



## UNO Child Care Center Chronicle

### November 2025

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Annual Food Drive ~ November 10-14, 2025. Our annual food drive has begun. We will be accepting monetary donations for Together Inc. Food Bank to help support families in need. This is our annual service-learning project to help needed families in the Omaha and surrounding area. This year we are setting a center wide goal of raising \$500. If we reach our goal, the classrooms will have an Ice Cream Party for snack on Friday, November 21. Please bring in your monetary donations and place it in the tub located on the front desk counter. We thank you for your support. The food banks will be greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars now for the Child Care Center's Winter Program. The program will be on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at the Milo Bail Student Center's Ballroom at 10:00 A.M. The children who participate in dance lessons with Stretch-N-Grow will also do a dance performance. Please have your child at the Milo Bail Student Center by 9:45 A.M. There will also be a special visitor, so bring your cameras. Hope to see you all there!

The children do play outside and will go for walks on campus both in the mornings and afternoons. The weather is starting to get cooler. Please make sure your child has a jacket, sweatshirt, or coat for outside play. In the morning, the temperatures have been in the 50's. We do not have enough jackets/coats for every child. You can one here on your child's hook. Please make sure to label it. If you know that you will be picking up early, please let Dawn, Monica or your child's Lead Teacher know, so that your child can stay back if you pick up before 4 P.M.

Please let us know if your child(ren) will not be in attendance for the day. You can call the child care center at 402-554-3398 or email Dawn ([dhove@unomaha.edu](mailto:dhove@unomaha.edu)) or Monica ([mdey@unomaha.edu](mailto:mdey@unomaha.edu)) to let us know. This helps us with preparing meals and staffing for the day. Reminder that if your child has been diagnosed with an illness to please let us know. Depending on the type of illness, we may need to inform families of the illness. Thank you for your cooperation.

The UNO Child Care Center will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28, 2025, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will re-open on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 6:30 A.M. normal business hours. We hope that all our families have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and weekend.

The UNO Child Care Center closes promptly at 5:30 P.M. Please make sure you pick up your child by this time. The staff thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dawn at 402-554-4936 or by email at [dhove@unomaha.edu](mailto:dhove@unomaha.edu).



## Happy Birthday!

2 – Arlen L.  
3 – Jonah C.  
3 – Miss Carsyn  
6 – Miss Sammie  
14 – Mr. Wallace  
15 – Miss Lexie  
15 – Cora M.  
15 – Ezra P.  
15 – Locklyn S.  
16 – Miss Lizzie  
16 – Miss Natalia  
26 – Libby E.  
28 – Nylah D.



## December

### Safe Toys and Gifts Month

4 - World Cookie Day  
13 - Winter/Holiday Program; MBSC 10 AM  
19 - Last Day of UNO Classes  
21 - Winter Solstice  
24 - January 4 – Winter Shutdown; CCC Closed



## Reading Fun!

Book Orders for this month are due on Friday, November 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 <https://orders.scholastic.com/GKFX> to order.

If this is your first time ordering online, you will need to create an account using our center's code GKAFX. 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!

## November

### Aviation History Month

2 – Daylight Savings Ends  
4 – Election Day  
8 – National STEM Day  
10-14 -- Annual Food Drive Together Inc.  
11 – Veterans Day  
26 – No UNO Classes, UNOCCC is OPEN  
27-28 – Thanksgiving Break, UNOCC is closed

## Baby News

Congratulations to the Sengar Family!  
Rativadhan, Sushmita and big sister Tiru  
welcomed a baby sister, Vratika  
born on October 9, 2025  
Weighed in at 7 lbs. 6 oz.

## Recommended Books for the Month

November is a month for families, friends, and good food! We have found some great books for you to share with your children that embrace the spirit of giving thanks and time spent with others!

"Thankful" by Eileen Spinelli

"Bear Says Thanks" by Karma Wilson

"10 Fat Turkeys" by Tony Johnston

"Give Back" by Gina Bellisario

"Finding Grateful" by Dianne White

"Thankful Thanksgiving" by Deb Adamson

"Turkey's Escape Plan" by Julia Zheng

"What Makes A Family?" by Hannah Bruner

"The Cousins Are Coming" by Kay Jones

"Fry Bread" by Kevin Noble Maillard

"Taylor the Thankful Turkey" by Sonica Ellis

"I Am Thankful: A Thanksgiving Book for Kids" by Sheri Walla



## Talk With Toddlers

Welcome to November!

