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BADGER BUZZ



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June Updates & Events for UW Parents

School's out and summertime is here! In this edition of Badger Buzz, we're highlighting several child care openings and search resources in UW-Madison's Child Care System and the surrounding community. Also find family-friendly events, as well as the craft, recipe, and book of the month. Have a fun and relaxing start to your summer!

Important Reminders:

- Summer [CCTAP](#) application is open still open! [Apply here](#).
- Summer [KidsKare](#) application is also open to UW-Madison students.

That's So Punny!

Why couldn't the fish go on vacation?

Scroll to the end to find out!



STEAM Symposium for parents and educators of kids 0-9 years

The Early Math Project invites you to their summer early STEAM symposium: **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) Outside the Classroom!** This free virtual symposium is intended for the educators and families of children from birth to third grade.

When: Friday, June 27, 2025 11:00 am - 4:10 pm CDT

Where: Virtual!

[Read more & register!](#)

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Looking for Child Care?

Browse options on our page to [Find Child Care!](#) UW-Madison's Child Care System offers priority enrollment for UW families, including our three [Campus Child Care Centers](#) and [six Network Centers](#).

We also have partnered with [Satellite Family Child Care System](#) to offer referrals to over 60 accredited and/or licensed in-home care providers in Dane County and across Wisconsin.

If you have an infant between 0-2, we encourage you to get on multiple waiting lists as spots fill quickly.

[Find child care](#)

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Child Care Center Openings



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[Little Chicks Learning Academy](#)

Summer Openings (**Currently open**)

- 1 open spot for a child born between 9/2023 - 2/2024
- 3 open spots for children born between 1/2023 - 8/2023
- 2 open spots for children born in 2021-2022

Fall Openings (**Starting September 2**)

- 1 open spot for a child born from Dec. 2024 - June 2025
- 2 open spots for children born from March 2024 - November 2024
- 1 open spot for a child born from September 2023 - February 2024
- 5 open spots for children born from January 2023 - August 2023
- 4 open spots for children born in 2021-2022

[Contact Little Chicks Learning Academy](#)

[Preschool of the Arts](#)

Current Openings:

- 6 open spots for children born April 2023 or earlier

[Contact Preschool of the Arts](#)

[The Playing Field \(East side location\)](#)

Fall Openings (**Starting September 2**)

- 4 open spots for infants or toddlers

[Contact The Playing Field](#)

Satellite Family Child Care System Openings

The [Satellite Family Child Care System](#) is a network of accredited, high-quality family child care providers managed by Reach Dane. UW-Madison partners with Satellite in order to expand child care options for UW families.

As of now, there are several [family child care providers](#) in the Madison area with open spots for babies and children of all ages. Family child care providers may be able to provide increased flexibility and smaller class sizes than traditional group daycare settings. Additionally, some family child care providers offer services in different languages!

Please use the button below to request a list of providers with open spots.

[Request full list of openings](#)



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UPCOMING FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

[Shorewood Summer Nites](#)

Jun 5, 5:00-8:00 PM
Heiden Haus

[Hometown Days](#)

Jun 6-8, varying times
Hometown USA Festival Park - Verona

[Cows on the Concourse](#)

Jun 7, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM
Capitol Square

[Outdoor Fun Weekend](#)

Jun 7-8, 6:00 AM-11:00 PM
Wisconsin State Parks and Forests

[Movement Exploration](#)

Jun 9, 10:00-10:30 AM
Pinney Library

[Picnic & Playtime at the Park](#)

Jun 9, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Schumacher Farm Park - Waunakee

[Wiggles and Words Multi-Age Storytime](#)

Jun 9, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Goodman South Madison Library

[Cottage Grove Firemen's Festival](#)

Jun 12-15, varying times
Firemen's Park - Cottage Grove

[Family Fun Night](#)

Jun 13, 5:30-8:00 PM
Warner Park Community Recreation Center, \$5/family

[Breakfast on the Farm](#)

Jun 14, 7:00-11:30 AM
Hinchley's Dairy Farm

[Shorewood Summer Nites](#)

Jun 19, 5:00-8:00 PM

[Oregon Summer Fest](#)

Jun 20-22, varying times
Kiser Firemen's Park

[Kids in the Rotunda - Istvan & His Imaginary Band](#)

Jun 21, 11:00-11:45 AM
Overture Center - Rotunda Stage

[Kids on the Prairie](#)

Jun 22, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Holy Wisdom Monastery

[Movie at The Glen - Moana 2](#)

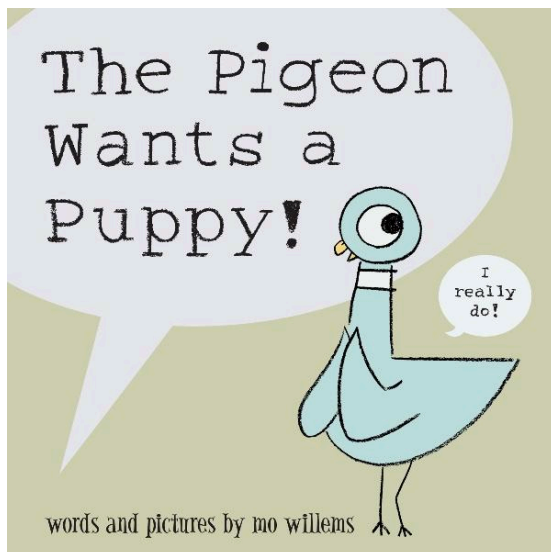
Jun 22, 4:00-8:00 PM
The Glen Golf Park

[Storytime for the Very Young](#)

Jun 24, 10:00-10:30 AM
Sequoia Library

[Movie at the Pool - Shark Tale](#)

Jun 28, 5:15-7:00 PM
Goodman Pool



Book of the Month: The Pigeon Wants a Puppy

The Pigeon Wants a Puppy! By Mo Willems is a silly and charming picture book that captures the bold and demanding personality of the beloved Pigeon character. The Pigeon really, really, REALLY wants a puppy. He will take good care of it, he promises! Pigeon is convinced it will be the best thing ever- until he sees a big, hairy, slobbering one!

[Read Aloud Storytime](#)



Craft of the Month: Puffy Paint

Puffy paint offers a wonderful sensory experience for children! With just three simple ingredients- shaving cream, white glue and food coloring, you can make homemade puffy paint! It takes less than five minutes to make and is perfect for encouraging creativity! Children will love the soft, squishy texture and bright colors. It's perfect for painting a worksheet or creating art outside on the sidewalk!

[Learn More](#)



Chef's Corner

Graham Cracker Bites

Add all of the ingredients to a medium bowl and stir. Stir in the chocolate chips or fruit if desired. Use a tablespoon to shape the mixture into balls. Roll in additional graham cracker crumbs if desired. Chill for 30 minutes. Enjoy!

Ingredients:

1 cup rolled oats
½ cup peanut butter or nut butter
½ cup graham cracker crumbs
⅓ cup honey
¼ cup chocolate chips or dried fruit (if desired)
2 tbsp additional graham cracker crumbs

Recipe from yummytoddlerfood.com

Answer:

Why couldn't the fish go on vacation?

**Because he was
still in school!**

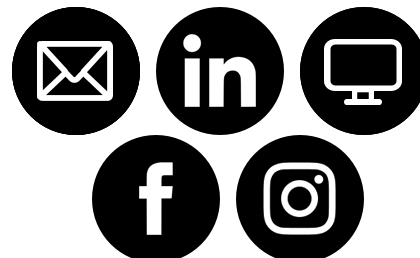


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