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JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2010



Wow, it's that time of year again! Ms. Vickie will have the year end statements available for your tax purposes no later than January 31, 2010. For those of you who supplied us your e-mail address are receiving those now. Hard copies will be available for pick up at the front desk area. Those forms are alphabetized for your convenience. For those of you who only need our EIN number (Employer Identification Number) here it is.

39-1905508.

If you have any questions please let us know.



As you know, The Nannies Unlimited Child Center and Preschool Inc. has recently adjusted our tuition due to increasing costs being passed on to the Center at many levels. Our first aim is to please our customers. However, we will not be

able to serve you if our business incurs losses. We make decisions based on what we feel is best for our business. We understand the economic problems being experience in our country today, however if you look closer at price increases for such thing as food and supplies you would understand how our business has been affected. Unfortunately, we are left with no rational alternative but to increase our prices. We are confident, nonetheless, that you will continue to find the quality of our childcare even in light of these new prices to be reasonable and competitive.

The Center has not increased our prices for over 4 years and felt during those times the Center would absorb the economies downturn and in doing so pass those savings along to our families. However, during those years of maintaining our tuition other Centers substantially increased theirs'. If we had adjusted our prices annually over those years your savings

would not have been beneficial for you. While we are not happy about this announcement, we are confident you will continue to be pleased with our superior daycare. We look forward to continued business together. It has been our pleasure to serve our families in the past, and we look forward to doing business with everyone in the future.

We would like to thank our parents and family members who've supported this decision during this adjustment period.

The Nannies Unlimited Child Center and Preschool Inc. will be assessing and adjusting tuitions annually to best meet the needs of our business and clients.



Fireflies to the Civic Center!

Ms. Shelly's Firefly class will be going to the Civic Center on March 29, 2010 to attend the

showing of "The Hungry Caterpillar"



She is VERY excited for the children to attend this showing and has asked that the children "dress up" for this special occasion. If you have any questions please talk with Ms. Shelly in the Firefly classroom.



The Nannies Unlimited Child Center and Preschool Inc. will again have our Valentine Day Party Friday February 12, 2010. We ask that you have your child, "sign" their names to the back of their cards they plan to exchange. This really works well and decreases the amount of confusion for the children and teachers. Many parents ask if they can bring treats during the party and the answer is, "yes" as long as it is prepackaged. As we get closer to the party,

please ask your teacher for the number of playmates your child has in their classroom.



Spring Break for Southeast Polk school age children beings Friday March 12, 2010 through Friday March 19, 2010.

Spring Break for Pleasant Hill school age children beings Thursday March 11, 2010 through Friday March 19, 2010

Please watch the "Hornets" communication board for details regarding activities during the Spring Break! "Sign up sheets" will be posted for you to sign your child up to attend. Remember, if you sign your child up, we adjust our staffing and supplies accordingly. Therefore, payment will be expected if you sign your child up to attend!

Groundhog's Day



When: February 2nd each year

Groundhog Day is celebrated in the U.S. each year on February 2nd. On this day in mid-winter, the groundhog awakens from a long winter's nap, and goes outside of his den to see if he sees his shadow. This tradition is big on an otherwise cold and dreary mid-winter's day.

According to legend, if the groundhog sees his shadow (a sunny morning), there will be six more weeks of winter. He then returns to his den and goes back to sleep. If however, he does not see his shadow (cloudy days); he plays around outside of his hole for a while. If he does not see his shadow, spring is just around the corner.



Just a Reminder that
Daylight Savings
time Begins Sunday
March 14, 2010!



March 20, 2010 is
the first day of
Spring! With the
Winter we have had,
I think all of us will
look forward to the
warmer weather.



Iowa Childcare Central conducted a survey of daycares Centers' rates and fees in Iowa's ten biggest cities. "Usually, childcare will be more expensive in the urban areas than the rural areas."

INFANTS:

(Usually up to age 2):
As of 2008, most centers' rates fall between \$185.00-\$232.00 per week.

