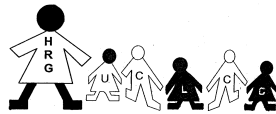


HRG-UCLCC NEWS



Phone: (715) 346-4370

January/February 2008

Dear Family,

Welcome back to 2008 for Semester II! We are glad to be back into our regular routine and the groups are already busy with group time, outside time, art projects, and many other fun developmental activities. We have many, many more fun and stimulating activities planned for this semester.

Please feel free to check out the individual classrooms to see what your children are up to. You are always welcome to stop in with a brown bag lunch to share with your child(ren). They always enjoy this!

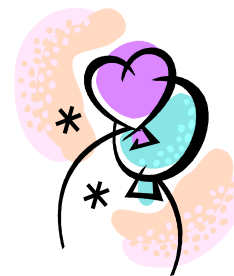
Our Lead Staff Includes:

(Director)	Susie S.	9:30-5:30
(Teacher)	Mary T.	7:15-3:15
(Teacher)	Marge A.	8:30-3:15
(Teacher)	Kari S.	9:10-5:10
(Teacher)	Dixie M.	9:00-5:00
(Teacher)	Wendy F.	9:15-1:15

Great News from the Center!!

The HRG-UCLCC was recently accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)!! This was a wonderful learning experience and a process that helps guide our Early Childhood Program to set high quality standards.

****Please see the last pages of this newsletter for the press release that the NAEYC wants us to release to the media!****



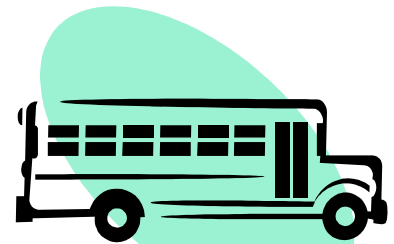
The Bulletin Board on the wall across from the sign in computer parent area has a posting of what your child's group is doing (Lesson Plans). There is also a Family Activity Board that you can check out.



Reminder: The Center will be closed the week of Spring break, **March 17th-21st**.



** The staff at HRG-UCLCC is always available for questions... please ask: Susie Sprouse, Mary Talbot, Marge Andersen, Kari Stetler, Karey Bayba, Dixie Mau, Wendy Fish, or Lisa Nelson anything you need to know. We are here to work for you! Welcome back to Semester II 😊**



KINDERGARTEN SIGN UP!!!

It is that time of year—time to sign your child up for kindergarten. Starting on January 22 you can register your child at the school they will be attending in the fall. If your child was born on or before September 1st 2001 they are eligible for the 2008-2009 school year. Make sure to bring their birth certificate along. If you have any questions, you may call the District Office of the Stevens Point Area Schools at (715) 245-5456



HRG-UCLCC Classroom Rules

HRG-UCLCC staff works to create a safe consistent environment for children. We teach, practice, and encourage our classroom rules to create a safe and healthy environment for young children. Encouraging these rules at home helps to create a consistent message to the children.

GENTLE HANDS:

- + The way we use our toys.
- + The way we play with our friends.
- + The way we take care of our center.

GENTLE WORDS:

- +The words we use and the way we speak- children and adults.

SHARE:

- + Toys-time and space- feelings.

CLEAN-UP:

- +Wash hands, pick up toys, put away lunch and snack items. Put away clothes in cubbies environment (REUSE-RECYCLE)

Valentine's Day Policy

The HRG-UCLCC encourages families **not** to send valentines from home for friends at school. The nature of our program does not work well with things being brought from home. Our themes around the Valentine holiday promote friendship. We will make valentines at school instead of bringing from home. Thank you.



Contact Teachers:

Who does my child spend most of their day with? Please feel free to talk to the teachers about any concerns you may have.

Bunny (Mary/ Starlight (Kari) **Playhouse (Dixie/** **Rainbow (Marge)**

Faith B.	Revyn A-B.	Carmelo A	
Shayden A-B.			
Otto B.	Xavier A.	Mason B.	West
B			
Noah C.	Hayden B.	Ethan B	Tyler B..
Blake E.	Natalie B.	Jake B.	
Zachary B.			
Blake H.	Caroline B.	Owen B.	Seth
F.			
Christopher H.	Bayli B.	Allison B.	
Liliana S.			
Suresh K.	Avita C.	Jacob B.	
Brandon W.			
Ethan L.	Ian D.	Joshua B.	
Samantha W			
Ashley L.	Julian D.	Mikala D.	
Thongchai V			
Tahlia M.	Makayla E.	Thomas H.	
Lilian O.	Aidan G.	Eli K.	
Keeley R.	Ethan G.	Joshua L.	
John R.	Morelle H.	Aaron P.	
Ethan S.	Solai J.	Erin R.	
Jaxon S.	Owen K.	Evelyn S.	
Madison T.	Blake R.	River S.	
	Zoe S.	Echo T.	
	Ian S.	Christopher T.	
	Jayden S.	Althea T.	
	Ryan T.	Eli W.	
	Aries U.		
	Junior V.		
	Ronan W.		
	Roisin W.		

