Welcome!!

Welcome to all new and veteran UCC families! We are off to a great start this academic school year!

You will notice that we have reformatted our Newsletters to better inform you on the happenings at UCC. Each month we will make this available on our Facebook page as well as post on our Yahoo Group parent listserv. Please let us know if you are not receiving our documents or wish to be taken off of our listserv.

Ways to support UCC…

UCC is creating a "recycling center" for its teaching staff. We are looking for parent support in order to start up this project. We are asking for you to share with us items that you would normally recycle anyway. Feel free to drop off any of the listed items below (or related items) to Nadia, Ashley B. or Ashley G.

- Paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Fabric remnants
- Old sheets/blankets/pillow cases (for art/pretend play/outdoor projects)
- Old clothes/hats/accessories (adult and child)
- Baby food jars/plastic and cardboard containers
- Newspaper and magazines
- Small boxes
- Measuring cups/kitchen supplies
- Water bottles/tops
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Another way to support UCC is by purchasing books from Scholastic Book Club. When you purchase books from Scholastic, not only are you receiving discounted prices, but you are also earning points for UCC! As a result, we have the ability to cash in points to receive free classroom materials of our choice, primarily books. Book orders will be offered on a monthly basis, but please keep in mind that there is no minimum order, no maximum order and certainly no pressure involved. Scholastic book clubs is a great way to promote literacy, offer discounted rates for books and support UCC. Your participation is not required, but very much appreciated!

Parent Resources…

My name is Ashley Gunter and I am the new Parent Resource Coordinator at UCC! As Nadia stated in the July newsletter, my main role will be to build and strengthen the communication and relationships between UCC and our families through various methods. In doing so, I will be corresponding with you via newsletter, email or our Yahoo! Listserv and Facebook page. Also, in the near future, I will be coordinating parent information meetings (see pg. 2) and starting up our parent council to help foster a closer communication with parents about what is going on here at UCC!

I look forward to working with all of you! If you have any questions please stop by my desk which is located in the front lobby.

Sincerely,
Ashley Gunter

Remember to "like" us on Facebook! Be sure to join our Yahoo! group to stay up-to-date on our menus, newsletters, etc. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UniversityChildcareCenter/
Dear Families,

I am thrilled to report that August has been a hugely successful month for UCC!!! 30+ new families began enrollment within the past couple of weeks. Additionally, many children transitioned to new, older classrooms. The support of the families and staff of UCC have made the past couple of weeks a smooth transition for all. Many thanks to everyone for their continued support!

As we progress into the academic calendar year and schedules settle into place, we look forward to participating in ongoing program wide professional growth. One of our primary goals for the months to come is to strengthen and improve our means of communication with parents. For example, our newsletter will continue to evolve, we will be more active on Facebook and plan to coordinate regular parent information sessions in order to meet this objective. Your participation and feedback in our efforts made, is greatly appreciated.

There are still many exciting things to come at UCC! We continue to strive to provide the best quality care and education for your children and look forward to growing and learning together!

Regards,

Nadia Perez — Director

Parent Information Sessions:

Parent Information sessions are something new to UCC that we would like to offer our families on a regular basis. As members of Georgia Alliance for Childcare, we have connections to early childhood professionals available to facilitate informal information session on various topics related to raising and caring for young children. As we prepare to plan for our first of hopefully many parent information sessions, we ask for your feedback.

Below is a short survey that we are asking you to fill out, tear off and return to Ashley Gunter or email her your information at guntera@uga.edu. This survey will give us ideas on parents availability and interest. We are working to secure a comfortable meeting space that is both convenient in terms of location and conducive to group discussion and learning. Please take a moment to complete the survey below. As always, your feedback is appreciated!

Parent Information Sessions:

It would be more convenient for me to meet:  o around lunch-time  o in the evenings

Topics I would like to hear more about :  o toileting  o biting  o positive discipline  o nutrition/health  o Other: ____________________________