



Summer Fun, Learning & Community at UPK

Director's Corner



Dear UPK Families and Community Partners,

As we welcome the joys of summer, our hearts are filled with gratitude and excitement for the many enriching experiences taking place at UPK! Our children are already diving into a season full of learning, laughter, creativity, and adventure.

This summer, our little learners will be enjoying exciting activities including splash pad fun, outdoor water play, gardening projects, sports camp, creative art experiences, and hands-on exploration through our PBS STEM Camp partnership. We are also thrilled to continue our collaboration with the Food Program, where children and families participate in engaging cooking activities, nutrition education, and healthy food exploration together.

Our weekly library trips continue to be a favorite experience for the children as they discover the joy of books, storytelling, music, crafts, and community learning opportunities. These moments help nurture a lifelong love for reading and imagination.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who joined us for our beautiful Mother's Day Mad Hatter Tea Party. It was truly a magical celebration filled with laughter, love, fellowship, and precious memories. Seeing our children and families dressed in their tea party attire and enjoying special moments together reminded us of the importance of community and connection.

As we continue providing safe, nurturing, and engaging opportunities for children and families, we are eagerly seeking donors and community partners to support our UPK Bus Campaign. Reliable transportation is essential to ensuring our children can safely attend educational experiences, summer enrichment programs, field trips, and daily services.

Our current transportation needs have become urgent, and we are actively raising funds to purchase a safe and dependable vehicle for our UPK Bus Riders. We kindly ask you to review the attached flyer and consider supporting this important mission.

There are many ways to help through donations, sponsorships, fundraising partnerships, and community outreach efforts. If you would like more information on how you can support our transportation campaign or other UPK initiatives, please reach out to Ms. Aimee directly.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and support as we work together to provide quality care, joyful learning experiences, and a brighter future for all children we serve.

With Gratitude,

Ms. Aimee Hart
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"Growing minds, nurturing hearts, and exploring the world together."

🌸🐛 UPK Spring Field Trip Adventurers! 🐛🌸

This spring, our children enjoyed exciting educational adventures to the Saint Louis Zoo and The Magic House! At the zoo, the children had a wonderful time exploring different animal habitats and learning about wildlife from around the world. During our visit to The Magic House, they engaged in hands-on exhibits filled with creativity, discovery, and imaginative play. These memorable trips gave the children the opportunity to learn outside the classroom while making lasting memories with their friends and teachers. 🐛🐛



🚓 A Fun Visit with K-9 Max 🚓

Our children enjoyed an exciting field trip to the SIUE East St. Louis location library, where they had the wonderful opportunity to meet K-9 Max from the SIUE Police Department! During the visit, the children learned about Max's role as a police dog and how officers and K-9s work together to help protect and serve the community. The trip was filled with smiles, curiosity, and hands-on learning, making it a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved. 🐕🚓



🌱 Growing Through Gardening 🌱

Our children had a wonderful time participating in the SABA gardening program here at the center! Through hands-on planting activities, the children learned about flowers, vegetables, and the importance of caring for the environment. From digging in the soil to watering their plants, each child enjoyed exploring nature while building patience, responsibility, and teamwork. It was a fun and rewarding experience that allowed our little gardeners to learn and grow together! 🌱🌱



🚒 Exploring the Fire Truck at SIUE 🚒

Our children had an exciting visit to the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville East St. Louis location library, where they had the opportunity to see a real fire truck up close! The children enjoyed learning about the important role firefighters play in keeping our communities safe while exploring the truck's equipment, lights, and tools. This hands-on experience sparked lots of curiosity and excitement, making it a fun and educational adventure for everyone involved. 🚒🔥



🌸 Mother's Day Celebration 🌸

Our center was filled with love and appreciation as we celebrated all the amazing mothers and mother figures in our children's lives! The children enjoyed creating heartfelt crafts, sharing sweet surprises, and participating in special activities to show just how much they care. It was a beautiful day filled with smiles, laughter, and gratitude as we honored the incredible women who do so much each and every day. 🌸💕

