



UNO Child Care Center **Chronicle**

January 2025

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Happenings: Mark Your Calendars

Re-Scheduled—UNO Child Care Center Annual Winter Program, Saturday, February 8, 2025

The UNO Child Care Center Annual Holiday/Winter Program is on Saturday, February 8, 2025 (note date change). It will be in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom beginning at 10 A.M. Please have your child there no later than 9:40 A.M. We hope to see you there.

UNO Child Care Center Closed Following Dates in January

Thursday, January 9, 2025—National Day of Mourning in Honor of Former President Jimmy Carter.

We will re-open on Friday, January 10, 2025 at 6:30 A.M.

Monday, January 20, 2025—In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

We will re-open on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 A.M.

The UNO Child Care Center CLOSES promptly at 5:30 P.M.

Please make sure you are here by 5:30 P.M. to pick up your child. Your account will be charged \$1.00 late pick-up fee for every minute you are late picking up your child past 5:31 PM and you will be responsible for paying this fee. If you are unable to be here by 5:30 P.M., please make other arrangements to have someone else pick up your child. You need to call the Child Care Center and let us know. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Change in Schedule

If you need to change your child's schedule for the spring semester, please see Dawn or Monica to fill out updated paperwork and contracts. Otherwise, your child's schedule will stay the same for the spring semester. All parents who are UNO students, need to turn in an updated spring semester schedule for your child's file. These are due now.

Winter Weather

The children do play outside and will go for walks on campus. With the weather getting cooler, please make sure your child has a jacket/coat, hat and/or gloves for outdoor play. As long as the temperature, including wind chill, is above 32 degrees, the children will be able to play outdoor.

Illness Reminder

As wintertime approaches, so do illnesses. Remember that if your child is experiencing any illness type symptoms, to please keep them at home. If your child develops a fever of 100.4 or above, your child must be fever free with out the aid of Tylenol or Ibuprofen before they can return. If your child has vomited or had diarrhea 2 or more times in a 24 hour period, and/or develop additional symptoms, they must be out for 24 hours, symptoms improving before returning. The UNO Child Care Center continues to follow all COVID guidelines from the Douglas County Health Department. If you child has been diagnosed with an illnesses, please let us know.

Incllement Weather

Please listen to your local news and radio stations for updates on closings or check the UNO announcement web page. If you see that UNO has closed, then the UNO Child Care Center is also closed. If UNO has a late start, the UNO Child Care Center will open 30 minutes prior to the start time. Example: If UNO would have a 10 A.M. late start, the UNO Child Care Center would open at 9:30 A.M.). If UNO closes early, the UNO Child Care Center will close 30 minutes after that time. (Example: If UNO would close at 3 P.M., then the UNO Child Care Center would close by 3:30 P.M.). I will send out an email to families and staff informing them of the closure or late start.



Happy Birthday!

8 - Cleo J.

20 - Noah L.

12 - Bell M.S.

31 - Miss Katie

19 - Isaik S.



January



National Blood Donor Month

- 1 - New Years Day, CCC closed
- 2 - Child Care Center Reopens
- 2 - UNO 3-Week January Session begins
- 9 - CCC closed - Day of Mourning; Honor Former President Carter
- 15 - National Hat Day
- 18 - Winnie the Pooh Day
- 20 - Martin Luther King Day, CCC closed
- 21 - UNO Spring Semester begins
- 29 - Chinese New Year



February

Black History Month

- 2 - Groundhog's Day
- 4 - Rosa Parks Day
- 5 - World Read Aloud Day
- 7 - National Wear Red Day
- 9 - Super Bowl
- 14 - Valentine's Day; Classroom Parties
- 17 - President's Day
- 28 - First Day of Ramadan



Reading Fun!

Book Orders for this month will be due on Friday, January 17, 2024.

Books are an important part of a child's development and can help your child gain pre-literacy skills. When you order your child's books through Scholastic Book Orders, the center earns points to use towards free books and educational materials we can use in the classrooms!

Please visit [scholastic.com/bookclubs](https://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs) to order.

If this is your first time ordering online, you will need to create an account using our center's code GKXFX. This is the center's account under "Dawn Hove". Please make sure you are using this account, or your order may not be processed. You will be able to pay online and the books will be delivered to the center. Happy Reading!



Recommended Books for the Month



December is a great month to read with your child! With the weather being colder, children don't have as many opportunities to spend a lot of time outdoors. Here are some great, seasonably appropriate books to cuddle up and read together!

"Wolf in the Snow" by Matthew Cordell

"Extra Yarn" by Mac Barnett

"Because" by Mo Willems

"The Three Snow Bears" by Jan Brett

"Boxitects" by Kim Smith

"Girl of Mine" by Jabari Asim

"I See Winter" by Charles Ghigna

"Snowflakes" by Cerrie Burnell

"Little Red Gliding Hood" by Tara Lazar

"Cold" by Tim McCanna

"Colour and Me" by Michaela Dias-Hayes

"Roar!" by Amelia Hepworth and Jorge Martín

"An Orange in January" by Dianna Hutts Aston



Talk With Toddlers



Happy New Year!

Welcome to the Spring semester and 2025! We are looking forward to a fun-filled January.

We want to thank all the families for the holiday gifts and treats. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Our theme this month is Transportation. The letters for the month are M, N, and O; the numbers are 10 & 11; the color is white, and the shape of the month is diamond.

As part of our regular lesson planning, the toddler staff are working to provide activities that can be done at home just in case inclement weather occurs and we are unable to come to school. We want to make sure that our families stay busy and happy during these winter months!

We also said "See you later!" to our friends Isla, Liam, Bubbas, Anakin and Sarely. They have moved up to the Transition room, but we will still be seeing them throughout the day!

