Welcome to Campus Child Care! Summer is officially over (except for those few hot days) and Fall Semester is well under way. We currently have 100 children enrolled in our program, ranging in age from infant to preschool. So, welcome to all of you. We hope you find staff at CCC to be a great source of support as you study and work at NIU. In addition, we would like to welcome our staff—we currently have 14 teachers and over 50 student employees.

For those of you who are wondering how your child does once you say goodbye in the morning, please feel free to slip into the observation booth (the white door by each classroom). You are welcome to come and check on your child at any time during the day and the observation booth is a great way to do this! Some children may need a few days or weeks to adjust, so allow them some time to build relationships and feel comfortable. Always talk with your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns; they are happy to give you updates about your child’s day and classroom activities.

I sent out an email prior to the beginning of the semester so hopefully everyone is aware that Lisa Schmidt, Assoc. Director, will be leaving our program, with her last day as Aug. 29. Diane Mathison was supposed to be the teacher in Pre 2 but given the circumstances, I asked her to serve in an Acting Asst. Director role for the infants, toddlers, and twos classrooms. I appreciate the patience and support of staff and parents as we made these last minute changes. We hope to be able to start the search process to hire a permanent Asst. Director in the near future and we will be looking for some parent involvement with this process. Feel free to let me know if you would be interested in serving on this committee.

Everyone should take a few minutes to review the Parent Handbook on our website www.niu.edu/ccc/newsletter/index.shtml. For those who are returning, all changes are noted on the last page, with a reference to where it can be found in the handbook. On the bottom of the Parent Resource page is an Orientation PowerPoint which includes some of our primary policies. All new families need to view this (approx. 5 min) to become familiar with routine practices and policies.

We are VERY excited to announce a new space in our center, called the North Corner, that is intended to be used by CCC student parents and workers. Our committee worked hard this summer to transform this room into a homey environment for you to study and relax. We will be hosting an Open House in this room on Thursday, Sept. 11 from 3:00—5:00 but you are welcome to start using the room at any time. During the Open House, we will have refreshments and give-a-ways. We will also have some staff from campus departments available during this time to help you—Financial Aid, Student Academic Success, ACCESS (peer tutoring), Academic Advising, and Off-Campus and Non-Traditional Student Services.

Welcome to all of our new families!!

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### Administrative Staff
- **Chris Kipp**  
  Director  
  **8:00-5:00**
- **Diane Mathison**  
  Acting Asst. Director (Inf/Tod/Twos)  
  **7:30-4:30**
- **Kristin Schulz**  
  Associate Director (Preschool)  
  **8:30-5:30**
- **Janene Boyer**  
  Office Manager  
  **8:00-4:30**

### Infant Room
- **Kellie Fuss**  
  Teacher  
  **8:00-4:30**
- **Carol Schroeder**  
  Teacher  
  **9:00-5:30**

### Teacher Aides: Infant Room
- **Delaney Anderson**  
  Ally Dent  
  Cecilia Hernandez
- **Lauren Hvoricik**  
  Kimberly Lenhart  
  Lrena Rosiles
- **DaJanee Tate**  
  Brianne Wedoff  
  Ann Zagotta

### Toddler Room
- **Sherie Newman**  
  Teacher  
  **7:30-4:00**
- **Pam Yockey**  
  Teacher  
  **8:45-5:15**

### Teacher Aides: Toddler Room
- **Sierra Brandon**  
  Leslie Castillo  
  Natalalee Contreras
- **Alysia Davis**  
  Miranda Ellis  
  Cornelia Ervins
- **Angel Formenti**  
  Jennifer Gehrke  
  Venora Head
- **Tiffany Owens**  
  Elena Palomo  
  Angel Smith
- **DaJanee Tate**  
  Ann Zagotta

### 2/3’s-1 Room
- **Barbara Zeman**  
  Teacher  
  **7:30-4:00**
- **Klint Mathey**  
  Teacher  
  **9:00-5:30**

### Teacher Aides: 2/3’s-1 Room
- **Allison Abril**  
  Michelle Doran  
  Zoeniche Carpenter
- **Vicky Greene**  
  Venora Head  
  Stephanie Speer

### 2/3’s-2 Room
- **Christy Pelikan**  
  Teacher  
  **7:30-4:00**
- **Kendra Nenia**  
  Teacher  
  **9:00-5:30**

### Teacher Aides: 2/3’s-2 Room
- **Janet Anaya**  
  Kirsten Bears  
  Zoeniche Carpenter
- **Jade Harris**  
  Diamond Mitchell  
  Cameron Pults

