

★ Bunnell House News ★

UAF Community and Technical College Early Childhood Lab School
~ We nurture children and support families in a university lab setting.

Lab School Calendar

- October 11: Closed**
NIAAEYC Conference
- October 31: 10 am**
Trick or Treating
- November 4-7**
Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 26: 11:30 - 1 pm**
Annual Thanksgiving Feast
- November 28 & 29: Closed**
Thanksgiving
- December 6, 11:30 am:**
Children's Holiday Concert
- December 18 (at noon)-**
January 3: Closed
Winter Break
- January 6**
Spring Program Begins

Need to Reach Us?

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From Paige

“All the world is my school
and all humanity is my teacher.”

~George Whitman

I deeply value and believe in the necessity of lifelong learning. Attending an early childhood conference is an ideal way for early education professionals to refresh, connect with others in the field and, especially, to acquire valuable information.

As in other professions, early childhood educators must stay current with the latest news, methods, and research in our field. By doing so, we gain deeper understanding of the young children and families we serve and how we approach the care and education we provide. What your children's teachers learn through professional development builds on the knowledge they already possess and boosts their classroom performances. They return to the program with exciting new ideas and put them into immediate use with the children.

I know that when we close for a day it impacts families. I thank you and am grateful to you for being positive and supportive. We look forward to attending the NIAAEYC this month and returning to Bunnell House having gained new experiences, reflections, and ideas. Thank you!

~Paige



Do You Have Questions or Concerns?

About your child or the classroom, contact **your child's teacher.**

About the program, billing, or vacation notification, contact **Paige.**

Thank you! ♦



It was an exciting day at Lab School...

- ★ We harvested the last of our garden!
- ★ We raked leaves!
- ★ We welcomed new friends!
- ★ We made tree cone prints!
- ★ We hosted an Open House for our families!
- ★ We jumped in piles of leaves!
- ★ We splashed in puddles!
- ★ We supervised Kevin playing in the grass!
- ★ We ran up the slide!
- ★ We created likenesses of ourselves to display above our coat hooks!
- ★ We nursed a juvenile bird who flew into a window!
- ★ We shook our bushy tails!

Closed on October 11

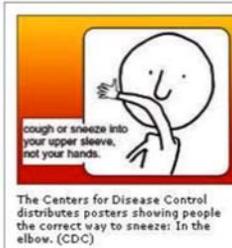
The lab school will be closed Friday, October 11. Staff will be attending the local early childhood conference. ♦





Cold & Flu Season Health Tip:

Direct your coughs into the crook of your arm to inhibit germs from flying through the air or being transferred from your hand to other surfaces.



Trick or Treating

The children love to dress up for Halloween and people on campus are delighted to see them. We will Trick or Treat with the children on the morning of Thursday, October 31st at a very limited number of pre-arranged destinations on lower campus. Parents are welcome to join us. ♦



Speaking in the Third Person

Many children entering preschool are fresh from toddlerhood, a time when using the third person is common for children (between the ages of one and three). A child may have recently turned three and/or never experienced many social settings outside the family. If the habit of the child and family has been to speak in the third person, some children may need extra help passing through this phase.

What is using the third person?

A toddler may not understand the concept of “I” or “me” until close to his/her third birthday. Toddlers talk about themselves a lot—they are their favorite topic at this age—but, without really grasping “I” or “me,” they may use the third person: “Anna want snack” or “Cassidy go, too?”

Why do children use the third person to refer to themselves?

Little ones may call themselves by their first name for the same reason they mix up “him” and “her.” They are still learning to use pronouns and just haven’t refined their usage. In addition, if parents and caregivers regularly use the third person when referring to themselves (“Daddy is making dinner” or “Mommy is going to work”), a child will imitate the language being modeled.

When do children stop using the third person?

This phase of language development usually fades away a few months after it first appears. If your child is still using the third person to refer to him/herself as they turn four, talk to your pediatrician to determine if there is need to see a speech pathologist.

How can you help your young child use “me” and “I”?

- Read to your child. Most preschool-age books are designed to clarify language rules—like how to use the third person. Take time to skim books before borrowing or purchasing them because some books mimic baby talk and will not be helpful.
- Watch your own words. For some parents it’s just natural to speak in the third person around little ones, but do your best to break yourself of the habit so that your child will learn proper pronoun usage. Teach your child how to call him/herself “I” by using it yourself. Instead of saying “Mommy is going to water the garden,” say, “I am going to water the garden.”
- Include your child in a variety of social gatherings. As your little one gains more experience chatting with others, he/she will learn to use pronouns properly.

The best practice for using pronouns, as with everything when raising a child, is to model—and you are your child’s most powerful one! ♥

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held the week of November 4th. *Look for sign-up sheets at the week of October 21st at the check-in station.*

Parent-Teacher conferences are an excellent time to focus twenty minutes on one of your favorite topics—your child! Teachers will have examples of your child’s work to share with you as well as be able to answer your questions.♦



Shoes

Please provide your child with shoes that a preschooler can manage without help. Slip-on or Velcro closure shoes are ideal.

Thank you!



Teacher Love

“An important part of our work is to build relationships with each child who comes to spend time in our program, deep and real relationships in which love is an essential ingredient,” write Bethica Quinn and Rosalina Rodriguez in their popular new book, *Treasures in the Thicket*. “Asking children to spend their childhood in environments without love is unthinkable. If we are not going to love children in preschool, then we need to close all preschools.

Teacher love is different from parent love, however, and has its own limits and boundaries. Teacher love says to a child: *I see you and I delight in who you are today, and I take joy in the chance to help you grow into the person who you will be tomorrow, even though I may never have the opportunity to know that person.* We are called upon to form this loving bond with each child, year after year, and to do that we need strategies for seeing each child with delight. Opening our eyes and our hearts to what they can tell us through their art is a powerful strategy.”♥

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Winter Closure

Bunnell House will be closed from noon on December 18, through January 3.♦



Outside Clothing

Be sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. We go outside in all weather so please be sure your child has clothing to keep them dry and snug.

Inside Clothing

Please provide an extra set of clothing for your child. We don’t have a lot of spare clothing and spills or accidents do happen. Each child should also have “inside only” shoes to help keep their classroom cleaner.

Thank you! ♦



Medications

A Medication Authorization Form must be completed for any medicines, even over-the-counter brands, that you wish for us to give your child. ♦



Twinkle, Twinkle Northern Lights

Twinkle, twinkle Northern Lights,
Shimmer in the arctic night,
Up above the world so high,
Blue-green ribbons in the sky,
Twinkle, twinkle Northern Lights,
Shimmer in my dreams tonight.

Immunizations

If you are asked to provide us with a current copy of your child’s immunizations, please do so as soon as possible. If your child has received any shots recently, please be sure we have the most updated record. ♦



Cell Phones

Please end cell phone conversations prior to entering Bunnell House or the playground. Your child deserves your undivided attention and teachers may need to speak



Fee Payment

Fees may be paid by credit card, check, or money order. A new credit card authorization form must be completed each month. Forms are located at the check-in station at the back of the gray payment box. Payments go into the locked box which is checked daily until all payments for the month are received. ♦

Monthly Fees

- MTWRF \$985
- MWF \$615 (summer only)
- TR \$410 (summer only)
- Late Pick up—\$5/minute

Fees are due by the 10th of each month. A late fee of 10% of the account balance will be added after the 10th. ♦

Note: Your balance due will appear at the bottom of your Procure check-in screen.

Late Pick Up Fees

Bunnell House hours: 7:30-5:30

Late pick up fees are \$5 per minute. Fees will be added to your account based on the time recorded when you check out your child on Procure. ♦