

# The UNLV/CSUN Preschool Newsletter



Dear Families:

Happy New Year 2018! We look forward to a wonderful year ahead for your child's learning experience and a healthy, safe, and productive year for families and staff. We completed our initial state review and received our 5 Stars for Nevada in 2017. This is an ongoing review process with the state in addition to our NAEYC accreditation. This year, 2018, is our 5<sup>th</sup> review that is completed every 5 years for NAEYC. Our teachers and administrative staff will be compiling portfolios for our site visit which will be in Spring or Summer this year. We will be asking our families to complete the NAEYC family survey and review the annual report that will be sent to you and also available in the Library. I thank you for taking the time from your busy day to be a part of this very important accreditation process. Gathering survey results is critical to our program planning and I appreciate your input. We have some great family, classroom, and school events approaching so keep an eye out for those reminders in our email communications.

Regards,

Claire

## UNLV/CSUN Preschool 2018 Calendar

- 1/25 Pre-K Kindergarten Transition Night 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- 2/7 Family Night "FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT" 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- 2/19 Preschool CLOSED – President's Day Recess
- 2/26-3/2 School Portraits: Teddy Bear Portraits
- 3/21 Family Night "Positive Guidance Strategies for Families"  
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- 3/26-3/30 UNLV Student Status Only Spring Break: School is open.
- 4/9-4/12 UNLV Student Status Registration for Summer/Fall
- 4/16-4/30 Spring Family Conferences (Scheduled by teachers)
- 4/23 New Student Summer/Fall 2018 Registration
- 5/10 UNLV/CSUN Preschool Graduation  
@ Paradise Professional Development School 5:00 - 7:30 pm
- 5/11 Preschool BBQ 5:30-7:00 pm
- 5/25 Preschool CLOSED – Professional Development Day
- 5/28 Preschool CLOSED – Memorial Day
- 7/4 Preschool CLOSED – Independence Day  
\*\*\*Calendar Dates are subject to change\*\*\*

### ADMINISTRATION STAFF

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## **UNLV/CSUN a Fully Inclusive Preschool**

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the UNLV/CSUN Preschool is one of teaching, training and research. The preschool provides a model inclusive early childhood education program that serves children (six weeks to five years of age) of students, faculty, staff and the surrounding campus community. As the field of Early Childhood Care and Education evolves to meet the growing needs of today's young children and their families, UNLV/CSUN Preschool will continue to play a leadership role in teaching, training, and research at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

### **Vision Statement:**

The UNLV/CSUN Preschool celebrates the diversity of family culture, language, and tradition. We value the partnerships that support curriculum adaptations and developmentally appropriate inclusive practice for each child. We recognize the importance of providing children with a rich and varied preschool experience that honors each family system and builds a strong foundation for the future.



Thank you for sharing your family culture with the children and staff. We look forward to continued participation throughout the year!

## **ACTIVE ART**



### **Raised Salt Painting**

#### **MATERIALS**

Card stock\*

Squeeze bottle of glue (such as Elmers)

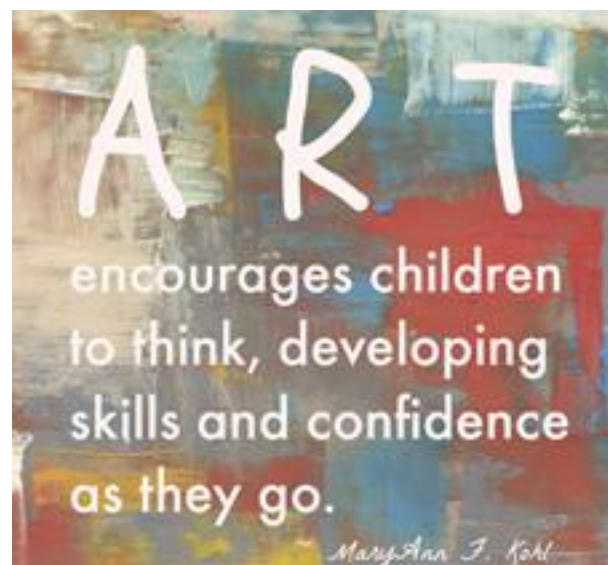
Table salt

Liquid watercolors ( or watered down food coloring)

Paint brushes or Droppers

Tray to contain salt.