TODDLERS



(Age 2 up to 3), the typical range for two year olds is \$163.00-\$206.00 with most centers charging around **\$175.00/week**.

3-4 YEAR OLDS:

The range for 3-4 year old is \$149.00-\$200.00 with most centers charging around **\$165.00**

5 - YEAR OLDS:

The range for 5 year olds is \$149-\$190 with most centers charging **\$155.00**

2nd CHILD DISCOUNT

Additional children are typically given a **5-10%** discount after you pay full price for your youngest child. However, **some daycares did not offer any discount**.

LATE TUITION FEES:

Some daycares charged a \$10.00-\$15.00/day late fee until tuition is paid while others were more lenient and charged a flat fee regardless of how late the payment was.

LATE PICKUP FEES:

Most daycares charge a fee if you are late picking up your child. Usually the fee is \$1.00/minute although some charge you a flat fee or gives you a grace period.





Flu Germs

The flu is thought to spread mostly from person to person through coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with the flu.



Flu viruses may also survive for a few hours on surfaces such as doorknobs, phones, and cups. You may also get the flu if you touch these surfaces and then touch your eyes, mouth, or nose before washing your hands.



You ask, "HOW TO KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS HEALTHY DURING THE FLU SEASON:"

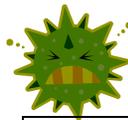


- Talk to your doctor about whether you need both seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a

tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.



- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand rub.
- Stay away from sick people as much as possible.



Center for Disease Control
Prevention

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of our parents and family members who volunteered to participate in our annual Christmas Party! The Christmas gifts helped replenish broken toys and equipment. The children are so excited to play with the new assortment of toys and games.

We would also like to thank the many parents and families who continue to bring recycled paper for our children and staff to use.

This really cuts down on certain expenses at the Center and we appreciate this immensely.

We also appreciate all of the goodies and personalized gifts given to the staff. We enjoyed all of them and thank you for thinking of us during the holiday season.

If we have failed to thank you or mention our gratitude it is not our intention. We have an awesome group of parents, children and family members who attend the Center and would not like to leave anyone out or hurt anyone's feelings. So, please accept our sincere gratitude for all of the things that contribute to making the daycare a success.

We sincerely thank you for your business during the past year and wish you much happiness for the New Year!

Happy New Year! 2010



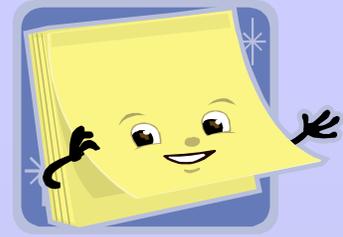


Thoughts:

We are trying to keep up with the weather and again would like to thank all who have been supportive during the difficult weather conditions. We again have an awesome group snow plowing our parking lot. They are here very early in the mornings to make sure the parking lot is clear of snow. Last year we changed our entry way to better serve our parents and children. We had "non skid" surfaces placed on five exits. The front entry ramp was placed to make entering the Center easier to prevent falls on steps etc... The snow

is shoveled frequently and ice melt and sand has been additionally placed for your safety.

The quantity of snow and ice accumulated on the roof is causing some headache this year. We are constantly working on ways to improve the Center. We've had numerous construction teams here to assess and "fix" the front entryway and the dripping of water etc... We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you when entering the building, however, we are ALWAYS thinking and doing maintenance as quickly as possible.



Policy & Procedure Reminders:

1. Parents need to notify the Center of ANY changes in their child's enrollment or emergency information. (address, telephone numbers), whether they are from work or home. This ensures we can get in touch with you in case of an emergency.
2. When children are entering or leaving the building PLEASE reinforce our WALKING in the building policy. If your child runs inside the building please redirect your child to walk! This helps reinforce our teachers when they instruct the child that we do not run inside the "school" This is a safety rule!

**WATCH FOR
OUR NEXT
NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2010.**