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The vision of the LSU Child Care Center is to become a leading model of exemplary quality in early care and education by functioning as a support mechanism for families of the LSU Community and a focal point of excellence to agencies and organizations throughout the state and nation. By providing quality service, we will be recognized as a recruitment tool for students, faculty and staff thus supporting the positive growth at LSU.



Director's Corner



Dear Parents,

Grandparents Day was enjoyed by more than one hundred and fifty grandparents, great grandparents and friends of the LSU Child Care Center. The children were so excited to share their new classrooms with their grandparents. A special thanks for our parents for providing the snacks and to the Panhellenic Council under the direction of Kristin Petry for assisting with this big event.

The book fair was also a great success. Due to the generosity of our parents and grandparents the teachers were able to fill all of their wish lists!

Michelle DeMeulenaere
Center Director

FACILITIES UPDATE

Facilities will be painting the parking lot and adding some additional parking signs. We hope that this will alleviate some of the problems with double parking and the flow of traffic through the lot.



Did You Know...

The Louisiana Department of Social Services Office of Family Support offers a program to assist qualifying families with child care costs. For more information on The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) please call 1-888-LAHELPU (1-888-524-3578) or visit: www.dss.state.la.us and select Parenting on the left of the screen.



What's on the Agenda this Month?

October 1, 2009—Picture Day with Layne Photography. Dress your child in Purple and Gold. The fall theme is LSU Spirit.

October 15, 2009 -The University Laboratory School will be presenting a workshop for parents on how to work with young children to enhance their literacy/beginning reading skills. Time: 11:30 am
Place: The University Laboratory School Auditorium.

October 17, 2009—The PAC's Gently Used Children's Clothing, Toys, and Books sale. This event will take place from 9:00am—1:00pm on the grounds of the LSU Child Care Center.

Immunization Records



Each year, the Health Department audits all children's immunization records. If you have not already done so, please turn in a copy of your most updated immunization record. If your child has a delay in immunizations due to illness, we must have documentation of the new schedule by the physician.

PAC NEWS

Attention all parents: The Parent Advisory Committee meetings are open to ALL parents.

- PAC Meeting October 6th-4:30 in the Multi-purpose room.
- October 17th— PAC Children's Gently Used Clothing Sale. 9:00-1:00. Donations for this event will be accepted October 12th—16th. Please bring clothes on plastic hangers. More instruction will be distributed in the classrooms. Many volunteers are needed.

LSU Child Care Center will be closed the following dates:

Friday, October 2, 2009—Staff In-service

Thursday and Friday, November 26th & 27th

How to Select Quality Books



Books, especially for children, are meant to encourage a joy in reading which in turn, will lead to a proficiency in a vital educational skill. Sometimes that joy, for an individual child will be found in a classic children's book and at other times the joy will be found in an inexpensive book featuring a popular cartoon character. In either case, the important thing that a child is reading or sharing a book with beloved adult. It is that experience that is the true measure of quality.

Infants

Photographs and images with strong contrasts are enjoyable for infants to look at with parents. Pointing and naming images for infants helps language development. Books for infants should be durable. Board books have pages that are heavy, sturdy, and laminated. Babies and toddlers can chew on these books without causing damage. They are simple and clear, and stories that are short. Cloth books have pages made of heavy-duty cloth.

Infants usually like books:

- With photos of other babies
- That are brightly colored to touch and taste
- With photos of familiar objects like balls and bottles

Toddlers

Books with engaging and rich text to encourage children in learning new vocabulary are good choices for the youngest readers. Repetitive phrases or books that pose questions involve the reader are ideal. Sturdy board books are still a good idea for toddlers, with their new found mobility, but by age 2 1/2 most children have learned to handle paperback or hardcover books.

Toddlers usually like books

- That are sturdy to carry
- With photos of children doing familiar things like sleeping or playing.
- About going to sleep for bedtime
- About saying hello and good bye
- With only a few words on each page
- With simple rhymes or predictable text
- About animals

Preschoolers

Books about their own experiences are enjoyed for their familiarity but children also enjoy books that open new worlds up to them. Paperback books with longer stories can be read to children who can be asked to guess what will happen next in the story.

Preschoolers usually like books

- That tell stories
- About making friends, going to the doctor or school
- About brothers and sisters

Excerpt taken from the American Academy of Pediatrics Literacy tool kit

<http://www.aap.org/literacy/quality.cfm>

The Parenting Corner

Setting The Limits for Young Children -

This three session workshop to provide parents with options and techniques for care of their young children ages 2-4 years old. Learn effective loving ways to discipline children, as well as instructions on fostering self-esteem, handling bedtime battles, potty training and making the most of time with your child.

Session 1: Tuesday, October 6 from 7pm-9pm

Session 2: Tuesday, October 13 from 7pm-9pm

Session 3: Tuesday, October 20 from 7pm-9pm

Pre-registration is required. Please call Family Services of Greater Baton Rouge at (225) 924-0123 for more information and to register.

Welcome Grandparents



LSU CCC Contact Information

Alligators	578-4851	Bears	578-4825
Bluebirds	578-4819	Butterflies	578-4819
Bumblebees	578-4888	Chicks	578-4886
Dolphins	578-4881	Ducks	578-4888
Giraffes	578-4883	Kangaroos	578-4883
Kittens	578-4881	Pandas	578-4855
Penguins	578-4851	Puppies	578-4883
Tigers	578-4825	Front Desk	578-7882

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