



Little Angel Wings Childcare & Preschool Newsletter

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Contracts, Renewals and Receipts

WOW - I can't believe that another year has come and gone so quickly. It is that time again to renew our contracts. I will have the new contracts out to all of the parents by November 30, 2007 and ask that you have them back to me no later than December 21, 2007 (the last day of daycare for 2007). Please take some time to read over all of the Policies and Procedures as there will be some changes that have been made. Make sure that if you have any questions, comments, or concerns that we address them before you sign the contract and allow me time to make the changes to the paperwork before the last minute. :O(The adjusted holiday dates will be in the new contract as well. Take a moment to mark these dates for future use as to the days daycare will be closed. I will be giving all of the daycare receipts out on January 14, 2008. Just a reminder to the parents that are using Tuition Reimbursement through work to provide me with a note of some sort or even the form that you fill out for work to put in your files for my records. Anything will do, but I need to keep track of where my information is going and who is using the provided programs.

Vacation & Holiday

As mentioned in last months newsletter I have decided to take some of my vacation around the holiday's this year. If you have not done so yet, please find alternate care for your little one during the dates of December 24, 2007-January 1, 2008. Daycare will resume on January 2, 2008. As always, if you are not going to be at work, please let me know in advance or as soon as possible so that I am aware that your child will be absent from daycare and we can work around the preschool activities.

Preschool

Each child is at their own level of learning and I have been trying to make sure that all of the little ones are getting the attention in the areas they need. Learning lessons may not always include a pen and paper. I prefer to try and make our lessons into games and fun for the kids so they are still learning but aren't going to get restless with the learning activities. The older kids have been working a bit with workbook pages as well as being included in the puzzles, I Spy games, singing, dancing, sharing, scavenger hunts, and so many other activities that we participate in together and learn about life skills. I am so proud of all of the kids and how well they are grasping new ideas and ways of learning. They all seem to encourage one another in a way that makes them all want to do more and more every day!

Wipes & Tissues

No need to remind you that your child has very delicate skin and now that the weather is becoming very brisk it might make it more painful when they get a little runny nose! As in the past, if you could all bring a box of the softest tissues you can get and a refill pack of thick baby wipes no later than December 7, 2007. I have found that in my many years of using various kinds of wipes that the Huggies Supremes tend to be the best and can get the job done with just one wipe rather than using 2 or more with the other brands and they generally stay moist longer.

Learning Time - Sign Language Words

I have been keeping the words fairly simple as we have some younger ones that are still trying to get the hang of how to use the sign language words that they have already learned and I don't want to confuse them by adding more. Working in a group setting really helps the kids teach each other and the older kids that have better vocal skills love being the 'teacher' when it comes to sign-language time...Gotta love the little helpers.



Water - Touch the mouth with the index finger of the right W hand a few times.

Please - Make a circle with the right flat hand over the heart.



Thank-you - Touch the lips with the fingertips of one or both flat hands, then move the hands forward until the palms are facing up. It is natural to smile and nod the head while making this sign.

You're Welcome - same as Thank-you



Mother - Touch the right chin with the thumb of the right open hand. The fingers may be wiggled slightly.

Father - Touch the forehead with the thumb of the right open hand. The fingers may be wiggled slightly.



More - Touch the fingertips of both hands before the chest with palms facing down. The right hand can be brought up to meet the left from slightly lower position.



Drink - Move the right C hand in a short arc toward the mouth.



Milk - Squeeze both slightly

open S hands with a downward motion, alternating hands.



Done - Hold the left flat hand with fingers pointing forward and

palm facing right. Move the fingers of the right flat hand outward along the index-finger edge of the left until it drops off the end.

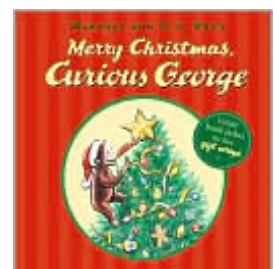
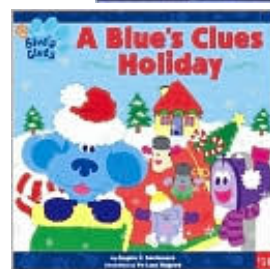
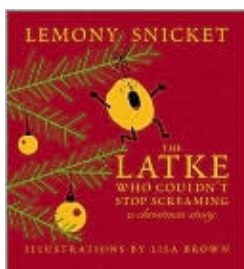
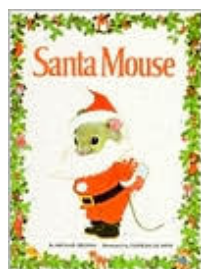
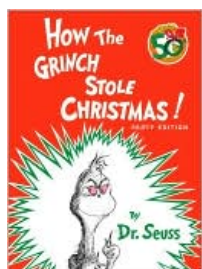
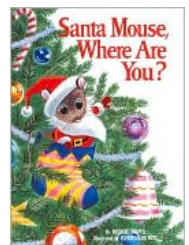
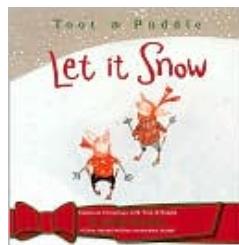
Help - Place the closed right hand on the flat left palm and lift both hands together.

Stop - Bring the little-finger side of the right flat hand down sharply at the right angles on the left palm.



Potty - Shake the right T hand in front of the chest with the palm facing forward.

Suggested Reading



Kid's Korner

How many words can you make from
Happy Holidays?



Color the picture.

How many words can you find?

H A N U K A H T G
 H O L I W D A Y S
 G H F D A S D D T
 C J L Y N D F Y P
 H S R W Z T G H K
 R L S D A R N G J
 I L K F A M I L Y
 S W R T P L P H K
 T L P S V H P M K
 M A S D G J O K L
 A P R T Y D H H J
 S T F I G W S E T

Hanukah
 Christmas
 Kwanzaa

Gifts
 Shopping
 Family

What's Different?

Find the difference
 in the two pictures.
 List them below or
 circle them in the
 pictures.