

BADGER BUZZ



March Updates & Events for UW Parents

Spring is (almost) in the air! In this issue you'll find tips for spring cleaning as a family, where to look for spring break camps, and a great book to help kids learn about the changing seasons.

P.S. Students, be sure to submit your spring semester applications for the [Child Care Tuition Assistance Award](#) by March 3 to be considered for a full award.

That's So Punny!

What do you call a bear caught in a spring shower?

Scroll to the end to see answer



Raising Problem Solvers

March 1, 8, and 15
12:00-1:15 p.m.

In this 3-part series you will gain a deep understanding of how to identify the real problems underlying your child's challenging behavior and how to work together as a team to solve those problems.

Open to Students, Faculty, & Staff and partners/spouses.

[Register Today!](#)



Read Across America - March 2

Ready, Set, Read! Celebrate your love of reading for #ReadAcrossAmerica Day on March 2.

When we make time to read with kids, children get the message that reading is important. When we read books that have characters of all races, genders, and backgrounds, students discover their own voices and learn from the voices of others. See below for a list of books that kids love!

[Learn More](#)



Save the Date - UW Day of the Badger

The countdown is on for the Day of the Badger!! [Mark your calendars](#) for this

annual fundraising event in celebration of Badger pride.

WHY SUPPORT CAMPUS CHILD CARE?

In this great big university, it is the little ones who matter most to us. Children are at the heart of everything we do. Your gifts:

- enable children to thrive in affordable, high-quality child care
- ensure parenting students stay on the path to degree completion
- empower campus early educators to create innovative learning experiences for the children in their classrooms.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

Any gift, no matter the size, counts! And best of all, when you give to the Office of Child Care & Family Resources, **your gift will be matched dollar for dollar – up to \$10,000** – thanks to a generous donor.

Make a Gift Today!

Spring Cleaning Chores for Kids, by Age

Spring cleaning is not something most people look forward to, but if you involve the entire family, everyone wins. You get help decluttering and reorganizing your home just in time for warmer weather to begin, which studies show can reduce anxiety and boost mood.

[Read More](#)



How To Enjoy Playing with Your Kids When You Don't Like Playtime

While children have an endless capacity for play, parents might not be as enthusiastic. But, instead of kicking yourself for not liking playtime, there are ways to play with your kids that might be more to your liking. Here are some tips to get you started.

[Read More](#)



Spring Break Camps in the Greater Madison Area

Spring Break is right around the corner! If you are staying close to home, and are looking for some fun for the kids, try using the **Madison-area Out-of-school-time (MOST)** search tool.

[Read More](#)



UPCOMING FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

[Music and Movement](#)

March 2 from 5:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Explore Children's Museum

[Trinity Irish Dance - Kids in the Rotunda](#)

March 4 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Overture Center Rotunda Stage

[Monroe Arts Center – Angela Puerta & Band](#)

March 4 at 11:00 a.m.
Monroe Arts Center, Monroe WI

[Serendipity Saturdays - with Annie](#)

March 4 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Monroe Street Library

[Black History Month Celebration \(Rescheduled\)](#)

March 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Mendota Elementary School

[Family Fun Night](#)

March 10 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Warner Park Community Rec Center | \$5 per family

[Book Buddies \(Read-to-a-dog program\)](#)

March 11 | Multiple sessions between 9:30 a.m.-11:05 a.m.
City Dog Veterinary Clinic

[Walk & Explore – For Kids!](#)

March 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park – North

[Fairy Tale Brunch](#)

March 11 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Blackhawk Country Club | \$35 adults; \$25 child; Free for 2 and younger

[Wild Rumpus Circus](#)

March 18 at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
March 19 at 2:00 p.m.
Madison Youth Arts Center | Reservations required \$15 Child; \$20 adult

[Maple Syrup Fest](#)

March 18 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Aldo Leopold Nature Center

[Lego Club](#)

March 18 from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Central Library | Ages 5-12

[Mud Season - Family Nature Program](#)

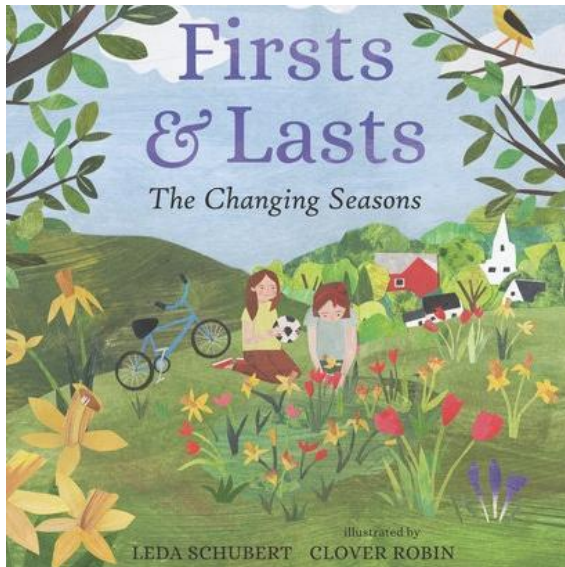
March 19 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
UW-Arboretum

[Beni Daiko Takio Drumming - Kids in the Rotunda](#)

March 25 at 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.
Overture Center Rotunda Stage

[Spring Break Crafternoon](#)

March 31 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.



**Book of the Month:
Firsts and Lasts, by Leda
Schubert**

What is the first sign of spring? And what is the last glimpse of winter?

Whichever way you mark the changing of the seasons, every year feels like an extraordinary miracle! In this jubilant ode to seasonal rituals, Leda Schubert evokes the familiar, enchanting rhythm of the four seasons, while Clover Robin's bold collages bring warmth and magic to everyday occurrences.



**Reach your academic goals with
FREE tutoring and more!**

Did you know [Greater University Tutoring \(GUTS\)](#) offers drop-in and small-group tutoring, language exchange, and 1:1 appointments to enhance your study skills?

But there's more! Did you know **there are 20+ academic support services at UW?** [Explore even more options](#) for tutoring, writing, research, study skills, and media.



Chef's Corner

Frozen Chocolate Monkey Treats

Here's a fun way for kids to play with food! Cut each banana into 6 pieces. Insert a toothpick into each piece and freeze for 1 hour on a waxed paper-lined baking sheet. In a microwave, melt the chocolate and shortening and stir until smooth. Dip the banana pieces in chocolate and toppings, then return to baking sheet and freeze for 30 min.

Ingredients:

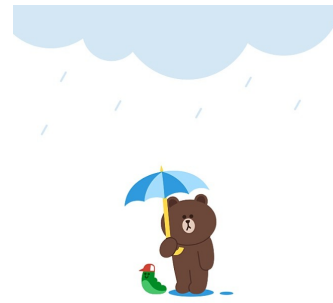
- 3 medium bananas
- 1 cup dark chocolate chips
- 2 teaspoons shortening
- Optional toppings: chopped peanuts or nuts, toasted sweetened coconut, or sprinkles

Recipe from Tasteofhome.com

Answer:

What do you call a bear caught in a shower?

A drizzly bear!



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