



Child Development Lab
SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Dear Parents,

For more than 90 years, the School of Human Ecology has been a pioneer in early childhood development. For generations of children, students, and researchers, SoHE has continuously operated an on-site preschool that complements our research, teaching, and outreach missions.

Through the years, the emphasis of the preschool lab has shifted from one of teacher training to early childhood development, including the development of infants and toddlers. To better reflect this shift, **the name of the preschool will officially change to the Child Development Lab (CDL) on July 1, 2018.** While our operations will remain the same, this new name reflects our recommitment to our three-part mission and our strategic goal of building SoHE into a national and international leader in the ecology of child well-being.

As you know, the preschool is a year-round host to numerous studies by students and faculty as well as a resource for students to complete internships and course requirements. The Child Development Lab rename helps to clarify our focus on early childhood development and emphasize our incredible research capabilities within the UW-Madison campus and beyond.

Like you, I consider our preschool to be a very special place. Please take comfort in knowing the CDL will continue to be a nationally accredited early learning space with innovative instruction, highly qualified and experienced teachers, and dedicated leaders. Above all, it will continue to be a place dedicated to the care of children.

If you have any questions or concerns about the name change, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Amy Wagner at 608-890-4253 or amy.wagner@wisc.edu.

Sincerely,

Soyeon Shim
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