Parent Reminders:

- Make sure you are providing a change of clothes, including socks and shoes in your child's backpack.
- We will try to play outside if the weather allows us to, including a Toddler Snow Play day. Please provide all the clothing that your toddler will need to do so.
- Please bring a package of diaper wipes for the month of January

"Time spent playing with children is never wasted" – Dawn Iantero

Mr. Fred and the Toddler Assistant Teachers



Time With Transition

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday break.



We would like to welcome all our new friends from Toddler 2. This semester, Isla, Sarely, Liam, Bubbas, and Anakin have joined our class. We look forward to watching them learn and grow over the semester!

Our new friends tubbies and coat hooks have moved over by our classroom, so this is a great opportunity for all our Transition friends to be checking their tubbies and backpacks for extra clothes. Please take a moment to ensure your child has extra weather-appropriate clothing and shoes in case of spills or accidents.

We have many fun activities planned for the month of January. Here are our themes for this month:

Nutrition & Exercise; Water, Snow & Ice; Setting Goals; Cause & Effect; Safe Choices; and Helping Others

Color: Blue

Shape: Diamond

Number: 12 & 13

Letters: L, M, & N

Please make sure you are checking your child's daily sheet so you can stay up to date on what is happening in the Transition room. We also use the sheet to send home reminders of things your child may need, like diapers or clothes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via email or during my scheduled hours at the center. My email is aleciakeller@unomaha.edu.

Let's have a great 2025!

Ms. Alecia and the Transition Staff



Preschool Perspective

Happy New Year Preschool Parents!



I hope everyone had a good break! Now that we are back, it is time to get back into our school routine!

During the month of January, we are going to learn about Winter and Snow; Artic Animals; Our Bodies; and Our Five Senses. The colors for this month are Blue and White, the letters are M, N, and O and the numbers are 9 and 10. There are going to be amazing projects to work on, so get your fridge doors ready!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new friends Quinn, Hudson, Farhang and Tiru! We are looking forward to having fun with them this semester!

Just a friendly reminder that our Winter program has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2025. The children have been working hard and are excited to share their musical talents with friends and families!

Stay warm and cozy this winter!

Ms. Erin and Preschool Staff



Pre-K Press Release

Happy New Year Pre-K Parents,

I cannot believe that the break went by so fast! I hope your families had a great holiday season.

As we enter the second half of our school year, we have some exciting things going on! Our themes for January are: Snow/Winter; Animals In Winter; Our Five Senses; and My Body. Our letters for the month are M, N, and O. Our numbers for the month are 13, 14, and 15. The colors for the month are blue and white, the shapes are diamond and oval.

During the month of January:

- Our extension activities will resume during the first week of January. If you have not already brought your child's red folder, please return it as soon as possible.
- In late January we will start introducing high frequency words.
- Please remember that when the weather allows, we go outside. Please have your child wear a warm coat, gloves, and a hat.
- Reminder, to check your child's mailbox daily.

Cannot wait to see what the new year has in store for our class!

Mrs. Patty and the Pre-K Staff



Parent Corner

Nurturing the Scientist in Your Child

Children are natural scientists. They are curious, love to explore, and ask a lot of questions. But you don't have to have all the answers! Help your child develop the skills needed to think like a scientist, which will allow him or her to understand increasingly complex science concepts. Here are some ways to do that:

- Model your own curiosity. Wonder out loud by saying things like, "I wonder what would happen if . . ." or "I am curious about . . ."
- Listen carefully to what your child is saying and encourage your child to explain why he or she thinks a certain way by asking questions such as, "Why do you think the snail is eating that leaf?" "What other animals eat leaves?"
- Don't immediately correct your child if he or she says something that is scientifically incorrect. For example, if your child says, "Only birds can fly," you can ask, "What does a bird have that helps it fly?" Then ask, "What other animals or things have wings?" Guide your child to name some animals and objects with wings, such as "bees and airplanes." Then ask, "Can they fly?"
- Encourage your child to make observations and then to record those observations, by writing, drawing a picture, taking a photograph, or making an audio or video recording. They can even act out what they saw happen. Give your child a special notebook for recording these observations, and ask him or her to tell you about them.
- Engage your child in simple investigations, such as rolling different balls down a ramp to see which one goes farthest. Before you begin an investigation, encourage your child to predict what will happen. Afterward, talk about the results.
- Encourage your child to compare and contrast things they see in the world around them, for example, "How are these two trees the same, and how are they different?"
- High-quality educational media can be a catalyst for real-world exploration. For example, if you and your child watch a video about how a roller coaster works, say, "Let's build our own roller coaster!" Then gather simple materials such as paper towel tubes, construction paper, and blocks to build a coaster for a toy car or marble.

Supporting Science Learning

Children learn about science every day as they observe and explore. Families can support science learning at home by engaging their children with kid-friendly physical science topics such as wearable science, sports science, kitchen chemistry, and structures. Trusted resources like The Ruff Ruffman Show, a new PBS KIDS series, help children ages 4 to 8 learn core science concepts enhanced by videos, game-play, and hands-on activities. The character Ruff Ruffman, along with his assistants Blossom and Chet, answers questions from real kids, takes on challenges, and learns the value of perseverance—all while modeling science inquiry skills. Find out more at pbskids.org/ruff.

Produced by WGBH Boston, The Ruff Ruffman Show, was developed as part of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) and PBS Ready To Learn Initiative with funding from the US Department of Education. Ready To Learn is a federal program that supports the development of innovative educational television and digital media targeted at preschool and early elementary school children and their families.

Find more ideas for building science inquiry skills at pbslearningmedia.org/readytolearn.