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### REMINDERS

- **The center will be closed on Monday, September 1.**
- **For your child’s safety, please keep him/her by your side as you enter and exit the building. Children should not be running ahead of parents in or outside of the building. You also cannot leave a child up front as you drop off siblings; they must stay with you at all times.**
- **Please call the Center on days your child will be absent; our number is **815-753-0125**.**
- **Please remember to sign your child IN and OUT each day and walk your child directly into the classroom or playground where a teacher will greet him/her.**
- **Remember that you will be billed for all holidays that fall during the semester (Labor Day and 2 days for Thanksgiving), along with any days in which your child is absent.**
- **Please save your invoices so you can track the amount you are spending on child care (for tax purposes).**
- **Please be sure to use your number code or prox card when entering the building to avoid a $5 buzz-in fee.**
Some students are employed as ‘Floaters’. They move around the center and work in various classrooms as needed (taking over for other teachers who are absent). Teachers are also scheduled out of the room at times for curriculum planning, staff and classroom meetings.

**REMINDERS**

- Monthly newsletters will be posted on our Web site each month. Please be sure to read them to stay informed about center happenings.

- **Everyone** will be charged an annual fee of $25.00 per child for supplemental accident insurance and for our child assessment tool. This will appear on your first bill. Please refer to that section in the Parent Handbook for more information.

- Please fill out a Schedule Change form whenever you are requesting a permanent schedule change. Any decrease in hours requires a **two week notice**. Any increase in hours will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis, as space is available. Forms are available on the front blue counter. One time schedule changes (extra care) must be requested in advance to avoid a late fee. Please talk to Janene about any schedule change.

- **Please do not bring toys or food from home.** Leaving items either at home or in the car is the best option instead of bringing them into the center.

- Please return the **Food Program** form ASAP. Anyone receiving a child care subsidy must return this form to remain eligible for funding.
Director’s Desk (cont’d)

As an FYI—We receive social work and nursing services through our local resource and referral agency (4-C). Toni Leal is our social worker and Kim Heinisch is our nurse; they both come to visit the classrooms twice a month. They talk with the teachers about any questions or concerns related to the children and also follow up with parents, as needed. There will be times when Toni will be at the center, usually upfront in the lobby, ready to talk with parents. We will send out these dates via e-mail when they occur. Feel free to stop by and talk with her about any parenting questions or concerns you may have.

We have moved our annual Children’s Book Fair back to fall semester and it will be coming up very quickly (the week of Sept. 22). More information is included later in the newsletter and will also be available on our website.

We are excited to tell you that we are now using a formal assessment tool that will help us link your child’s development to the classroom curriculum. It is called Teaching Strategies Gold. We needed to align our curriculum with one of a few choices to meet a requirement for ExceleRate (our Gold Circle rating) so we chose this once since it’s linked with the Creative Curriculum which we have been using for quite some time. Unfortunately, it is quite expensive so I had to initiate a new annual fee of $20 per child to help defray the cost.

Please continue to read on. We normally provide two separate newsletters (one for the infants through two’s and another for preschool) but we like to include all staff schedules and introductions in the first newsletter, so you can ‘meet’ everyone. Newsletters will be posted on our website at the beginning of each month (with the link sent to you via email). Have a great semester and please feel free to talk with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Chris Kipp, Director

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Director

Hello, and welcome to Campus Child Care. My name is Chris Kipp. I have been the Director of Campus Child Care for the past 25 years. I have a bachelor’s degree in Child Development with a minor in Business, and a master’s degree in Family and Child Studies. I am in charge of the overall program and specifically manage the subsidy and food programs, licensing, accreditation, budget, assessment, etc. Feel free to talk with us if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of our program, or if we can help you find the right resources at the university; we are here to help in any way we can.

On a personal note, I have two grown children. My daughter is starting her second year as an Asst. Professor of English in Teacher Education at a university in Michigan. My son is a High School English teacher and is engaged to be married later this year! I am very proud to have raised two phenomenal educators!

Associate Director (Preschool Classrooms)

Welcome to Fall Semester 2014, my name is Kristin Schulz. I am the Associate Director for Campus Child
Care and I will be supervising the preschool classrooms. For those of you who don’t know me, I am a 2002 NIU graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education. I have been working in the early childhood field for twelve years and have been at Campus Child Care for ten years. During this time I have been a preschool teacher, served on a number of committees, developed staff training tools, and this year I will officially be starting my masters degree in Child and Family Studies. I hope that you will help me as I get to know all of you and your children.

