



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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New Extended Hours

United Day Nursery is going to be extending hours starting February 1st, 2008. **Our new hours of operation are 6:45am to 6:00pm Monday-Friday.** After reviewing the surveys we passed out to parents this fall, it was evident that expanded hours would be beneficial for families. We hope that this will be more accommodating and helpful for parents.

We are asking that parents make sure that they are still arriving no later than 10 minutes before 6:00pm, to allow time to bundle their children and sign out. This will be greatly appreciated by UDN staff, who like to get home to their families for the evening as well.

Just a reminder: late charges will still be given to those who arrive past 6:00pm.

Tuition Payment Box

Parents: When you are dropping off your tuition checks please make sure that you are placing them **in the PAYMENT BOX** when there is no office staff present. If you just leave a check on top of the desk, it is possible that it could get lost, stolen, or misplaced. We would hate for this to happen so for your protection please ensure your check goes in the box.

Thus, if you are choosing to pay with cash, it's important that you leave your payment with a UDN Office Staff or a Supervisor.

YEAR END 2007 Tax Documents

UDN Administration has printed and dispersed to all current families, their totals paid for child care expenses.

Please check with those who drop off and/or pick-up your child to ensure you get your statement.

If you know someone who previously attended, they may stop in the office to pick up their 2007 Year End document.

Food for Thought:

Challenge a child's imagination And you've opened up a door. But to keep that door from closing, You must challenge them some more!

Looking ahead.... UDN CALENDAR

February – Area Meetings with Supervisors will be held;
Dates/times to be announced.

February 18 - President's Day

February 21 - Board Meeting; 12:00 noon, ULC lounge

March 7 - Spectrum Progress Reports due
in UDN office

March 20 - Board Meeting; 12:00 noon, ULC lounge

March 21st - Good Friday

March 21 - Main Nursery/Small Rooms Progress Reports
due in UDN office

March 24th - Easter Monday

March 27th - Staff Meeting; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; ULC lounge

Prayer Before Meals and Young Children

UDN is going to renew including prayer with the daily meals that are served. The Board of United Day Nursery asked Pastor Karla Coen-Tuff to speak at our last staff meeting (Jan. 24th) about Young Children & Prayer. It has long been a practice that teachers and children have said Grace before eating. Teachers are going to introduce new, fun, and possibly familiar Table Graces with the children before breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. The purpose of this is to teach table manners, respect for others, and reflection (quiet time) for those who wish to give thanks for their food. Following are some examples of a few prayers we may share with the children.

*Whether on white, whether on wheat
Thank you God for this sandwich we eat,
For peanut butter and sweet jelly,
That find their way into our belly. Amen*

*God is Great, God is good,
And we thank him for this food. Amen*

*Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the world so sweet.
Thank you for the birds that sing.
Thank you God for everything. Amen
(sung to the tune of: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)*

Valentine Treats

Just a reminder: On Valentine's Day candies/snacks/food/etc. are not allowed in the classrooms or child care center. This also means that children are not allowed to bring in 'treat bags' to be sent home with friends. There are many reasons why there was a policy developed about bringing snacks/edible treats in to United Day Nursery- one very important one is for the health/safety/welfare of all of the young children in attendance.

If you and/or your child do choose to bring in paper valentines, it's best to have your child sign his/her name to the card and leave the envelope blank. This way *each friend is sure to get a valentine*; plus it's easier to get them in mailboxes so children can take them home to read!

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...Labels for Learning

UDN is saving labels off of **Campbell's** and **Our Family** Products to raise money and/or equipment for our center.

Please save only the UPC barcodes off the Our Family labels; the little man beside the UPC codes on Campbell's labels is also necessary = cut around lines indicated/rectangular box.

Please see attachment for further descriptive information.

Thank you for all that you do to help United Day Nursery benefit from these projects.



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