Themes & Snacks

January 22-25

Theme: **“Welcome Friends and Family”**

January 28-Feb.1

Theme: **“Ready, Set, Grow!”**

February 4-8

Theme: **“Rhymes & Rhythm”**

February 11-15

Theme: **“I Can Be A Friend”**

February 18-22

Theme: **“Manners!”** (tea party)

February 25-29

Theme: **“Super Science”**

Snacks:

Posted on Refrigerator in the Kitchen. Milk offered daily at both snack times.

Tentative Semester Dates:

Details for all will follow...

Feb. 28th: 35th Anniversary and Accreditation Celebration. Tentative plans include: a catered meal, and a center family night. (5:30-7pm)

March 27th: Parent/Staff Meeting with child care provider. (6-7pm)

April 7-25th: Parent/Teacher Conferences

May 1st: May Day celebration with families.

This semester, the HRG-UCLCC has a student intern from the School of Human Development who will be working with the Family Fit Program and other family involvement programs. Her name is Alicia Utke. We are very glad to have her with us and you will be contacted by her soon!!

parent Reminders

1. Billing is done monthly. Statements are found in your mailbox. The first half of the bill is due mid-month and the last half of the bill is due by the end of the month. A deposit box for checks is by the sign-in computer. Make checks payable to HRG-UCLCC (please no cash). A late fee of \$10 is charged each billing period your fee is late.
2. We go outside daily (weather permitting). Please make sure that your child has snow pants, hats, mittens, boots, and a warm jacket. All items should be labeled!
3. Nap items are to be taken home weekly to be washed. The state requires us to send home naptime bedding every week/every five uses.
4. When your child has a birthday, please let your child's teacher know. You may bring a snack if you would like.
5. Everything you send with your child for lunch will be sent back home. Ex: baggies, half-eaten sandwiches, etc. This is so you are aware of what your child has eaten.
6. A message book is available on the sign in table for parents to leave messages.
7. Be sure to sign you child in and out daily, and take home all correspondence left in your mailbox.
8. Please check your child's cubby for artwork daily and take it home.
9. When your child borrows clothes from the HRG-UCLCC, please return them. Make sure your child always has extra set of clothes in their cubby box.
10. Open-Door Policy-Volunteering for Parents
We have an open door policy-if you or someone you know would like to take part in our weekly themes you are more than welcome! You can read a book, play a musical instrument or anything else you would like to do. Let your teachers know ahead of time.

Information for Parent Manual On Schedule Change Policies



Please Read

A. page 12: Schedule Changes: Academic Year: Semester I and II

During the first two weeks of a Semester, schedule changes to your contracted time will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Full Refunds are not retroactive and start on the day notice is given, for this first two week period. These changes are credited only during the first two weeks of the semester.** No full refunds will be given beyond this two week period to contracted time. We will do our best to accommodate changes due to class schedule changes, but we cannot guarantee space once the original schedule is changed. **"YELLOW"** schedule change forms are available by the sign-in computer. **All other Academic year changes** must be put on the yellow form and returned to the office for approval. After the first two weeks, to reduce your child's hours, or to withdraw a child, parents must give the director written notice two weeks in advance, regular fees will be charged during those two weeks (except the first two weeks of the semester or first day of interim/summer)

You are allowed 2 free schedule changes after the first two weeks of a semester (one week of interims/summer). Thereafter there will be a fee of \$2.50 for a temporary drop and \$5.00 for a permanent drop. **There is no charge for adding hours.**

During exam week hours may be added or dropped without penalty. Exam week sign-up sheets will be posted near the sign-in computer and will need to be completed by the first Monday in December (or May) for the change to be approved. If a family does not sign up for exam week by the set deadline, regular semester fees will be charged. The exception would be the infants; they remain full-time during exam week.