To help us connect, I’d like to share a little bit about my family. My husband and I live in Belvidere with our two children. Graeme, is eight and Elizabeth is four, she attends CCC in the Pre-4 classroom. We love outdoor activities and exploring the many natural trails and parks Illinois has to offer on bike and on foot. Please let me know if you have a favorite park or path as we are always looking for an adventure. Please feel free to stop in and see me (I’ll be moving into the office next to Chris’ after September 1st). Have a wonderful semester!

**Acting Assistant Director (Infant, Toddler, Two’s Classrooms)**

Welcome to fall semester at Campus Child Care. My name is Diane Mathison and I am an NIU graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Child Development. I have worked at Campus Child Care for 15 years. I have truly enjoyed working with the children and their families. I love how the children get so excited to learn new things. This fall I will be exploring a new phase in my career. I will be expanding my role as acting assistant director. I am excited for this opportunity and hope to grow and learn in this new adventure. For those of you who do not know me, I live with my husband Mark, eleven year old son, Cameron, seven year old daughter Ella, and our cat Meeko. In my spare time I enjoy watching my children engaged in sports, working in the yard, swimming, bike rides, and spending time with my family and friends. This year I look forward to helping the center in a new way. Please feel free to talk with me if you have any questions or concerns.

**Office Manager**

Wishing all a great start to the Fall semester and warm welcome to all our families. My name is Janene Boyer and I have been with Campus Child Care for 25 years. To help assist you better, you can see me if for questions or help with schedule changes, extra care, enrollment, billing, and many more questions. I am here Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:30. If you do not have a chance to speak with me in the morning or at the end of the day, feel free to e-mail me (jboyer@niu.edu) or call (815-753-0125) with any questions you may have. I also have a drop box, for your convenience, to leave any paperwork that needs to be returned. I hope you have a successful semester.

**Kitchen Helper**

My name is Karen Smith, or as the children refer to me, “The Lunch Lady”. I’ve been the Kitchen Helper at CCC for 11 years. I’m originally from this area but lived in Michigan for 11 years where I earned my associate’s degree in Culinary/Hospitality Management. My many visions upon graduation were to open a Bed
& Breakfast, Tea Room, or Soda Shoppe. I worked in several restaurants and had a catering business before moving back to Illinois. Prior to joining the staff at CCC, I was the Cook at Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority.

Some of the things I like to do on my 'off' time are traveling to Wisconsin to visit my 7 yr. old grandson, flea markets, yard sales (for books—avid reader), making craft projects, and writing short stories. Please feel free to stop by the kitchen anytime and say "Howdy".

Infant Room

Hello, my name is Kellie Fuss and I am a Teacher in the Infant Room. I have been working in child care for many years. I received an associate’s degree in Early Childhood Education from Purdue University and a bachelor’s degree in Family and Individual Development from Northern Illinois University. I have experience working with all age groups. I have been at Campus Child Care since the fall semester in 2000. While here I have worked in the infant, toddler, and 2/3’s rooms. My husband, Kevin, and I have one child, Joe. When I am not at work I love to spend time with Joe and Kevin. My other hobbies include reading and baking. I also spend time volunteering for my church, Joe’s school, and Cub Scouts. I work 9 months and have just returned to work. After having a great summer at home I am glad to be back at work. I am looking forward to working with the infants and their families this year. Have a great semester!

Welcome to Campus Child Care and to the Infant Room! My name is Carol Schroeder. I have worked with young children all my life: teaching elementary, kindergarten, and preschool children; having a family day care in my home; and caring for the infants, toddlers, and twos here at Campus Child Care for the past eleven years. Kellie is a true expert in infant/toddler issues and I am fortunate to be working with her again this year. I feel privileged to share so much time with your little ones during these important growing years. This is a great place for your children to be safe, to be cared for, and to grow and learn! On a personal level, my husband, Barney, and I live in DeKalb. Our children are all grown, out of college, and married. We have a son who teaches philosophy at the University of Southern California, a son who does freelance film and editing work in LA, and a daughter who is working in planning for North Cascades National Park in Washington State. We have a granddaughter who is two and another grandchild due this fall. I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your children. Please feel free to come to me with any questions, concerns, or information you wish to share regarding your child. Kellie and I want to support your parenting in any way we can.