- 1.) Squeeze glue designs or pictures onto your cardstock on tray.
- 2.) Sprinkle with salt until the glue is thoroughly covered. Tip to let excess salt fall away.
- 3.) Dip your paint brush into liquid watercolor paint then gently touch to the salt-covered glue lines. Watch the paint “magically” travel in both directions.
- 4.) Let dry thoroughly. This may take a day or two.





**MATH FUN AT HOME:** Review the Nevada Pre-K Standards in your kitchen:

PK.1.PK.3a Recognize and read numerals.

PK.1.PK.3b Estimate the number of objects in a set of 5 and verify by counting. 0-5.

PK.1.PK.3c Match the number of objects in a set to the correct numeral 0 to 5.



### Homemade Mac and Cheese Bites

#### Ingredients

- ½ pound elbow macaroni
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 2 Tablespoons flour
- 1½ cups milk
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 2 ounces cream cheese
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 egg beaten

**Instructions** Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

- Spray mini muffin tins with cooking spray.
- Cook pasta according to packaged directions and set aside.
- In a medium size pan combine butter and flour over medium heat. Whisk until butter is melted and mixture is smooth. Slowly add milk and bring to simmer.
- Add 1½ cups of the cheese, cream cheese, salt and pepper. Stir until smooth and creamy. Remove from heat.
- In a large mixing bowl, carefully stir pasta, cheese sauce, and egg until evenly mixed and pasta is evenly coated.
- Spoon mac and cheese into mini muffin tins and top each with a small pinch of remaining cheese. Bake at 400 degrees F for 15 minutes or until golden brown.
- Allow to cool 5 minutes before gently removing the bite. ENJOY!

### Canción infantil *Children's Song*



Enjoy a simple Spanish Song with your child with  
**Un elefante se balanceaba**

Un elefante se balanceaba  
sobre la tela de una araña,  
como veía que resistía  
fue a llamar a otro elefante.

Dos elefantes se balanceaban,  
sobre la tela de una araña,  
como veían que resistía  
fueron a llamar a otro elefante.

Tres elefantes...

Cuatro elefantes...

etc.... Music and lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VeaFKqicmg>

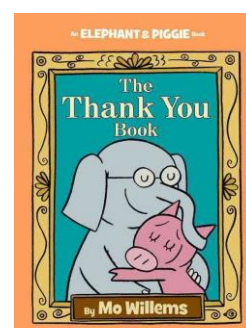
#### *A Balancing Elephant*

*An elephant stood on the web of a spider,  
She felt it was strong, it couldn't be tighter. She called to invite another elephant.*

*Two elephants stood on the web of a spider...etc...*



#### BOOK CORNER





**FAMILY EVENTS:** Visit this link for monthly family events for 2018  
<http://vegasfamilyevents.com/vegas-family-calendar/>

**Bellagio Conservatory Chinese New Year 2017**

**Bellagio Hotel & Casino**  
**3600 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109**  
**January 8th - March 4th**

**The Science of Ripley's Believe It or Not! Exhibit**

**Springs Preserve**  
**333 S Valley View Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89107**  
**Open Daily: Feb. 11th - May 7th 9 AM - 5 PM**  
**Located in the Origen Museum, free entry with paid admission.**  
**Admission to Springs Preserve: Local Adult: \$9.95, Local Child (Ages 5-7): \$4.95, Kids 4 and under are free.**

**Third Thursday - Car Show & Art Festival**

**Village Square Las Vegas**  
**9400 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117**  
**Thursday, February 16th 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**  
There will be classic and hot rod cars, local arts and crafts vendors, music, and many other fun family activities.

