

Child Care Center

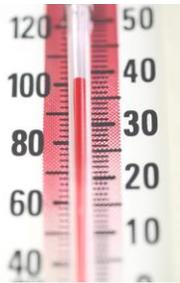
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Turner News

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Changing Seasons



Just a heads up and reminder! We do try to go outside every day. Remember to send your child with their winter coat, snow boots, snow pants, a hat and waterproof mittens daily.

As spring approaches (we all hope that will be soon), the weather will be unpredictable and very fickle. Even if the forecast high is warm, when the class goes out in the morning, it might still be quite cold, and the children will need a hat and mittens along with their coat. As winter winds down and spring begins, the play yard tends to be muddy in a number of places, so keeping boots here is a good idea. Keep all this in mind as you get your child ready to come to school each day.



FCS 250 Students

As you may have noticed, we have a new group of lab students for the spring semester. The students will be doing various projects with the kids throughout the semester. We can't wait to see the fun activities they come up with!

Blueberry Banana Bread

1 c. sugar	½ c. vegetable oil
2 mashed bananas	½ c. plain yogurt
1 t. vanilla	2 eggs
2 c. flour	1 t. baking soda
1 c. frozen blueberries	

Combine sugar and oil; beat well. Add bananas, yogurt, vanilla and eggs. Combine flour and soda. Add to other ingredients and mix until blended. Fold in blueberries. Bake in a greased loaf pan for 50 to 60 minutes at 350 degrees.



Project Update

When we returned from winter break, the teachers noticed the children asking a lot of questions about Turner Hall. We are currently in Phase 1 of our project. We have made a list of things we have seen in the building, taken a few walks and will be creating an idea web about Turner Hall. At that point, we will decide what areas of our building the kids would like to explore further. We will post documentation of our project as it progresses. Documentation will be located in the hallway across from Karen's office.

From the Director's Desktop Feb. 2013

Welcome to Our New Teacher Aides!

In our classroom entry way, we post photos and brief biographies of all our teachers, substitute teachers and teacher aides. **Please help us welcome two NEW teacher aides: Ali and Trisha.** They were enrolled as FCS 250 lab students last semester, so they've already had 16 weeks of training and are well known by the children. For continuity sake, we love it when lab students can become employees. Welcome aboard to our new staff!



Teachers Completed Emergency Response Training

On Jan. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the whole Child Care Staff, from professional teachers to college student teacher aides, participated in emergency response training provided by Detective Dowd, School Resource Officer from Normal Police Department. Please give the staff a pat on the back for keeping up with current recommendations for keeping your kids as safe as possible.

And did you know the Director and all 3 Team Teachers are always certified in First Aid, CPR and AED. Yep, we hone our skills so your children get top-notch care and education. Oddly, it's the type of training we hope we never need to put into practice, but it's good to have under our belt. ☺

PARENT EXPO coming up!

PARENT EXPO 2013 will be held Saturday, February 16, 2013, from 8:00 am to 1:45 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 801 S. Madison Street, Bloomington. Parents and caregivers of kids from birth to age 12 are invited. **Everything is FREE** and lunch will be served to those attending the last session. Pre-registration is appreciated but not required. Child care can be provided for children three years and over. Register by calling Sam at 309-834-5266 -- child care reservations need to be made by 2/8/13 (one week prior). This year's topics are:

- *Love & Logic* ® - keynote presentation
- *Living w/ Food Allergies*
- *The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce*
- *Kidspeak: Parent & Child Communication*
- *Cooking From Your Cabinet*
- *How Does Your Engine Run? An Introduction to the Alert Program* ®
- *Social Emotional Learning: What is it and why are we talking about it?*
- *Those A-M-A-Z-I-N-G Young Children with "Different" Learning Needs*
- *How to Help My Child Deal with Bullying* ® - keynote presentation



Contact Susan Williams @ 309-834-0513 or swilliams@pathcrisis.org for a registration flyer with full details!

Hearing and Vision Screening: Within your reach

It's wise to have your preschool child's hearing and vision checked to help catch problems early. In our area, the McLean County Health Dept. offers vision and hearing screening. You may contact them at 888-5450 and ask for Community Health screening. Or find them online at: <http://health.mcleancountyil.gov/index.aspx?nid=88>

WZND Radio Students Help the Child Care Kids

In these woeful budget times, I do have good news to share. Again I get to commend the WZND students for being great supporters of our campus child care center. Through their November '11 fundraising effort—the “Turkey Bowl”—a bowling competition with other media outlets--, they raised \$2,000 for the child care center! THANKS, WZND, YOU'RE THE BEST!



Summer Session Child Care Discontinued

It's with regret that I announce our Center just can't afford to operate during the summer session any longer. The past two years enrollment was extremely low and unpredictable. The University has such reduced summer offerings, and has moved to more on-line courses, that the child care demand is not sufficient for us to operate. (And perhaps some families were employing high school or college students to work for them in the home for greater flexibility and more relaxed schedule.) People not working in summer due to a slower economy might also be affecting demand.

For those few of you who will be looking for summer child care, I refer you to the Child Care Resource and Referral Network (ccrrn.com or 828-1892) to arrange care.



Fall Semester Enrollment Registration Coming Up Soon!

Once registration is completed for fall class registration, I'll be making forms available to reserve space for your child in our fall program which will begin Mid-August 2013. *A one week's holding fee* (at your regular rate) will be required at the time of reservation to hold your space. The holding fee will be applied toward your first bill in the fall; OR will be forfeited should you not return to use the enrollment slot.

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