Interim/Winterim/Summer Schedule Changes:

Your child's schedule can be different for different weeks (interim/winterim/summer-only) and it is not necessary to sign up for each week of the interim/winterim/summer. All schedules during interim/winterim/summer periods are considered permanent after your child's first day of each session. Families are only charged for the time and days contracted for. If you change your schedule after the first day of Interim/Winterim/Summer session starts, than a two week notice is required and only half credit will be given. In short, you do not get charged for times not attending, the center must have your schedule by day one of each session, otherwise academic year policies are followed (2-week notice for ½ off).

Please note lavender forms are used for Interim/Winterim/Summer Schedules.

B. page 14: Absences other than illness:

If a child is absent for purposes other than illness, one half of the fees will be credited to the account provided that the director has been notified of the absence two weeks prior to the time the child is to be out of the Center

C. *(from Academic Year yellow schedule change form)* *Note: A two-week notice must be given to get ½ credit during the Academic Year.

D. *(from lavender Winterim/Interim/Summer form)* *Note To get full credit for days in Winterim/Spring Interim/Summer (mid-May to Sept. plus Jan. Winterim), notice must be given by 1st day of session, or ½ credit given with two-week notice applies.

Press Release for the HRG-UCLCC Accreditation:

Congratulations! As one of the first programs to earn NAEYC Accreditation in the new system, you have a special opportunity to build recognition for the importance of high-quality early childhood programs. We hope you will use this news release template to promote your NAEYC Accreditation to news organizations and other groups in your community. Customizing your news release with information about your program and your community can help broaden public awareness of the value of quality early childhood education, and bring attention and business to your program.

For more information contact:

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Helen R. Godfrey University Child Learning & Care Center-(HRG/UCLCC) EARNS NATIONAL NAEYC ACCREDITATION

Program Among First in Nation to Complete More Rigorous Accreditation Process

Steven Point, January 24, 2008 – **HRG/UCLCC** located in Stevens Point is one of the first early childhood programs to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) – the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

“We’re proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,” said Susie Sprouse, Director, HRG/UCLCC . “NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible.” The Mission of HRG/UCLCC is to provide high quality comprehensive child care, pre-school and 4-K programming to the families of UWSP’s Student, Faculty ,Staff, and Alumni

We value...

- Children, Families, Professional and Student Support Staff.
- Developmentally age-appropriate early childhood curriculum that sets standards for later learning.
- Recognize and accommodate all children’s individual character, abilities, culture language, and community.
- Developmentally-age and individual/group standards that promote social, emotional, language, physical, and cognitive development for all children.
- Support families by respecting diversity and family support
- A quality work and learning environment for future parents and teachers
- Collaboration with UWSP and beyond to provide resources that enable children, families, and all staff growth opportunities.
- Assessment that enables HRG-UCLCC to be accountable and beneficial to quality enhancement and improvement.
- Strong collaboration and leadership with UWSP and beyond.
- Continued professional development that enables all staff to stay current with early childhood trends.
- A strong commitment to work ethic that adheres to high quality standards and values.

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Accreditation Press Release

To earn NAEYC Accreditation in the new system, HRG/UCLCC went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten new NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. The program received NAEYC Accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the ten NAEYC program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which lasts for five years.

In the 20 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 11,000 programs, serving one million young children, are currently accredited by NAEYC – approximately 8 percent of all preschools and other early childhood programs. “The new NAEYC Accreditation system raises the bar for preschools, child care centers and other early childhood programs,” said Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D., executive director of NAEYC. “HRG/UCLCC’s NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that they are a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education, and to help give all children a better start.”

The NAEYC Accreditation system has set voluntary professional standards for programs for young children since 1985. As of September 2006, the Association’s revised program standards and criteria have introduced a new level of quality, accountability, and service for parents and children in child care programs. The new standards reflect the latest research and best practices in early childhood education and development. NAEYC is committed to utilizing the newest studies and analysis on positive child outcomes to ensure young children continue receiving the highest-quality care and education possible.

The NAEYC Accreditation system was created in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify high-quality preschools, child care centers and other early education programs. To earn NAEYC Accreditation, a program must meet each of the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards. Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period.

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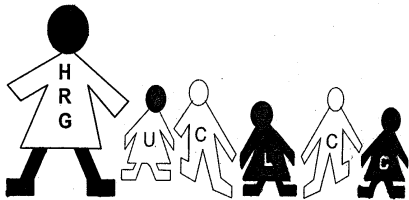


Thank you...

...To all who helped us toward our accreditation goals. This includes all our Families, Parents and Children, plus Teachers, Student Staff, and to the Student Affairs Administration !!!

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