A quick thanks to all the parents that participated in our annual Costume Parade! Thank you for helping bring a fun end to Spooky season for all our kiddos.

Our theme for the month is Caring for Others. The letters are G, H, and I; the numbers are 6 & 7; the color is brown, and the shape is rectangle.

The Toddlers will be participating in the Annual UNOCCC Food Drive this month. This year, we are asking for monetary donations to assist families in need. Donations can be brought in from November 10 to the 14. This year our goal is to collect \$500. If we reach our goal, the center will have an ice cream party. Help the UNOCCC fight food insecurity this holiday season!

On November 26, we will have a center wide P.J. /Movie Day. The children in Toddlers are invited to wear their pajamas to school! Please make sure your child has shoes.

A quick reminder to bring in a pair of gloves/mittens and a hat for your child. We will continue to play outdoors, weather permitting.

Wishing all our families a Happy Thanksgiving!

-Mr. Fred and the Toddler Teachers



## Time With Transition

Let Us Be Thankful!

The Transition class will be focusing on Home, Family, and Community during the month of November. Our themes for the month include: What Makes a Family?; Home, Community and Cultural; and Being Thankful and Giving Thanks. Our color this month is yellow, and the shape is rectangle. We will also talk about the letters G, H and I and the numbers 7, 8, 9. Holidays during this month include Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.

This November we are going to be collecting monetary donations for Together Inc. Food Bank for families in need. There will be a container at the front desk for the donations. We will begin this drive on Monday, November 10, and it will end on Friday, November 14. Our goal is to collect \$500. If we reach our goal, we will have an ice cream party to celebrate. Please help us reach our goal.

We will be having a center-wide Pajama Day on Wednesday, November 26. Your child will need to wear closed-toe shoes, like tennis shoes or boots, on Pajama Day.

This month, we will be discussing the different families and cultures that make up our Transition group. To help celebrate our families, we will be creating a Transition Cookbook. I am asking each family to choose a favorite recipe to share with our class. Your recipe can be for any mealtime favorite and can represent your culture and/or represent your family. I will compile the recipes into a book with some stories and art from our friends, and we will share our finished product by the end of the month. For our cookbook to be completed, I am asking for the recipes no later than Wednesday, November 19. Please share a hard copy or an email of your recipe to [aleciakeller@unomaha.edu](mailto:aleciakeller@unomaha.edu).

With the weather changing, please remember to provide a jacket for your child for outside play. Extra hats and mittens can be stored in your child's tubby. We also encourage a water bottle, Chapstick, and lotion to store in our medicine cabinet. The cold weather tends to cause dry skin, and that can be uncomfortable during a long school day.

Thank you so much for your participation and support,

Ms. Alecia and the Transition Staff





## Preschool Perspective

Welcome to November!

This is going to be a busy month in preschool! We are starting off the month talking about dinosaurs as requested by the children in the group! The rest of the month will focus on the themes of Family, Friends, and Food. Our letters this month are J, H, and I. Our numbers are 7, 8 and 9. Our colors are brown and black, and our shape is square.

Thank you to all the families who joined us on our costume parade! The children really enjoyed their day, and we really appreciate your support!

We will be starting our annual food drive for Together Inc. on November 10. This year, instead of non-perishable foods, we are asking for monetary donations. There will be a tub located on the front desk for you to leave your donation. Our goal is to raise \$500 to assist families in need in the Omaha area. The food drive ends on November 14 and if we reach our goal, we will celebrate with an ice cream party.

On Wednesday, November 26, we will be having a center wide pajama party. All the children are welcome to wear their pajamas! Please remember to have your child wear school appropriate shoes.

The weather is changing with cooler mornings and warmer afternoons. Please make sure your child has seasonably appropriate clothing in their tubby. We also ask that you make sure you have a jacket for outdoor play. We will continue to go outside whenever the weather permits.

