



July Summer Newsletter 2024

Director's Corner



We are now in the heat of summer, and we're keeping cool with many fun activities. Thanks to so many of you, our children have enjoyed a variety of outdoor and indoor events so far. We still need your continuous support to make this a memorable summer for the UPK kiddos.

We are in need of gently used tricycles, baby wipes, copy paper, and cases of water. We could also use bubbles, balls, and other outdoor toys for children ages 2-12. We are also in desperate need of cleaning supplies and toilet paper and paper towels. If it is convenient for you, please feel free to send gift cards from Amazon or Walmart, or have items shipped directly to our site. Please contact Ms. Aimee for details on shipping.

We are so appreciative of your generosity and kindness to the children in our care.

U of I Illinois Extension Cooking Class

The University of Illinois extension agriculture program recently visited Uni-Pres Kindercottage to inspire our young learners on their journey to becoming master chefs. During the session, our little learners enthusiastically prepared a delicious meal for the staff, their peers, and their parents. It was a heartwarming experience to witness their culinary skills blossom and their confidence soar as they showcased their creativity and passion for cooking. The joy and pride on their faces were truly inspiring, and it was a beautiful reminder of the limitless potential that lies within each child.



New Gardening Season with Mr. Mattox

It is that time of year again when Master Gardener Mr. C. Mattox takes the initiative to engage and educate our young learners about the wonders of plants, seeds, and the art of gardening. With passion and dedication, he imparts valuable knowledge and skills that will not only enrich their minds but also cultivate a deeper appreciation for nature and the environment. Through hands-on experiences and interactive learning, he instills a sense of curiosity and wonder, nurturing a generation of environmentally conscious individuals who will grow to be stewards of the earth.



LRC Story Time



The Botanical Gardens





It's amazing to see young minds eager to explore and learn new things! Every Thursday, our little learners embarked on a journey to the Learning Resource Center at SIUE to indulge in a summer of reading and listening. It's always a wonderful experience to see them engrossed in books and stories, expanding their imagination and knowledge. We hope this trip has sparked a lifelong love for reading and learning in them.



It looks like our little learners had a fantastic day at the St. Louis Botanical Gardens! From frolicking in the splash pad to exploring the intricate tree houses, it's clear that they had a blast. And what better way to learn about nature than by admiring the beautiful flowers? It's always inspiring to see our little ones engaging with the world around them and discovering new things. Who knows what kind of adventures they'll have next!

Popsicles in the Park

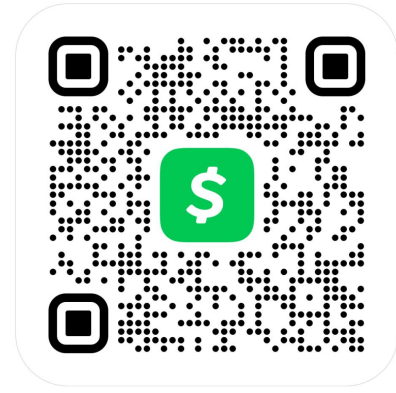


It's always important to find ways to stay cool on hot days, especially when you're trying to have fun outdoors. That's why it's great to hear that your little learners have found a way to beat the heat while still enjoying themselves in Lincoln Park. The idea of enjoying some nice cool frozen treats while playing in the park sounds like a perfect way to spend a hot summer day. It's great to see children being creative and resourceful in finding ways to make the most of their time outdoors. Keep up the good work teachers in encouraging their creativity and curiosity!

We're excited to announce that you can now make donations to Uni-Pres Kindercottage through our Cash App or by scanning the UPK QR code available on our website at www.unipreskindercottage.org and down below. Your generous contributions will help us continue to provide quality early childhood education and support to our community. Thank you for your continued support!

It would be greatly appreciated if the following were donated:
Tricycles, Copy Paper, Diapers, gift cards, bubbles, summer snacks, cases of water, sippy cups, paper plates, paper towels, and baby wipes

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