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BADGER BUZZ



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May Updates & Events for UW Parents

May has arrived, and with it comes a season of celebration and new beginnings! In this issue of Badger Buzz, we're highlighting child care openings, upcoming family-friendly events and fun sensory activities for your littlest learners. The summer issues of Badger Buzz will be a little shorter, but if you need additional resources, don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to cheer you on—thank you for being part of our vibrant UW community!

Important Dates:

- Summer [CCTAP](#) application is open! [Apply here.](#)
- Summer [KidsKare](#) application opens **Monday, May 5.**

That's So Punny!

What do you call a bear in the rain?

Scroll to the end to find out!



Summer & Fall Child Care Openings!

[Little Chicks Learning Academy](#), one of the child care centers in [UW-Madison's Child Care Network](#), has several open spots this summer and fall for children ages 0-4 years.

Summer 2025 Openings:

- 2 spots - born in 2024
- 3 spots - born in 2023
- 1 spot - born in 2021-2022

Fall 2025 Openings:

- 4 spots - born Dec. 2024 - June 2025
- 3 spots - born Mar. 2024 - Nov. 2024
- 2 spots - born Sept. 2023 - Jan. 2024
- 5 spots - born Jan. 2023 - Aug. 2023
- 4 spots - born in 2021 - 2022

Email director to inquire



Summer KidsKare application available Monday, May 5!

KidsKare offers reduced rate hourly care by reservation at Little Chicks Learning Academy.

Ages served: 6 weeks to 5 years (not started kindergarten yet)

UW-Madison Student Rate: 50 hours per semester of free or \$5/hour care.

Please note, reduced cost KidsKare hours are *only available to faculty and staff during the Fall/Spring semester*. Fac/staff may still use this service at the



New e-book: Sensory Activities for Babies & Young Toddlers

This activity e-book highlights the importance of sensory exploration in early development.

Featuring a collection of activities designed to stimulate the senses, encourage cognitive growth, and build fine motor skills, the e-book offers practical guidance for educators and caregivers to create engaging sensory experiences that support curiosity, discovery, and overall development.

regular hourly rate by [contacting Little Chicks](#).

[View e-book](#)

[Apply for KidsKare](#)

UPCOMING FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

[Baby & Toddler Storytime](#)

May 7, 9:30-10:30 AM
Central Library

[Discovery Day](#)

May 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Olbrich Gardens, \$3-6/person

[Art for Little Ones](#)

May 8, 9:30-10:15 AM
Pinney Library

[Little Sprouts](#)

May 9, 10:15-11:15 AM
Olbrich Gardens, \$9/child

[Family Fun Night](#)

May 9, 5:30-8:00 PM
Warner Park Community Recreation Center, \$5/family

[World Migratory Bird Day](#)

May 10, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
San Damiano, Monona

[Kids on the Prairie - Birds and Binoculars](#)

May 11, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Holy Wisdom Monastery

[Children's African Story Hour](#)

May 12, 4:00-5:00 PM
Pinney Library

[Growing Voices Music Class](#)

May 13, 10:30-11:00 AM
Monroe Street Library

[Preschool Storytime with Pogie the Yogie](#)

May 16, 9:30-11:00 AM
Sequoia Library

[Kids Building Wisconsin](#)

May 17, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
McKee Farms Park - Fitchburg

[Bilingual Storytime](#)

May 17, 10:00-10:30 AM
Pinney Library

[Family Nature Program: Terrific Turtles](#)

May 18, 1:30-3:30 PM
UW-Madison Arboretum

[World's Largest Brat Fest](#)

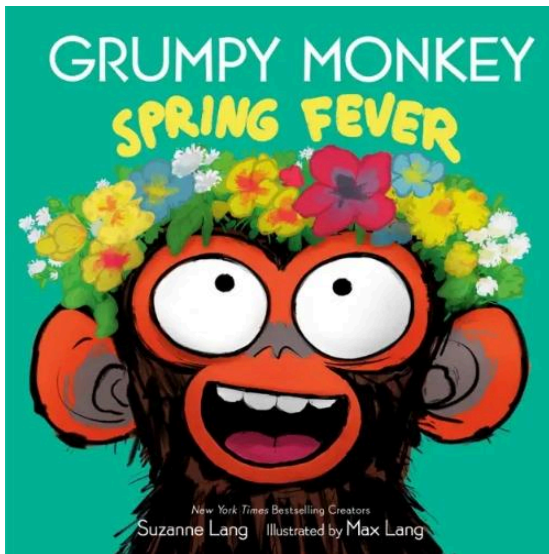
May 23-25, varying times
Alliant Energy Center

[Scenic Stroll](#)

May 25, 1:00-2:00 PM
UW-Madison Arboretum

[Festa Italia](#)

May 31- Jun 1, varying times



Book of the Month: *Grumpy Monkey Spring Fever*

When Jim runs through the jungle laughing and shouting with glee, the other animals are very concerned. This just isn't the grumpy Jim they know. Soon Norman diagnoses Jim with a bad case of spring fever and tells Jim that he needs to find a cure. The other jungle animals offer suggestions. Soon, the other animals catch spring fever too and the jungle erupts into a silly celebration of springtime as they all join in the fun.

[Read Aloud Storytime](#)



Craft of the Month: Coffee Filter Butterflies

Create a beautiful butterfly using just coffee filters, markers, and a pipe cleaner! Start by stacking and coloring two coffee filters with washable markers. Then, use water and a dropper to blend the colors and let them dry. Once dry, accordion-fold both filters and twist a pipe cleaner around the center. Shape the ends into antennae, fluff out the wings, and you will have a colorful, handmade butterfly perfect for display or play.

[Learn More](#)



Chef's Corner

Strawberry Yogurt Bites

Line a muffin pan with muffin liners. In a bowl, combine yogurt and strawberries. Divide granola into lined muffin cups and cover with the yogurt mixture. Top with granola and sliced strawberries. Put in the freezer for 2-4 hours and enjoy!

Ingredients:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup granola

1 cup Greek yogurt

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup diced fresh strawberries

Topping:

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup granola

4 diced strawberries

Recipe from allnutritious.com

Answer:

What do you call a bear in the rain?

A drizzly bear!

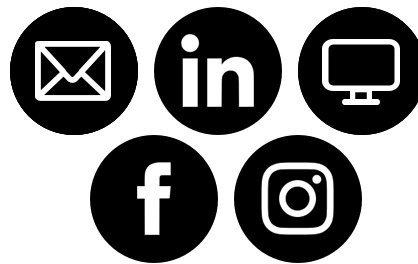


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