Making the Most of Fall Time

We are all enjoying the beautiful weather that Fall brings. The sun is warm, the leaves are changing, and all too soon the first snow flurries will be coming down. How can you make the most of this beautiful season with your child?

According to Gill Connell, author of A Moving Child is a Learning Child, Children need to build up their knowledge and familiarity with nature in order to develop respect for it.

Arguably, the biggest competitor nature has for children’s time and attention is technology. As compelling as the images, sounds, and interactive elements are, the flat confines of a screen are no substitute for the sensory impact of being in nature. Seeing it, hearing it, touching it, smelling it, tasting it, running through it, and getting dirty in it (2014). What better time then Fall, when nearly everyday there are changes in the weather or color of the leaves to explore the outdoors and engage children with nature. Here are some simple Fall activities to enjoy with your child.

- Harvest a local garden— whether it is your own or a community garden, help out by picking the yummy vegetables that have grown all summer. What a great learning experience for kids.
- Visit a pumpkin patch— Instead of purchasing a pumpkin at the store go pick your own!
- Take a hike— we live so close to gorgeous mountains, explore the changing trees on a hike.
- Leaf scavenger hunt— find the tree that matches the leaf on a short walk around your neighborhood.
- For more ideas visit: http://happyhooligans.ca/10-fun-fall-activities-kids-backyard/

Donor to ASUU Child

ASUU has been the recipient of a highly generous donation. Recently, Elizabeth Armstrong Johnson passed away leaving a sizeable donation to ASUU Student Child Care Center. We are so grateful for her donation and will honor her memory.

We are still in the beginning stages of deciding how to use the money, however, we do plan to update the playground, get new tables and chairs for the classrooms, and purchase new materials.

Please join us in honoring Elizabeth and remembering her for her kind donation. This money will indeed benefit many families at the U.
Parents’ Night Out

Parent Night Out will be on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm, and held at the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC). You can take in a movie, go out to dinner, or just relax at home while the teachers provide quality care for your child.

All campus families are welcome to participate, but we hope many of our ASUU families will take advantage of this opportunity. Parent Night Out is always hosted at either ASUU Student Child Care or the Early Childhood Education Center. No matter the location, Parent Night Out is always staffed by ASUU Student Child Care.

This program is free of charge to students, and children up to 6 years old are welcome.

Pre-registration is required, so please contact the Child Care Coordinating Office at 801/587-7730 or e-mail sbennett@sa.utah.edu to register.

We hope to see you there!

Infant Room Update

“We tell and I’ll forget. Teach me and I’ll remember. Involve me and I’ll learn.”
~Benjamin Franklin

We are excited to be gearing up for the new Purple Room which will be opening up Spring Semester 2015. The Purple Room will be serving infants 6 weeks to 24 months.

Beginning in the next couple of weeks construction will begin on this room. The center will remain open, and we will do our best to maintain business as usual.

The application for Spring Semester will be available starting November 1st, 2014. Priority will be given to currently families and students.

Drop-In Care

ASUU is excited to announce our new drop-in care program. Students, faculty, and staff can now purchase a drop-in care punch card available for use in the evenings. Parents needing additional hours of care can drop off their child beginning at 5:00—9:00 PM. Once a punch card is purchased parents can call us to check for availability that day, and then drop of their child(ren). The cost for Student Family punch cards is $36 for children 3-7 years old and $45 for children 1-2 years old.

The Staff/Faculty cost is $49 for children 3-7 years old and $63 for children 1-2 years old. Visit the office for more information!
The Marriott Library has a new family friendly reading space! Join them in celebration of the Grand Opening held on Tuesday, September 30th, 2014 from 4:00—6:00 PM. This event will be held on level 3 of the Marriott Library. There will be light refreshments, children’s book reading, and fun crafts.

There will be two other events to celebrate. Family Health Day will be held on Wednesday, October 1st from 10:00 AM—2:00 PM. Free flu shots will be offered as well as vision screening and health consultation.

There will also be a Family Movie Day Saturday, October 4th at 10:00 AM in the Gould Auditorium. For more information about these events visit www.lib.utah.edu.

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Halloween at ASUU

Halloween can be an exciting time for young children. We enjoy celebrating with the children here at ASUU. Your child may wear their costume to school on Friday, October 31st, 2014 if you would like them to. Please remember that the children will still be participating in all of the regular activities, such as playing outside or completing art projects on this day. It is helpful that you bring a spare change of clothes on that day for your child to change into when they are finished participating in Halloween activities. This helps protect their cute costumes from getting dirty or damaged. The Blue and Red Rooms will be walking to the Park Building to do a little “trick or treating.” Have a happy and safe Halloween!!
We are happy to announce that Rachel Carrillo has come back to ASUU Student Child Care as our new assistant director! Many of our past families may remember Rachel as the Green Room teacher in January 2013.

It was at ASUU that Rachel discovered her true passion for working with children. Rachel has a B.S. in psychology from the University of Utah and is currently working on her M.Ed in Early Childhood Education.

Please feel free to stop by the director’s office and say hello! If you have questions or need to contact Rachel directly please do so at:

carrillo@sa.utah.edu or 801-585-7393.

We hope you will join with us in welcoming Rachel back to our program.

Please check out our website to view the rest of our wonderful staff:

asuuchildcare.utah.edu

Our New Assistant Director