Ms. Monica and the Preschool Staff



## Pre-K Press Release

Pre-K Parents,

Welcome to November!!! This month we will be learning all about food groups, nutrition, and Thanksgiving. We will be cooking more this month. Our letters for the month are G, H, I, and the numbers are 7, 8, 9. Our colors are brown, black, and grey. The shape is square. Our nursery rhyme is Hey Diddle Diddle.

We will be creating a classroom cookbook this month! We would love to have all our families give us their favorite family recipe. You can email the recipes to me at [pattyjohnson@unomaha.edu](mailto:pattyjohnson@unomaha.edu) no later than Friday, November 21, 2025.

This year, for our service-learning project, we will be accepting monetary donations for our annual food drive to Together Inc. Food Bank. There will be a container at the front desk for you to make your donations. Our goal is to raise \$500 to help families in need living in the Omaha area. If we reach our goal, the children will be treated to an ice cream party!

We will be having pajama and movie day on Wednesday November 26. Your child is welcome to wear their pajamas. We do ask that they have shoes to wear with their pajamas.

Reminder to please change the extra change of clothes to warmer ones for your child's tubby. We do go outside if weather is nice enough, please bring your child in a coat or jacket daily.

Mrs. Patty and the Pre-K Assistant Teachers



### Raising a Thankful Child

By Julie A. Riess

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we may find ourselves reflecting more often on how to raise a thankful child. Parents might think about how to teach the social scripts of thank you. Should a 2-year-old be forced to say thank you to Grandma for a gift? Should a 4-year-old sign a thank you note for a birthday present? Should a 6-year-old show appreciation for a large helping of spinach and cranberry sauce on his or her Thanksgiving plate?

Parents often have the best intentions of raising a thankful child as part of their parental job descriptions. We tend to use the social graces of please and thank you as one index of raising a “good kid.” Indeed, manners such as these are important tools for getting along and working together with others in our society.

Even young children can be taught to say please and thank you. Giving them prompts (“What do you say?”), withholding the requested item (“You can’t have the cookie unless I hear the magic words”), and modeling (“Could you please pass the juice?”) are ways to encourage learning these manners. But is learning to say thank you the same as being thankful?

Think about something in the past year for which you are thankful. Is it a person, place, or thing? an event? a state of being? Did you say thank you? How did you express your gratitude? Did it feel sincere or more like satisfying a social grace?

The development of morality is marked in part by the emergence of the moral emotions such as shame, pride, guilt, embarrassment, and empathy. As these emotions develop, they allow children to feel a response in relationship to their own actions toward others. The emotional feedback contributes to that sense of sincerity.

Our gut reactions may highlight a comparison of manners vs. morals. While both reflect an aspect of how we treat others, children can use manners just by learning a script. The problem in learning scripts for manners for a child too young or separated from meaning is that children satisfy the social grace without experiencing the emotional response or acting upon their own intent. For example, 4-year-old Beth runs to greet her grandmother. “Thanks, Grandma!” she says, grabbing the present out of her grandmother’s hand. She opens the box to find six pairs of white socks. Crestfallen, she says, “Thank you, Grandma, for my socks.” Beth’s first thanks is genuine appreciation for receiving a present, but her second thank you is the script that she is supposed to say.

Teaching manners is a fine art of modeling but not always the making of meaning. Raising thankful children is a fine art of helping them make their own meaning. Maybe it is a crumpled, crayon-scribbled card. Maybe it is a fresh bouquet of dandelions (and a few other weeds) from the back yard or local park. Maybe it is just a warm hug after a cold ice cream treat.

Children express some sense of thankfulness and desire to be appreciated all the time. It is our role as parents to model appreciation and reflect those genuine feelings back to the child. With a warm smile and a sincere voice, we can say, “Thank you for my beautiful card. I can tell you worked hard on it. You used so many different colors! It makes me feel really good and happy inside. I am going to put it up right here on the refrigerator so our whole family can enjoy it.”

Thankfulness also emerges from children raised with the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” Like adults, children need to be exposed to genuine appreciation and to feel appreciated.

Many years ago on our family vacation, my 8-year-old daughter saved some of her carnival money and schemed a way to buy me a small candle and matching stand. The gift brought tears to my eyes, and we both knew our appreciation was genuine. And yes, I said thank you.

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/raising-thankful-child>