JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

Families,

Welcome back for Semester II, this time a year ago we had unseasonably warm weather and now this year it's frigid cold....good ole Wisconsin weather for you! We are glad to be back into our regular routine & the groups are already busy with group time, art projects, & many other fun developmental activities. We have many, many more fun and stimulating activities planned for this semester & have lots planned to get in before the academic year ends. A BIG "THANK YOU" to all the families who helped us this past semester with bringing in an item to share in our appreciation of all the student aides who work here….THANK YOU!!! Each student employee received a stocking full of goodies and they were beyond excited and appreciative of it all. Without all their help we would not be able to help meet the individual needs of each child as well as we are able to. Again, welcome back to all and best of luck in the spring semester ☺

Becky Helf, Director

Contacting your Child's Classroom/Teacher

Many of the classrooms have a phone you can call direct to speak with your child's teacher. Keep in mind times they may be out of the room or it is naptime.

Starlight Room: 715-346-3441
Bunny Room: 715-346-2199
Playhouse Room: 715-346-2661
Rainbow Room: 715-346-2690

Center Contact Information

Office Phone: 715-346-4370
E-mail: childcare@uwsp.edu
Web Page www.uwsp.edu/childcare

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

- **February 2nd – April 30th** OUT OF DISTRICT 4K open enrollment for 2026-27 school year

- **Friday**, **February 6th** – Early Release (3pm closure)
- **Monday**, **February 19th** – No 4K

- **Friday, February 27th –** UCLCC **CLOSED**

- **Friday**, **March 3rd** – Early Release (3pm closure)
- **March 16th – 20th** Spring Break (UCLCC **CLOSED** – No 4K)

- ***Optional*** **Spring Parent/Teacher Conf.**
  Monday, Feb. 23rd – Rainbow Conf.
  Friday, March 13th – Bunny Conf.
  TBD – Starlight Conf.
  Friday, March 13th – Playhouse Conf.

- **Friday**, **April 3rd** – Early Release (3pm closure)

Watch additional newsletters for more dates to come!!

Spring 2026 Staff & Hours

OFFICE STAFF
Becky Helf – Director
Kara Breitbach- Assistant Director

TEACHING STAFF
Kari Stetler – Starlight Lead Teacher, 8:45-5:15
Stacy Opper – Starlight Cooperating Teacher, 7:15-3:45
Maggie Miller– Bunny Lead Teacher, 8:30-5
Erin Hansen – Bunny Cooperating Teacher, 7:15-3:45
Becca Abhold– Playhouse Lead Teacher, 7:45-4
Isabella Osborn- Playhouse Coop. Teacher, 9-5:30
Elsie Griffin – Rainbow Lead Teacher, 8-4:30
Laurie VanPutten – Rainbow Coop. Teacher, 8:30-5

Materials Collection Cart

As you come off the elevator and to your right you will find a small white cart labeled "Materials Collection Cart." Written on there are specific items the classrooms teachers are requesting to complete various projects & learning activities in their classrooms. If you have any of these items that may otherwise find their way into the trash, we ask you to please bring them in & place on the cart located directly to the right upon entering the UCLCC.

This month's items are:

Old Cell Phones & Cameras

Scrap Wood Pieces *(rainbow classroom)*

Thank you for your help and support!!

Parking @ UCLCC

When dropping off/picking up your children the ONLY two spots reserved for the Children's Center are the first two spaces immediately following the handicap spot. All other parking spaces in Lot Z are PERMIT ONLY parking spaces and if you are parked in those spaces (even with flashers on) you can/will be ticketed. If the two Children's Center spaces are in use, please use the metered spaces OR you may park along the west side of Fremont St. (nearest the Delzell building sidewalk).

Valentine's Day Policy

The HRG-UCLCC encourages families **NOT** to send valentines from home for friends at school. Our themes around the Valentine holiday promote friendship and kindness. Classrooms may make valentines/cards at school for friends, teachers and family members as an alternative. Thank you.

Elevator Reminder

Please be certain that you and your children are **NOT** pressing the alarm button in the elevator when coming/leaving the UCLCC. Each time the button is pressed Security Services is required to respond and in the past couple weeks we have had multiple incidents of the button being pressed.

Parent Reminders

1. Billing is done monthly. Statements are found in your mailbox. The bill is due within 10 days of the invoice date. A deposit box for checks is by the sign-in computer. Make checks payable to HRG-UCLCC.
2. We go outside daily (weather permitting). Please make sure that your child has snow pants, hats, mittens, boots (winter and rain boots), and a warm jacket. All items should be labeled!
3. Be sure to sign you child in/out daily and take home all correspondence left in your family mailbox.
4. Please check your child's cubby for artwork and any extra items and take home daily.
5. If your child borrows clothes from the HRG-UCLCC, please return them. Make sure your child always has extra sets of clothes in their cubby.
6. The center is licensed for care ONLY between the hours of 7:30am-5:30pm. Please make sure you are not dropping your child off any earlier than this time and that you have arrived at the center, gotten your children, and signed out by 5:30pm. Children may not be signed out prior to your picking them up from their classroom as they are still in our care.
7. Special items from home are to remain at home. Please do not allow your child to bring any items from home to their classroom or cubby unless a teacher notifies families otherwise.

Year End Tax Statements

All year-end tax statements for 2025 were emailed out to families. Please check your email for these…if you did not receive one or it was misplaced, email Kara @ kbreitba@uwsp.edu

The UCLCC on Facebook!!

You can follow what we are doing here at the HRG-UCLCC by finding us on Facebook and liking our page.

Search for HRG UCLCC ☺

Families Helpful Tips Corner

UCLCC School Rule – BE SAFE

One of our 3 school rules here at the UCLCC is BE SAFE. Being safe can be applied to multiple situations. Below is how we are incorporating the acronym "SAFE" when transitions occur at the center. This can also be applied to when you are dropping off & picking up your children.

Is your child being safe? Are they within your sight?
What are your expectations for them?

Be Safe for Every Transitions

S- Stop: Take a pause

A- Address Expectations: Tell the children what will be happening during the transition, and what they should do. Example: We are headed to the bathroom. You will use walking feet and follow me.

F- Face to Name: Use the safe-keepers to identify who will be going with you. Make sure you have the correct children and the correct number of children.

E- Exit: Now you can transition

*If at any point during the transition there is an interruption, please start over from the beginning. Interruptions can include but are not limited to: a parent dropping off a child or picking up a child, an injury, disagreement between children…..

Ask your child's teacher for more information on this or any of the other helpful tips…