room

The Center would like to invite all parents to participate in our Parent Advisory Committee meeting. The purpose of the Parent Advisory Committee is to advise and assist Center educators on implementation of curriculum, events, and activities for children and their families. Please bring a sack lunch if you wish. This meeting is informal so come and go as your schedule allows. The agenda will be emailed through the listserv a week before the meeting.

Mission: Our mission at the Center for Child Development is to promote high-quality learning for each and every child, support families and educate university students.

FROM THE DIRECTOR, *CONTINUED*

Free Developmental Re-Screening

On Wednesday, January 21, Pediatric Partners will return to the Center for developmental re-screenings. Written results of the developmental screening will be placed above your child's cubby. Screening will begin at 8:30 AM.

2025 Child Care Tax Statements

Late January 2026, parents will be emailed the 2025 Child Care Tax Statement prepared by the NDSU Payroll Office. Please watch for this document to be emailed to the NDSU parent.

Welcome Spring Semester Students!

Student Assistants

Infant/Toddler Rm	Olivia B., Matea P., Talene W., Emma C., Keyshaunte D.
Toddler Room	Saeeda I., Kierston W., Bella H., Rachael B., Siah B., Nora C., Emily L., Aubrie O.
Preschool Room	La'Naisha A., Savannah K., Samantha M., Emmy N., Josephine P., Shayna S., Laura S.

Other Students

Administration: Mckenna T. Dietetic Intern (full time)
Infant Room: Adriana H. and Jackie L. HDFS Field Experience (3 credits)
Toddler Room: Hannah N. and Morgan M. HDFS Field Experience (3 credits)
Preschool Room:Bailey G. and Hailey K. HDFS Field Experience (3 credits)

INFANT TODDLER / EML 161 HAPPENINGS

Stacey & Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome 2 Field Experience Students – Welcome to our BISON Family!

This semester we are excited to welcome Jackie and Adriana! They are both doing 3 credits with us and will work an average of 8 hours per week. We are excited to have them with us!

Also, we will be having a few new student assistants joining us as well. We are just waiting for the hiring process to be complete and then they will be ready to start!

Classroom Reminders

*Please call the classroom when you will be late or not coming to school for the day (231-8278).
*Please remember to wipe your feet at the door before entering this winter. Wet shoes can leave slippery and sandy floors for our children.

Educational Activities

This month we will continue to do a variety of educational activities that will include:
-q tip painting
-exploring snow in sensory buckets
-exploring ice cubes with paint brushes
-taste testing different yogurts
-exploring different textures
-a variety of music activities
-exploring different winter books ..... And more to come!

Strategies for Promoting Emergent Literacy with Children

Ages birth to 8 months:
*Talk, sing, repeat rhymes, do fingerplays.
*Show babies pictures of family members or other babies/young children.
*Provide cloth or cardboard picture books for baby to hold and look at.
*Identify and talk about familiar pictures or symbols on toys and household objects.

INFANT TODDLER, *CONTINUED*

Ages 8-18 months:
*Repeat favorite songs, stories, or rhymes on a regular basis.
*Make photo books or picture books with favorite things.
*Choose books that have clear, true to life, colorful pictures with simple text.
*Provide opportunities to explore and use writing materials, such as crayons, markers and paper.

Adapted from the North Dakota Early Learning Standards Birth to Kindergarten.

FEATURED FAMILY

COCO – Check it out!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Coco turns 1 on the 10th!

TODDLER / FLC 113 HAPPENINGS

Mary & Ariel

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Toothbrushes

Please bring a new toothbrush for your child. We change them out every six months. Watch your child's daily note, a request will be written on it if your child is in need of one.

Cute quotes

One toddler said "I have blue eye balls", he then asked another toddler "what color is your eye balls?".

Mary had a mishap preparing mashed potatoes for Thanksgiving. This has been a great language and memory recall experience. One toddler said "You cut your finger on tomatoes?" the reply of "not tomatoes but p……." and the child said "potatoes! Make mashed potatoes!"

Staff Annual leave

Mary will be taking the end of the day off, 2:00-4:30, on Monday, January 26th, Nina is her sub. Ariel also will be taking that afternoon off from 2:00-5:30.

Family Photo Board

Located in the block area, we have a picture board which we would like to display photos from our families' holidays. If interested, please bring one or two photos from Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand your child's expressive language, memory recall, and this supports social skills of turn taking and problem solving.

Self-Help Skills

Winter is a wonderful time to encourage and develop independence, starting with self-help skills. As adults, we often "do for" our toddlers' things they are capable to do on their own, but need some encouragement and time to succeed. Dressing and undressing are an example of an independence skill we encourage, including outdoor clothing. Many of our toddlers will be transitioning to the preschool classroom this summer so now is the prime time to encourage and support those independent dressing/undressing skills.

FEATURED FAMILY

ETHAN – Check it out!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Leo turns 3 on the 23rd!
Levi turns 3 on the 24th!

PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Robin & Hayley

PRESCHOOL EVENTS

Jan 23: **Pajama and Show & Share Day. Please bring a special item from home to show and tell about. Children will also share this item at playtime, so please keep in mind safety & durability when helping your child choose. (No weapons or electronics).**
Jan 5-31: **Parent Reading. If you'd like to read with us during January, please sign up through the link Mindy sent out. We'd love to have every family read at least once this year!**

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Snow Playtime

Please be sure to bring back your child's outdoor clothing after semester break. We do go out every day when the temperature is above 0^{o}.

- Please include at least 1 pair of waterproof mittens, 2 is preferred as they do get wet in the snow.
- We ask that you check zippers and such on your child's coat. If it doesn't stay zipped, your child's neck may get very cold. A neck gator might help out with this also (we prefer no scarfs due to hanging ends that could get caught in playground equipment).
- **Please check the fit of your child's items.** If the length of your child's coat arms & snow pants is too short or mittens don't fit properly, your child may get cold outside. In order to reduce frostbite, we pull sleeves over gloves & snow pants over boots. Having a longer fit helps keep these items in place.
- Thanks for marking your child's name on all items. Some children have matching items and we want to make sure everyone's items are kept with your child.

Lotion Up!

Upon arrival in the morning, please feel free to offer lotion to your child after hand washing. The basket of lotion is located on top of the mailbox shelf near the bathroom. Teachers are trying to offer lotion several times a day as well as chap stick.

Robin vacation

Robin will be gone January 16th - 26th for a family vacation. Staffing information will be posted as the date approaches.

Classroom Environment information

Area 6- Literacy

Learning: conversations, sharing, taking turns, conflict resolution, language, vocabulary building, problem solving, cooperation, fine motor development.

Materials: This area of course has lots of books! We try to have a minimum of 20 books on the shelf for children to choose from. The books are a combination of topics that includes fantasy, facts, multi-cultural, multi-generational, varying abilities and varying difficulty. The area also includes a writing table. At the writing table we include materials for writing practice which could be pencils, paper, word cards, dry erase markers/boards, magnetic letters, etc.

Additional Learning: Children at this age are becoming aware that words represent language & ideas. They begin to attempt to read stories to themselves and others. Research has shown that being read stories often greatly increases children's later school success. Children will often ask a teacher to read a familiar book to them many times. They are also putting that word/vocabulary knowledge to practice when they are at the writing table.

FEATURED FAMILY

SAMANTHA M & EDITH – Check it out!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

Check back next month for Celebrations!

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