Toddler Room

Hello, I am Pam Yockey. I am a teacher in the toddler room this year and I am very excited to be with the toddlers—who were in the infant room last year—and with our new toddlers joining our classroom. I have been at CCC since June of 2010. I spent years as a preschool teacher in Bartlett Illinois. My husband Chris and I live in Sycamore and have three daughters and two son-in-laws, and two grandsons. Welcome to our classroom and be prepared for a fun year filled with laughter, learning and lots of love.
Hello, my name is Sherie Newman and I will be one of the professional staff in the Toddler room. I have worked at Campus Child Care for the past 11.5 years and I love being a part of NIU. I live on a farm in southern DeKalb Co. with my wonderful husband and two boys. I truly enjoy being with the younger children and practice consistent loving care for all children. I hope I can be a resource for you as a parent or as a student. I would like to personally invite you to come into the room when you have time. We want to extend ourselves to you for any questions or concerns that may arise throughout the year. We hope you have a successful year at NIU.

2/3's-1 Room

Hello my name is Barbara Zeman and I will be one of the teachers in 2/3’s - 1. I am starting my eighth year here at Campus Child Care with this being my third time with the two's. I've attended N.I.U. twice. First to get my bachelors in Elementary Education and then many years later to get my masters in Early Childhood Education. Before I got my masters degree, I went to Kishwaukee Community College where I received my associates in Early Childhood Education. I live in a little town called Paw Paw with my husband Mike, who is retired from N.I.U., and my two boys Anthony and William. Anthony will be a junior here at N.I.U., which is my alma mater, as you know (two times over) and soon to be his. My son William will also be a junior, but in high school. We have two dogs, four cats, and at times many foster kittens from T.A.I.L.S.

Hi families! My name is Klint Mathey. I’ll be in the 2/3’s room this year. I graduated this May from NIU with a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Studies. I grew up in Sycamore where I’ve lived my whole life. I love nature and anything outdoors. During any free time, I’m exploring the woods or the Kish.

I worked here at CCC as a student worker for all of 2013. I worked in the 2/3's-1 classroom and as a floater, so I was lucky enough to get to work with almost every teacher and student in the center. I found out there was an opening shortly after I graduated and I immediately applied. I’m super excited to be back as a head teacher!

2/3's-2 Room

Hi and welcome to the Fall 2014 semester! I am very excited to get to know you and your family this semester! My name is Christy Pelikan and I have lived in DeKalb my entire life. This is my VERY FIRST semester at CCC. I have worked in child care for the past four years. I worked at an area facility where my responsibilities involved planning and caring for children of various ages. My most recent experience was my internship in the Pre-2 classroom here at CCC. I just received my bachelor’s degree in May from NIU in Family and Child Studies with an emphasis in Child Development. I am currently enrolled in classes to receive my master’s degree in Child and Family Studies. In my spare time I enjoy running and taking care of my dogs Dorothy and Sandy! I have always loved working with young children, and I am very excited about the opportunity to work with the children in the program and their families.

Hello families of 2/3's-2! If you are new, welcome. My name is Kendra Nenia. For those of you returning, it’s nice to see you again. We are excited to start a new semester here at NIU. This is my 7th non-consecutive year with a two-year-old age group. It can be a fun and thrilling group to work with as we watch the chil-
dren grow and develop. I am looking forward to it. I have my bachelor’s degree in Elementary Educa-
tion. I am currently pursuing a master’s degree in Early Childhood Education. This is where my experience
and passion lie, in early childhood! I have been working part- and full-time in the field since I was 18-years
-old. (That’s 21 years of experience - WOW that went fast!)

I am married with a six-year-old daughter named Margaret and a nearly three-year-old son named Jack.
Parenting has been such a great adventure! I am looking forward to getting to know each one of you
throughout our upcoming school year.

**Preschool Room 1**

Welcome to Pre 1! My name is **Jen Young** and I am excited to be teaching with Diane this year. I have
my bachelor’s degree in Child Development from NIU, and this will be my 12th year teaching here at the
center! Since working at CCC, I have worked as a teacher in every age group, and I am excited to be
staying in Pre-1 this fall! I feel very lucky to be able to stay with some of the children I worked with this past
year, to continue building those relationships and to get to know the new children to our room as well.
We have many great activities planned for the classroom and can’t wait to teach and learn from the
children. We would really like to focus this semester on building relationships between the children and
helping them to feel like this is their school family. We also want to instill an open mind about welcoming
all families and teaching that all families are important!

