



UNO Child Care Center **Chronicle**



March 2025

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Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Week: March 3 to 7, 2025.

Last page of newsletter has all the information.

Monday, March 3—Hat Day & wear the color Red

Tuesday, March 4—Wear the color Green and bring your favorite Fruit to share

Wednesday, March 5—Wear the color Orange and Wacky Hair Day

Thursday, March 6—Silly Sock Day

Friday, March 7—Center Wide Pajama Day

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Week of March 24 to 28, 2025. Conferences can be scheduled in person at the child care center, over the phone or via a zoom link.

Please see the folders on the front desk counter to sign up for a conference with your child's lead teacher. Toddlers—green folder;

Transition—yellow folder; Preschool—red folder and Pre-K—blue folder. If you are unable to schedule a time on these dates, please see your child's lead teacher to schedule an alternate date/time for the following week.

Monday—Toddlers

Tuesday—Toddlers & Transition

Wednesday—Transition & Preschool

Thursday—Preschool & Pre-K

Friday—Pre-K



Additional Upcoming Spring Semester Event Dates:

A. Week of the Young Child; April 5-11, 2025

B. Preschool 2 Graduation: Friday, May 2, 2025, 10:30 A.M. at The Thompson Alumni Center

C. Stretch-N-Grow Dance Recital: Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 3 P.M. at The Thompson Alumni Center

Please watch for more information about each of these event as they get closer to the dates.

Outside Play & Walks

As the weather is getting warmer, the children are playing outside and will go for walks on campus. You may want to bring in a light jacket for the warmer afternoons instead of a coat. Sunscreen permission slips will go out this month. Approved sunscreens will be listed on the form.

Spring Break

UNO spring break is the week of March 17 to 21; the UNO Child Care Center is **OPEN** regular business hours. Childcare tuition will still be charged even if your child is not in attendance and you will be responsible for paying the tuition. Thank you.

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

Please make sure you are picking up your child by 5:30 P.M. Your account will be charged \$1.00 late pick-up fee for every minute you are late picking up your child past 5:30 P.M. 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.

Happy Birthday!

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| 2- Quinn H. | 18 - McKinley S. |
| 9 - Bubbas E. | 21 - Miss Gina |
| 10 - Mae A. | 22 - Miss Emma |
| 10 - Sofia H. | 27 - Zaid H.R. |
| 12 - Frankie H. | 27 - Javontae T. |



March

- **National Nutrition Month**
- 2 - Read Across America Day
- 3-7 - Dr. Seuss Week
- 4 - Mardi Gras
- 6 - Dentist Day
- 9 - Daylight Savings Begins
- 14 - Holi
- 17-21 - Spring Break - CCC open
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 20 - Spring Equinox
- 24-28 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 31 - Eid al Fitr



April

Celebrating Week of the Young Child

- 1 - April Fool's Day
- 7-11 - Week of the Young Child
- 12 - Passover Begins
- 14 - National Gardening Day
- 15 - Tax Day
- 20 - Easter
- 22 - Earth Day
- 23 - National Picnic Day
- 25 - Arbor Day



Recommended Books for the Month



There are so many things happening in the month of March! With this in mind, here are some great books to celebrate and read together throughout the month!

- “That’s What Leprechauns Do” by Eve Bunting
- “This Is Ireland” by Miroslav Sasek
- “Green Shamrocks” by Eve Bunting
- “In Like a Lion Out Like a Lamb” by Marion Dane Bauer
- “When will it be spring?” by Catherine Walters
- “I Am Spring” by Rebecca McDonald and James McDonald
- “Think Big, Little One” by Vashti Harrison
- “Malala's Magic Pencil” by Malala Yousafza
- “The Fearless Flights of Hazel Ying Lee” by Julie Leung
- “Oh, Olive!” by Lian Cho
- “After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)” by Dan Santat
- “The Big Umbrella” by Amy June Bates



Reading Fun!

Book Orders for this month will be due on Friday, March 14, 2025

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 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!



Talk With Toddlers



Welcome to March!

We kick off this month with the celebration of Dr. Suess's birthday. Be sure to pay attention to the signs across the center and Dawn's email messages to participate in all the wacky dress up days planned for this week!

Spring is just around the corner. We are planning to play outdoors more often as the weather allows. Sunscreen permission forms will be sent home March 31. Please return the permission form and a bottle of sunscreen for your child. Approved sunscreen list is included on the permission form.

The theme for this month is Health. The letters for March are S, T, & U, and the number is 8 for younger toddlers and 15 & 16 for the older toddlers. The color of the month is Green, and the shape of the month is the circle.

