

UCCC CHATTER

CALENDAR

Oct. 6 - Nov. 22
Green Room
coat/food drive
(place donations in
boxes outside of
Green Room)

Oct. 8 Scholastic
Book orders due

Oct. 12 Board
meeting at UCCC at
4:00pm

Oct. 13 Family Night
at UCCC 6:00 -
7:30pm

Oct. 14 Gift card
orders due

**Oct. 14 & 15 UCCC
closed**

Oct. 18 Springfield-
Greene County
Library Stories to Go
in Blue Room at
11:00 and Green
Room at 11:30

Oct. 26 Green
Room City Bus Ride
at 9:30am

Nov. 19 Parents'
Night Out

FAMILY NIGHT AT UCCC!!

Wednesday, October 13

6:00 to 7:30pm

(come and go)

- ☺ ***Enjoy participating in activities with your child.***
- ☺ ***Learn what you can do at home to enhance your child's science skills.***
- ☺ ***All families attending will have the opportunity to win free books and other prizes!***
- ☺ ***Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.***

UCCC Awarded Missouri Eat Smart Child Care Mini-Grant

UCCC was recently awarded a Missouri Eat Smart Child Care Mini-Grant through the Missouri Child and Adult Care Food Program. The grant will help our center meet the Eat Smart Guidelines for Child Care and be recognized as an Eat Smart Child Care program. The Missouri Eat Smart Guidelines are a set of nutrition related recommendations for child care facilities. The Guidelines were written to help child care providers create a food and nutrition environment that will ultimately improve the health of Missouri's children. You can find more information about the Guidelines at www.dhss.mo.gov/eatsmartguidelines. The grant will allow our staff to complete training on nutrition, nutrition environment, helping children form good eating habits and proper hand washing. It will also help us purchase some nutrition education supplies and equipment to aide teachers in providing regular nutrition education and activities to the children.

Children Learn Through Play:

Music Area

Preschool age children like to make music, whether it is using the musical instruments, listening to a song, or even dancing along. Language and memory skills are strengthened in this area with the repetition of songs. Gross motor skills and fine motor skills (physical development) are encouraged by the playing of the instruments and by dancing to the rhythms.

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. We are currently saving our points for art drying racks for each classroom.
- ✓ 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. All funds are being deposited into our Every Kid Deserves Quality Fund. Our next order is due by October 14. 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.
- ✓ Please be sure **all** of your child's belongings (including jackets, coats and other clothing) are labeled with their name or initials.

Missouri Pre-K Standards

Help Your Child

Sort multicolored candy or cereal into groups by color. Ask your child, "Which color has the most number? Which has the fewest?"

Things We Need at UCCC

- ☞ Dixie Cups (Green Room)
- ☞ Natural Materials (Blue Room)
- ☞ Stencils (Red Room)
- ☞ Jumbo Popsicle Sticks (Yellow Room)
- ☞ Postage Stamps
- ☞ Kleenex
- ☞ Scrip gift card to IPA Education Supply
- ☞ \$10.00 donation to Every Kid Deserves Quality Fund

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PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently needing parent volunteers for the following:

- ✂ Classroom Volunteer (two hours per week).
- ✂ Room Parent for Green Room
- ✂ Room Parent for Red Room
- ✂ Room Parent for Yellow Room

*Congratulations Ms. Diana!!
UCCC October Employee of the Month
Be sure to let Ms. Diana know how much
you appreciate all she does to make
UCCC a great place for children.*

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items off of our Wish List and our Scholastic Wish List. We appreciate what you are doing to help UCCC!
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