My family and I live in DeKalb. I have two sons, Carter (8) and Wes (5). Carter will be in 3rd grade this fall,
and Wes will be starting kindergarten! Cherish this time when they’re little because they grow too fast! I
love being a mom and having the perspective as both a parent and a teacher. I know how challenging
it can be to juggle the many tasks that parents have. In any spare time, I enjoy spending time with my
extended family, health and wellness, and photography has become a growing passion of mine! I’m
looking forward to a great year together and getting to know each child and their family! Please, if you
have any questions don’t hesitate to ask.

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Welcome to the fall semester at Campus Child Care. My name is **Diane Coleman** and I am one of the
teachers in Preschool Room 1. I have a bachelor’s degree in Child Development from NIU and have
been working with young children for over 25 years, most of those years have been here at Campus
Child Care. I’m very excited to be working with Jen Young this year. We have lots of interesting, stimulat-
ing activities planned for all of the children. I have lived in DeKalb since I was six years old and have at-
tended many of the schools in the community. I have an older brother who lives in Columbus Ohio with
his family and teaches chemistry at Ohio State. I am an animal lover and have 2 cats, Emma and Ally
and a horse named Maddie. I have always been an avid reader and I hope that I can pass on that pas-
sion to your children.

**Preschool Room 2**

Greetings families! My name is **Jaquida Wynn** and this is my first semester as a teacher in the Pre-2 Room. I
have several years of experience with children and I graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor’s degree in Family and Child Studies. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to Fall Semester 2014. I am thrilled to be part of the Campus Child Care team. CCC has played a key part in my life where it has helped me to grow as an individual. I was a student worker for a year and a half in the toddler room, a parent, and I am now returning as a Teacher. I am beyond excited and ready for the adventure!

I am from the west side of Chicago, but now reside in Dekalb. I have an amazing two year old daughter, Khira, who attends CCC in the 2/3-2 classroom. Spending time with my daughter is what I love to do most. We love to dance, go out for ice cream, and read books & have picnics in the park. Relationships are the foundation for children’s success so I look forward to partnering with you to help your child/children grow. Have a fantastic semester!

Hello Pre-2 families! My name is April Kaiser and I am starting my 11th year here at Campus Child Care. I have been in the early childhood field for 28 years, with the majority being with preschoolers. I have two grown children and one adorable granddaughter named Kenlee! She is the light of my life and helps keep my young!

I had the opportunity to work in another center this summer as a floater with all different age groups. It was great to meet new children and teachers but it made me realize how lucky I am to be working in such a quality program!

After 10 years of being in the Pre-4 classroom I am excited to be moving into a new classroom with Jaquida! I am looking forward to the semester and meeting all of our families!!

Preschool Room 4

Welcome to Pre-4! My name is Krystal Kennedy. I graduated in 2011 with a bachelor’s degree in Child Development. While attending NIU I worked at Campus Child Care for three years as a student worker. This will be my fourth year teaching as a head teacher here, three of which have been in a preschool classroom. I’m currently taking classes towards my master’s degree in Early Childhood Education. From mid-January until March I will be out of this classroom and student teaching in a second grade classroom in Lake in the Hills! I look forward to getting to know you and your family as well as catching up with returning families!

Hi! My name is Kristi Hayward. I graduated from NIU in August 2000 with a degree in Child Development. I graduated in December 2010 with a master’s degree in Early Childhood Education. I have a Type 04 Professional Educator’s License with a Special Education endorsement. I have been at Campus Child Care since 2000. I spent my first 7 years in 2/3’s and am excited to start my eighth year in a preschool classroom. My passion is working with children and their families. I love being able to provide a multicultural, anti-bias, and anti-bullying curriculum. My favorite topics include diversity, character education, big body play, and literacy development. I live in Sycamore, IL! I really enjoy listening to music, attending sporting events, and spending time with family and friends. Welcome to NIU!
ADVISORY BOARD

The Campus Child Care Advisory Board serves as an advocate group for the center and seeks to ensure that the children are provided with high quality child care. The Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Director. We are looking for some parent representatives to serve on our Advisory Board for the upcoming academic year; we especially need some new students to participate. Meetings will be held once during each semester. Please contact Chris as soon as possible if you are interested or would like more information. A letter may be sent out to individuals who are recommended by others, inviting you to serve on the board.