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Toddlers will be held on March 24 & 25. Please see the sign-up sheets in the toddler book on the front desk counter. You choose either in person, a Zoom meeting or a phone call. Please indicate your choice.

Parent reminder, please bring diaper wipes for the month of March.



Children who grow up feeling loved deeply become adults who are prewired to love deeply. -Karen Salmansohn
Mr. Fred and the Toddler Teachers

Time With Transition

Happy Spring!

Family Reminders:

The Transition class is hoping for some more spring weather, so we can get outside! As the temperatures change, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing to go outside. This includes socks, closed-toed shoes for the playground, and a light jacket if needed.

As the weather warms up and your child will need a bottle of sunscreen lotion (no aerosol sunscreen allowed). We will be sending out sunscreen permission slips with the approved sunscreen list the end of March.

Family Events:

March is full of activities! First, we are excited to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a focus on language and literacy in the classroom and at home. We would love to welcome family readers into our classroom on Thursday, March 6. We have plenty of Dr. Seuss books for you to read, or you are more than welcome to bring a favorite from home. If you would like to sign up to read, please send me an email at aleciakeller@unomaha.edu or let me know in person.

Also, please be on the lookout for the sign-up for Parent Teacher Conferences during the week of March 24. This is a great way to talk to me one-on-one and see how your child is progressing at school. If you cannot make it that week, let me know and I will set up a time that works for you. Progress reports will be sent out the week prior to conferences and will need to be signed and returned before your conference.

During the March, we will be focusing on Different types of animals and habitats. Our themes are Land and Sea Animals; Different Kinds of Pets and Animal Habitats. Our colors this month are black and white. The shape for this month is star, the numbers are 16 & 17 and our letters are R, S, & T.



We are looking forward to a fun month!

Alecia and the Transition Teachers

Preschool Perspective

Preschool Parents!

Winter is coming to a close, and we are ready for Spring!

This month is going to be so full of fun and weather permitting, we will be incorporating outside learning as well.

To start out the month, we will be celebrating Dr. Suess and reading several of his books!



Our themes of the month are Frogs and Lizards, Transportation, and How Things Move. We are focusing on numbers 12 & 13, the letters S, T & U, the color green and the crescent shape. Monday March 17 is St. Patrick's Day and Ms. Patty, and I have planned some Leprechaun mischief for the kids to have fun with!

As a reminder, the weather is warming up and that means your child tubbie needs to be checked to make sure that they have a seasonably appropriate change of clothing. It also helps if you bring a light weight jacket for your child to wear in the afternoon. We will be sending home Sunscreen permission slips at the end of the month. On the permission slip is the approved sunscreen list.

We will be welcoming a new friend, Arjun into our class and are so excited to have him join in the fun! Please be aware that this may move coat hooks around.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be taking place the week of March 24. You will receive a progress report to review, sign and return the week before. Please watch for the sign-up sheets to go out. The preschool book will be located on the front desk counter.

This month is going to be fantastic!

Ms. Erin and Preschool Staff



Pre-K Press Release

Pre-K Parents,

March is going to be exciting as, we celebrate Dr. Suess week, investigate amphibians & reptiles, learn about different forms of transportation, and explore how things move. Our letters this month are S, T, & U. Our numbers are 19, 20, 21, & 22. Our shapes of the month are shamrock and hexagon, and our color of the month is green.

Fun things planned for Dr. Suess week (March 3-7) are: Monday, Wear Red/Favorite Hat; Tuesday, Wear Green and have your child bring in their favorite fruit to share; Wednesday, Crazy Hair and wear orange; Thursday, Wear Silly Socks; and Friday, is Pajama Day.

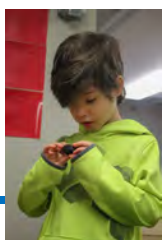
Starting the first week of March, we will be starting to take 10 minutes off nap time, every week. By the end of April, the Pre-K class will no longer be taking naps. This helps prepare them for our summer program and for school in the fall.

We have also started talking about and practicing for graduation. Graduation will be on May 2, 2025, at 10:30 A.M. at the Alumni Center. Please check with your soon to be Kindergartener's elementary school for Kindergarten round up date and times.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held the week of March 24 to March 28. Pre-K sign-up days are March 27 & 28. The Pre-K sign-up book will be located on the front desk counter for you to sign up. You can choose either in person, a Zoom meeting or a phone call. Please indicated your choice.

