Hats off to the Teachers!

As many of you know, ASUU Child Care under went NAEYC accreditation last month. This was an unsurmountable work for the entire staff, but especially for the teachers. The staff worked for an entire year preparing Classroom Portfolios which provide NAEYC with evidence that we meet over 400 detailed criteria. After working long hours shortly after the semester started, please join us in thanking the teachers for their hard work in maintaining these high standards and providing such great care.

If you are interested in learning more about why it is so important for our center to remain accredited, and what it means, please visit the link below.

http://families.naeyc.org/accredited-article/value-naeyc-accredited-program

A big thank you to ASUU teachers and staff!!

Parent Night Out

Hey parents, don’t forget that Parent Night Out is March 5th from 6:30 – 10:00 pm. This month’s is located at ECEC. Go out and enjoy a date with your significant other while knowing your kids are in a safe fun environment with our amazing staff! Pre-registration is required, email Sandy Bennett at sbennet@sa.utah.edu to sign up. We look forward to seeing you there!
Nature Playground Update

We are excited to announce the start of our playground being renovated. We are working along-side Method Studio Designs to transform our existing playground to a fully sustainable nature playground. The work has been divided into 6 phases. We have just raised enough money with help from our Early Head Start partnership to begin with phase one! The first phase will consist of moving the infant/toddler playground to where the sand box is located currently. This will allow transitions to the playground to be much safer and easier for the little ones. Work on the first phase will begin end of spring/beginning of summer.

Play in a Puddle on a Rainey Day!

By Meredith Burton, NAEYC For Families

When the weather is rainy and uncomfortable for us as adults, it doesn’t mean that our children feel that way. Rain puddles have an almost magnetic pull for children. They love to jump in them, roll through them on their trikes and feel the splashes on their legs, float things in them and much more. There are lots of ways to use the rain to your advantage and create authentic water play experiences for your children.

1. **Puddle jumping** – As long as it is warm enough, I regularly encourage my five-year-old to put on his raincoat and boots and run outside to jump in puddles while it is raining! He likes puddles after the rain too, but his favorite is watching the rain fall into the puddles as he jumps off the front steps into them! What a fun way to develop the gross motor skills of jumping and stomping! Children also experience cause and effect and properties of water through this simple activity.

2. **Floating and Sinking** – Use a puddle as a natural water table. Let your child explore properties of floating and sinking by experimenting with different items found outside. Does a leaf float in the puddle? What about a stick?

Or a rock? This can lead to other experimentation and questioning. Why do ripples form when you drop a rock into a puddle? Children learn to make predictions and explore strategies for answering their questions through this type of play.

3. **Puddle Music** – Rain has many sounds. Listening to rain on the roof and rain falling into a puddle are different experiences. A soft rain also sounds different from a hard rain. Try to replicate the sounds of rain using a pot or a wood block, a drum or a shaker. We also love to sing while we play in puddles. Songs can also lead to imaginative role playing in the puddles.

- See [full article here](#).
Hi! My name is Jillian, but I also go by Jill. I am one of the full-time benefited teachers in the Yellow Room. I graduated from BYU with a degree in Human Development. I love to travel, eat delicious food, and spend time with my family. I love working with children of all ages, but especially the little ones. I am super excited to continue to build relationships with all of the children at ASUU. I joined the team in Spring of 2016.

Evening Care Programs

**Team Tots:**
Need to go get your work out on? ASUU childcare offers free childcare to students while they use the new student life center! This program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00pm—9:00pm. You can use a two hour block during that time for children aged 6 weeks to 7 years. Call or email to register.

**Drop In Care:**
Now in its second semester, drop in care has proven to be a huge resource for student families. Running Monday through Thursday from 5:00pm—9:00pm, drop in care can be used by student or staff/faculty families by purchasing a punch.

Reminder: 3rd Tuition Payment Due!

Families, don’t forget that the third tuition payment is due no later than Friday, March 25th. This payment should be 75% of your remaining balance. If you have any questions about your ledger, CCAPMIS, or other childcare subsidies, please don’t hesitate to call or email.
(CCFR) works to support student families on campus. They sponsor family events such as Parent Night Out. They also fund the CCAMPIS (Child Care Access Means Parents In School) grant which assists families in covering child care costs. For more information on CCAMPIS or the CCFR please visit their website www.childcare.utah.edu.

The Center for Child Care and Family Resources

“Helping University students, faculty and staff select a quality program for their child is a priority for the Child Care Coordinating Office. We offer a comprehensive guide to child care resources and information that supports parents in their search for child care services.”

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