



UCCC CHATTER

CALENDAR

Mar. 2 Dickerson Park
Zoo Animal Encounters
at UCCC at 9:00am

Mar. 5 Scholastic Book
Orders due

**Mar. 8 - 12 UCCC
closed**

Mar. 16 Board
meeting at UCCC at
4:00pm

Mar. 18 Family Night
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Mar. 24 Springfield-
Greene County Library
Stories to Go in Green
Room at 11:00am

**Apr. 1 - 2 UCCC
closed**

Apr. 16 Parents' Night
Out

FAMILY NIGHT AT UCCC!!

Thursday, March 18

6:00 to 7:30

(come and go)

- ✓ *Story time with a storyteller from the Springfield-Greene County Library at 6:30.*
- ✓ *Enjoy participating in activities with your child.*
- ✓ *Learn what you can do at home to enhance your child's literacy (early reading and writing) skills.*
- ✓ *All families attending will receive a free book for their child and have the opportunity to win a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card!*
- ✓ *Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.*

MEET MRS. SARAH K.

Sarah Kunkel joined the UCCC team in July 2006. She began teaching at UCCC part time and worked into a full time Team Teacher position. Sarah graduated from Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Gerontology and a minor in Psychology. She has recently taken classes toward her masters degree in Early Childhood and Family Development. Sarah has two children who are UCCC alumni, Jacob who is eight and Kaleigh who is six. Mrs. Sarah enjoys facilitating your children's learning using the play-based, Project Construct approach. She believes children have an intrinsic desire to discover the world around them and it is the adult's (or teacher's) job to encourage that curiosity. Sarah works in the Blue Room Monday through Friday from 7:30a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Children Learn Through Play:

Sensory Table

Preschool children enjoy sensory play in water, sand, rice, paper dots, soil and a variety of other mediums. They often participate with peers through social interactions as they play with the materials. This area is relaxing to the child. A number of items are placed here to provide variety of texture, size and color.

ODDS 'N ENDS

- ◆ We are participating in the Best Choice Save-A-Label program. Please save the UPC label from the Best Choice products you purchase and put them in the box located by the children's mailboxes. We also participate in the Campbell's Labels-For-Education program. These labels can be deposited in the same box.
- ◆ UCCC offers a referral discount. When you refer another family to our center, a \$20.00 discount will be applied to your account. The referred family must not have been previously enrolled at UCCC. They must enroll and pay for one month's tuition before the discount is applied. Thank you for telling other families about UCCC!
- ◆ Have you seen our website? Check it out at www.universitychildcarecenter.org.
- ◆ Thank you for participating in our gift card fundraising program. Our last order raised \$67.70 for UCCC and we had one gift card donated to the center! Please let Jennifer know if you have any questions about this program or if you need additional forms.
- ◆ Are you on face book? Become a fan of the University Child Care Center page.
- ◆ UCCC requires a two week written notice before withdrawing your child from our program or two weeks' fees will be assessed.

UCCC Parents' Night Out!

- * Friday, April 16
- * 6:00pm to 10:00pm (Dinner is provided.)
- * Current UCCC children and their siblings ages 2 to 12 are eligible to attend.
- * \$20.00 for your first child and \$10.00 for each additional child.
- * Enjoy a night out without the kiddos!

Missouri Pre-K Standards

Physical Development, Health and Safety

Your Child Will

Show independence in personal hygiene.

Help Your Child

Encourage your child to wash and dry his hands. If he cannot reach the faucet, either hold him up or put a sturdy stool by the sink. Keep soap and towels within easy reach.

Things We Need at UCCC

- ⇒ CD Player (Green Room)
- ⇒ CD Player (Blue Room)
- ⇒ Tape Player (Red Room)
- ⇒ Baby Gate (Yellow Room)
- ⇒ \$25.00 donation to sponsor Dickerson Park Zoo Animal Encounters
- ⇒ Scrip gift card to KMart

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items off of our center wish list. We really appreciate it!!

*Congratulations Mrs. Sarah K.!!
UCCC March Employee of the Month
Be sure to let Mrs. Sarah know how much you appreciate all she does to make UCCC a great place for children.*

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently needing parent volunteers for the following:

- Coordinator for Best Choice Save-A-Label/Campbell's labels programs.
- Classroom Volunteer (two hours per week).

