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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Center Closed 10/17
- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences 10/17
- ◆ Early Closure 10/27

Holiday Celebrations

Our Family Handbook states:

Holidays and other celebrations are important times for many families. Some families celebrate different holidays, some do not. At *The Children’s Center* you may see an environment with décor made by children who have created an atmosphere of their choice during the holidays. You may see card making materials in the writing center for children to create any time of the year. You may see children making masks or painting faces during fall. You will not see group or individual holiday projects designed and fostered by the teachers. As mentioned in our curriculum section, our activities develop from the children’s interests. Most celebrations such as children’s holiday parties meet the needs of adults, however may not be appropriate for young children, and in fact, may exclude children who cannot, for whatever reason, participate. Celebrations at the Center are a culmination of a project or interest, and are always fully integrated within the curriculum.

Thanks for leaving Halloween costumes at home for your own celebrations!

Extra Clothing

As the weather is getting colder (and wetter) some days, we want to remind you that we do go outside most every day. It’s important that your child has clothing that is appropriate for the

changing weather. (Boots, waterproof gloves, heavy coats, hats etc.) Please check your child’s supply of extra clothing as well, it is difficult to send a child outside in shorts if it’s 45 degrees out ☺.

NECPA Accreditation

One of the goals for the Center before the end of December is to go through the self-study process and get paperwork turned in for Accreditation through the National Early Childhood Program for Accreditation. You will be receiving family surveys soon, and I would like to get responses back from 100% of the families that we serve.

Center Closures

Just a reminder that the Children’s Center will be closed on Tuesday October 17 for staff development day. We will be holding our fall parent/teacher conferences between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. Please look for conference sign-up sheets by Friday this week.

Curriculum Sharing and Barbecue

Thank you so much to all who came Friday to our event. The staff worked hard to prepare and in means a lot that you would take time out of your busy schedule to join us!

"CHILDREN ARE NOT
A DISTRACTION FROM MORE
IMPORTANT WORK.
THEY ARE THE
MOST IMPORTANT WORK."

John Traiver, M.D.

Several of you have asked for the bubble recipe that Denise used on Friday and she was kind enough to provide it for us: Amounts for 1 gallon of juice.

- Guar gum - 1 tsp | 5 ml | 5.25 grams. Use a bit more or less to suit your preferences.
- Baking powder - 2 tsp | 10 ml | 10 grams. You can use a little more without any problem.
- Alcohol (for slurry) - 2 tbsp | 30 ml.
- Detergent
 - **For 25:1** - 9.5 tbsp (or very slightly less) | 1/2 cup plus 1.5 tbsp | 140 grams.
 - **For 20:1 (if you like a less dilute mix)** - 12 tbsp | 3/4 cup | 6 ounces | 175 grams (ml) [if you like a less dilute mix]
- Water - 15 cups | 3500 ml (15 cups is actually 3548 ml -- which is close enough).
- Mix well and enjoy!

Recipe Corner

Chili Mac

4-6 servings:

8 oz. of macaroni cooked

1 30 oz. can of Kuner's Chili Beans in Chili Sauce

8 oz. of shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350

In a medium baking dish mix macaroni and chili beans. Top with shredded cheddar cheese and bake until cheese is melted and bubbly.

Illness Policy

Illness

It is your responsibility to notify the center if your child has a communicable disease such as:

measles, mumps, meningitis, T.B., hepatitis, lice, ring worm, chicken pox, salmonella, hand, foot and mouth disease, etc. A child may be readmitted without a statement from a health practitioner only if the child has been absent for a period of time equal to the longest incubation period of the disease as specified by The Children's Hospital School Health Program guidelines. Children may attend the Center without immunizations.

Deciding whether to keep your child at home or whether Center staff should send a child home from child care can be difficult. It is important for parents and caregivers to discuss what symptoms they have observed and agree on a plan of action based on consensus about what symptoms require that children stay home.

There are three reasons to exclude children from our child care:

- 1) The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in usual activities.
- 2) The child requires more care than the program staff is able to provide without affecting the health and safety of the other children.
- 3) The illness is on the following list of symptoms or illness for which exclusion is recommended.

If a child is sent home with a fever, it is our expectation that the child will not return to care until they have been fever free without the help of a fever reducer for at least 24 hours.