As a reminder, please check your child's mailbox daily and please check your child's tubby to see if they have a change of seasonably appropriate clothes. Check out the new Parent education board that is located near the dramatic play area. Our Parent Education board has information about the different aspects of learning the Preschool and Pre-K children are doing. This month's topic is Social/Emotional Learning. Also, we have a new location for our Parent Information Board, it is located above the Preschool Tubby's. You will find current lesson plans, Lead Teacher Bios and more.

Mrs. Patty and the Pre-K Staff



Parent Corner



Playing with Music at Home

Young children love to sing, make music, and move to the beat. They feel competent when they learn a new song, powerful when they pound a drum or shake a tambourine, and proud when they invent a new dance. As children explore and enjoy music, they can develop skills in math, literacy, and social studies. Teachers relate music to diverse subjects and your family can continue this learning at home.

Young children explore music through play. They make discoveries through trial and error—"If I hit the tambourine lightly, it makes a soft sound. If I hit it hard, it makes a loud one." They listen to the musical beat and dance along with it. They make up new words or add choruses to familiar songs. They ask parents and other family members to sing with them or, in some cases, ask to perform a solo.

Here are some tips on how your family can play with music and connect it to learning at home.

Play music made for children

Many musicians write and sing about topics of interest to young children. Their songs' lyrics and melodies are catchy and easy to learn. The children's room at most libraries offers CDs. You can download free songs from websites and purchase CDs at the dollar store or from remainder bins at music and bookstores.

Develop reading readiness skills through rhymes

When children listen to, repeat, and create rhymes, they learn to match the sounds of language. And what could better inspire rhyming than playful children's songs? As you listen together, repeat the rhyming words and encourage your child to do the same. Take turns making up your own rhyming verses.

Sample music from around the world

Play classical, salsa, jazz, and folk. Chat about the music you like: "I really like the jazz—it helps me relax." Ask questions: "I hear horns. What instruments do you hear?" Listen for details. Ask your child to focus on the sounds of different instruments, the rhythm of the music, and the words of new songs. This will help your child learn to be a good listener in school.

Make and play instruments

To make a simple shaker, put dried beans between two paper plates and staple the plates together. Find rhythm sticks outdoors. Use pan lids as cymbals, and march around the house. Try a slow march first, then a faster one.

Expand vocabulary

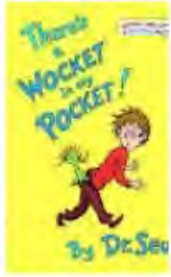
As you listen to music together, introduce and talk about new words like *rhythm* and *note*. Listen for new words in song lyrics and talk about what they mean.

Recognize and repeat patterns

Children can develop this math skill while listening to music. Take turns copying patterns in your favorite music, and then create your own. Start with five or fewer beats before moving on to longer patterns.

Source: Adapted from the Message in a Backpack for K.M. Hemple, J.J. Batey, & L.C. Hartle, 2008, "Music Play," *Teaching Young Children* 1 (2): 10–12. National Association for the Education of Young Children



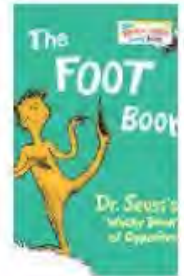
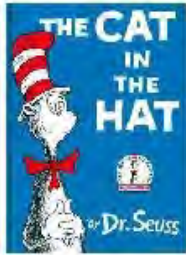


Dr. Seuss™ Week



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National Read Across America Week



Monday, March 3—Celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday

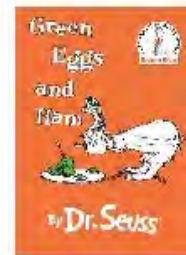
Wear the color **Red** and wear your **Favorite Hat**

Book of the Day: **The Cat in the Hat**

Tuesday, March 4—**Fruit Salad** Day;

Wear the color **Green** & **Bring in your favorite Fruit to Share**

Book of the Day: **Green Eggs and Ham**



Wednesday, March 5—Wacky Wednesday

Wear the color **Orange** & **Wacky Hair** Day

Book of the Day: **The Lorax**

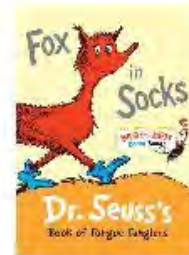
Thursday, March 6—Silly Sock Day;

Wear A Pair Of **Silly Socks**.

Book of the Day: **Fox in Socks**

Please bring in a old sock for your child;

The children will be creating their own sock puppet.



Friday, March 7—Pajama Day;

Wear **your Favorite Pajamas**

Book of the Day: **Horton Hears a Who**

