



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD ACTIVITIES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA STUDENT GROUP

Nebraska Students for Young Children is a recognized student organization on UNL's campus. We work closely with the College of Education and Human Sciences and the National Association for the Education of Young Children to further our education and provide opportunities for professional development to students going into an early childhood/education field. We also plan events that help us fund-raise money to be able to attend professional development conferences, one example is a Child Care Night. We meet on a Friday/Saturday night and provide child care for families, so parents can spend some time together while their child has a great, safe, and fulfilled night at Ruth Staples Child Development Laboratory on UNL's East Campus. All ages are welcome to attend and typically the nights go from 6:30-10:30.

Recently we were able to use funds from our fundraising to collaborate with Autism Society of Nebraska and Project Exceed to provide an Ipad for a family with a child who has autism. It is these opportunities that are most rewarding to us as early childhood educators, to be able to touch the lives of families and individual children. We presented the family with the Ipad and the students from the organization were able to work with Sebastian and the Ipad. "This is such a great feeling, the family looks so happy, and excited for Sebastian to have this support." "Sebastian is going to be able to connect so much easier with his kindergarten environment with the ipad support."

We also were awarded a grant from Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children to plan an event to celebrate the week of the young child. In collaboration with ASN, the student group planned a free event at Lost in Fun on April 20th (an indoor play center) for children with Autism and their families to attend. The evening was spent interacting with large motor activities and ended with a pizza party! We had over 30 children with their families at the event!



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