This week we had nutrition students come and teach us about fruits and vegetables. We learned all about eating a variety of colors, and we matched pictures of fruits and veggies to the colors of the rainbow. We also enjoyed a special visit from a baby piglet! We finished up our chinchilla study this week, and we even got to observe real chinchillas in our classroom. We have been watching the Decorah eagle camera as well. We noticed that there are now three eggs in the nest! We have been watching the mother and father take turns sitting on the nest.

March Birthdays

Gavin – 8th
Clair – 12th
Davontae – 30th
We have been enjoying the wonderful weather this week out on our playground! We were finally able to uncover the sandbox, which we hadn’t seen all winter. We were very excited to play in it again, as well as ride our bikes outdoors.

Reminder:
The Center will be closed for WIU’s scheduled Spring Break, March 16th – 20th. We will re-open on Monday, March 23rd. Enjoy spending some quality time with your families!
A Note About Dramatic Play

In the Dramatic Play Area, children take on different roles and enact real-life experiences. They use props and make-believe to deepen their understandings about the world.

Pretending is very important to your child’s development. Children who know how to make believe develop good vocabularies, which are important for reading. They learn to cooperate with others, solve problems, and think abstractly. All of those skills are important for success in school. When children pretend, they recall and re-create experiences. To do this, they need to form mental images. For example, to play the role of a doctor, children have to remember what tools a doctor uses, how a doctor examines a patient, and what a doctor says. In playing a doctor or other roles, children learn to cooperate with others and share their ideas. When children make believe, we talk with them and participate in their play to extend their thinking.

You can encourage the same kind of pretend play at home as we do at school simply by playing with your child and providing some simple props. The nice thing about dramatic play is that it requires only your imagination. When you engage in pretend play with your child, you are teaching important skills and strengthening the relationships that are the foundation for all learning.