



Little Angel Wings Childcare & Preschool Newsletter

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Contracts, Renewals and Receipts

As mentioned in the newsletter last month, I will have the 2010 contracts out to you by December 7th. Please read over the Policies and Procedures entirely as there have been a few changes. Also, mark your calendars of the adjusted holidays ahead of time. As always I will remind you of days off as they get closer. If you should have any questions after reading the contract, PLEASE discuss them with me *before* they are due back (no later than December 18th). I will be working on the year end receipts and hope to have those out by January 8th. If you are on a tuition reimbursement through your work please make sure you let me know how you will be filing your taxes. I have a new tax ID number and need to make sure I am aware of all the places it will be submitted.

Vacation & Holiday

As per the letter given out previously stating days off, I will be taking time off between Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Starting December 24th and returning back to daycare on January 4th. I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!!

Preschool

With the few weeks that we have left before the holidays I plan to review the lessons that the little ones have been working on. They are working on the alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes, as well as manner and respect for each other. I have been putting them in circle groups when working on their projects so they can share their crayons and also see what the other kids are working on. This is when I take the opportunity to test them on their colors and see how they are respecting each other and sharing.

Wipes & Tissues

It has been several months again since I had you bring wipes and tissues. Please help restock the supply with Huggies Supreme wipes and Kleenex or Puffs tissues. If you can find the ones with Vicks in them they seem to work really well when the little ones have the sniffles. I have been going through the wipes pretty fast with such a bad season of the flu going around. The little ones get a wipe to use before eating and then wash with soap and water when they are finished with their meal. We have been discussing how to cover a cough and to wash our hands after using a tissue for our nose. With all of our new lessons and the use of Lysol daily I am hoping to reduce the exposure of the cold and flu this season....keeping my fingers crossed. Please pick up the supplies the next time you are out to the store and bring them to daycare when you get them. I have a checklist by the door and will mark you off when I receive them.

Activity

Recently I read an article about the benefits of 'tea parties' and wanted to incorporate them into the daycare. There are so many positive points that she made that I feel the kids would have a blast and learn so much. It would take some cooperation from all of my daycare families. What I need is some old bridesmaid dresses or prom dresses that you are no longer using, hats, old heels, vests, bow ties/neck ties, and button down shirts...anything that we could use for a tea party. I will then alter the clothes for the kids to make them tailored to their sizes-we don't exactly want them swimming in them. Also, if you have mix and match China tea sets; anything that resembles a tea cup/saucer or tea pot. I will look for items as well. Once all the outfits are tailored and the China sets ready I will have a baking day with the kids to prepare the snacks or desserts with the kids and we will go through the steps in baking and how to prepare tea. Next we will pick out an

outfit to wear for the event. This will be a process over several days and we will continue to have tea parties often to allow each child the chance to be host/hostess and use that time to bring up new topics for discussion. I think the kids will feel like grown-ups...and of course I will be taking pictures.

Some of the things she pointed out were:

Sitting at the table:

- Introduce them to 'old fashioned' manners
- Have the boys pull out the chair for the girls
- Place napkins on their lap
- No elbows on the table
- Engage in polite conversation

Passing the tea:

- Select one child to be host/hostess
- Allow them to our the tea
- Helps create a leadership role, building confidence and self-esteem
- If they choose a 2nd cup, allow them to pour it themselves to practice pouring skills

- Don't fuss over spills-discuss how to avoid them

Sharing the treats:

- Describe the treats being served
- Point out details and ask them to describe them to everyone
- Pass out the treats until everyone has one- no one eats until everyone has a treat to eat

Conversation:

- The core of the party and the most fun!!
- You can select a conversation to talk about such as manners, how they are dressed or how the table is decorated
- Allow them all time to talk and have a conversation with the others
- DON'T RUSH...this is all about having fun and noticing the details of the party!

The article was written by Patricia Dischler to read the article in it's entirety please follow this link:

www.patriciadischler.com.

Learning Time - Sign Language Words

I continue to work with the kids on many words and also introduce them to new ones every so often. They are still trying to grasp letter recognition, so I will show them the sign for each letter to help them learn both. If you have a few minutes here or there try to work with them on some of the words that we have been working on. Every little bit helps and repetition is a great way for the kids to understand how to use their sign-language skills. They are usually pretty happy with themselves whenever they can show off their skills too.



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



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.



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.

Milk - Squeeze both slightly open S hands with a downward motion, alternating hands.



Cat - Place the index fingers and thumbs of the F hands under the nose with the palms facing, then move them out sideways. This sign maybe be done with the right hand only.

Dog - Slap the right flat hand against the right leg and snap the



right middle finger.

Sister - The thumb of the right 'A' hand moves down along the right jawbone, almost to the chin. The outstretched fingers are brought together either once or several times.

Brother - The thumb and extended fingers of the right hand are brought up to grasp an imaginary cap bring, representing the tipping of caps by men in olden days. The outstretched index fingers are brought together, either once or several times.

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.