**McKee Ranch Flea Market**

**McKee Ranch Foundation**  
**8982 Dean Martin Dr, Las Vegas, Nevada 89139**  
**Saturday, February 18th 8 AM - 2 PM**  
Vintage, Antiques, Home Décor, and Furniture. Project Pieces, paint supplies, industrial, upcycling. Food trucks and don't forget the horses, goat, dog, chickens, donkey, and pig. Lots for the family to do! photo booth will be available for gliders to commemorate the day.  
**All ages; \$5 per person.**

**Black History Month Festival**

**Springs Preserve**  
**333 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89107**  
**Saturday, February 18th 10 AM - 4 PM**  
We're celebrating the contributions of African-Americans to our community with music, food, and dance at our annual Black History Month Festival.  
Enjoy live music and dance performances, food from local soul food restaurants, a historic black Las Vegas photo exhibit, and activities for the kids including arts and crafts, carnival games, and face-painting. **\$5 for adults, \$3 children (ages 3-12), FREE for children 2 and under.**

**Henderson Fire Department Open House**

**Fire Station 99 2401 Atchley Dr, Henderson, NV 89052**  
**February 18th 11 AM - 2 PM**  
Meet your neighborhood firefighters, check out firefighting apparatus, tour the station and learn how to Get READY! Stay READY! for emergencies.

**Cosmic Swim**

**Henderson Multigenerational Indoor Pool**  
**250 S Green Valley Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89012 February 24th**  
**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**  
It's a virtual galaxy of light and sound. Your interstellar aquatic experience includes music, diving for glow gear and crazy cosmic swimming races. [Register online using activity code 136317-01](#), or at any recreation center/indoor pool, or at the door.  
**Children under the age of 8 must be supervised by a parent/guardian within arm's reach (including in the water). All ages;**

**Family Fun Yoga Day** **Black Mountain Recreation Center**

**599 Greenway Rd, Henderson, NV 89015 February 25th 10 AM - 12 PM**  
Bring the entire family to this one-of-a-kind yoga experience, which includes yoga games, hug healing, yoga poses, breath work, and mindfulness education. No experience is necessary. All participants should bring a large towel or yoga mat and a water bottle. Children can bring a favorite stuffed animal. Exercise attire is required for everyone.  
[Register using activity code 251406-00.](#) **All ages; \$10.50**

**--Health Notes to Families:**

**NUT FREE ZONE:** We promote a Nut Free environment at the school. Classroom snack items are nut-free. Due to the fact that families pack lunches, we cannot guarantee an absolute nut-free zone across campus. Please consider and support our promotion of a nut-free zone as you pack lunches and bring snacks for classroom events. It definitely takes a collaborative effort on site. One great substitute for those peanut butter lovers is **sunflower butter**. Please notify the office and teacher if your child has a nut or any other allergy so we can create a Health Plan for your child.



**Flu Season**

**\* Please check out this link for flu season as recommended by the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), our health consultant partner:**

<http://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/influenza/>

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**Mardi Gras Vegas**

**Springs Preserve**  
**333 S Valley View Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89107**  
**Saturday, Feb. 25th**  
**12 PM - 4 PM**  
Featuring live music from Howlin' King Crawdad, food from local Southern Nevada eateries, festive adult beverages, a parade, and crafts for the kids, the family-friendly Mardi Gras Vegas will bring the tastes and sounds of the Louisiana bayou.  
**Mardi Gras Vegas Family-Friendly Stroller/Wagon Parade**  
Decorate a stroller or wagon for Mardi Gras and participate in the parade for a chance to win a prize!

**Learn more about the parade:**  
[https://www.springspreserve.org/assets/pdf/events\\_mardigras\\_parade.pdf](https://www.springspreserve.org/assets/pdf/events_mardigras_parade.pdf)