BILLING PROCEDURES

Students will be billed for child care once a month and these charges will be added directly to your MyNIU account. All payments need to be sent to the Bursar’s Office. Faculty, staff and community will be billed through Accounts Receivable every month. Remember that you will be charged for holidays so you will be billed the same amount each week, regardless of the days we are closed. You are also billed for days in which you are scheduled but your child does not attend. If you have any questions regarding your child care fees or the billing process, please talk with Janene. Please pay your child care bills on time. Anyone who misses multiple payments may have their child care terminated.

Children's Book Fair

We will be holding our annual Book Fair the week of September 22nd – 26th! This year’s theme is Sir Readalot’s Castle, Enter the Kingdom of Books. The Scholastic book fair will be located in the Large Motor Room and will be open from 8-5:00 Monday through Thursday, and 8-3 Friday. The book fair will also be open during our two Family Gatherings that will be held Wednesday (Inf/Tod/Twos) and Thursday (Preschool) from 5:30-6:30 pm that week. The book fair will offer a variety of books for both children and adults. Books can be purchased with cash or credit card with proceeds going to the center.

We will be asking for volunteers to help make our book fair a success! Please be on the look-out for information on how you can volunteer an hour or two of your time to work the book fair – helping to ring-up customers, helping customers select books, and helping to keep tables neat! This is the centers’ only fundraiser for the year and it would not be successful without the help of our parents! You can also help by spreading the word to family, friends, and co-workers. We look forward to seeing you there!
CHILDREN’S & PARENT LENDING LIBRARY

We have a center-wide lending library for children’s books and music cassettes. In the front lobby near the water fountains, there is a book shelf with a variety of interesting books and tapes for all ages. You are welcome to just take a book from the shelf (you do not need to check out a book or tape). As a general rule, these items should be returned after one week. We also have books and brochures available for parents in the small Resource Room next to the lobby. We do ask that you check these books out with Janene. NIU, as well as local service brochures are also available for you to take. We hope you enjoy our lending libraries!

LATE POLICY

Please refer to the Parent Handbook on our website so you can thoroughly understand our late pick up and early drop off policy. In an effort to maintain the appropriate group size and staffing for each classroom, we monitor the children’s schedules. It is imperative that you are on time to pick up your child and that you don’t drop off earlier than your scheduled time. You cannot arrive 5, 10, or 15 minutes early/late (essentially using child care that you have not paid for) unless you intend to stay with your child. If you need some extra time, then you will need to request it in advance. Late fees are charged when we have not received advance notice of a schedule change. Although there is an additional 10% fee added to accommodate ‘extra hours’, a late fee is more expensive than arranging extra care in advance. The end of the day late fee is $1.00 per minute as of 5:31. So again, please stay within your child’s schedule and realize that you will see additional fees added to your bill if you arrive early or pick up late. We are not as concerned if you drop off later than your scheduled time or pick up earlier because that does not negatively affect our ratios.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 1 — NIU and CCC closed for Labor Day

Thurs., Sept 11, 3:00-5:00 — North Corner Open House—Join us for food, fun, a raffle of NIU items, and a children’s book for everyone who attends.

Sept 17 & 18 — Vision & Hearing Screening for all children ages 2.10-5 years

Sept. 22—26— Annual Children’s Book Fair—Mon-Thurs. 8-5, Friday 8-3

Wed., Sept 24, 5:30-6:30 p.m.— Family Program for Infant, Toddlers, and Two’s classrooms

Thurs., Sept. 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m.— Family Program for Preschool classrooms
CCC Students—

Welcome to the North Corner! We are very excited to introduce you to a whole new environment that is set up just for you, as students at NIU. We have a large room that is located at the top ‘north corner’ of the ramped hallway (to the left as you enter the building).

This room has been set up to provide you with a comfortable and quiet space in which to study or relax. We also have WIFI available, a refrigerator to store food, a microwave, and bathrooms.

In addition, we will highlight some information for you related to Student Success. For example, did you know that Sept. 20 is the deadline for FAFSA application corrections or updates?

Please take advantage of this space because it is for YOU!
Research with school-aged children over the past 40 years finds that family involvement is critical to the educational success of both the child and the school, in part, because it:

- Raises the academic achievement of children
- Improves the attitudes and performances of children in school
- Has a positive effect on self-esteem and motivation to learn
- Reduces behavior problems and lowers dropout rates
- Helps parents understand and be more supportive of school or center curriculum content, policies, and procedures
- Builds school-community relationships in an ongoing, problem-preventing way
- Gives teachers an opportunity to get acquainted with the family and learn about their concerns, which, in turn, helps them respond to their needs