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The Quality Times

Andrew Fleck Home Child Care Provider Newsletter

"Caring for children is what we do best!"



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ☼ **Newsletter Surveys**
Deadline to submit is
Friday April 15
- ☼ **Earth Day**
Friday April 22
- ☼ **Good Friday**
Friday April 22
- ☼ **Easter Monday**
Monday April 25
- ☼ **Victoria Day**
(Statutory Holiday)
Monday May 23, 2011

Provider Training and Special Events

Details can be found on
the Provider Training &
Special Events Bulletin!



Equipment Reminders

Equipment such as high chairs and infant bouncy seats, often have detachable accessories. Many of these are stored away, when not in use, and are then left behind when returned to Andrew Fleck. Please check your home to ensure that these missing items are not in your home.

- ✓ unused floor mat covers
- ✓ protective covers for playpens
- ✓ plastic high chair tray inserts
- ✓ soft toys that attach to the infant bouncy seats with a Velcro strap

EXAMPLES:



Toy Lending Library

If you would like to book a personal visit after office hours, on a Saturday, or have any questions about the toy library please call Kat Wilson at 613-736-1913 ext. 254. You can also send an email to kwilson@afchildcare.on.ca Just a reminder, toys can be loaned out for a two month period. If you currently have overdue toys please clean and return them to your consultant as soon as possible.

If you plan to attend an evening workshop at Industrial and would like to visit the toy library before it begins, Kat can be available to meet with you as long as you contact her ahead of time. Thank you for your cooperation. Kat Wilson.

Annual Licensing Renewal

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services sets requirements to help protect children's safety, health and well being through regulations, standards and policies. Every year the Ministry Program Advisor inspects child care programs to assess compliance under the Day Nurseries Act. During an annual licensing inspection, the licensing staff visit the agency to review agency policies, procedures and records. The ministry staff also go out with Consultants to inspect a representative number of provider homes. Please speak to your Consultants if you have any questions.

March Break Activity Days

Great fun was had by all at our annual March Break Activity Days in the Manor Park and the Albion-Heatherington community area! On Wednesday in Manor Park we saw some familiar faces like Martina Casey, Anne Mozersky, Valerie Bryce (former HCC Consultants), Elizabeth Williams (former HCC Supervisor) as well as Kaye (Claire's sister). Russell Levia, a talented local musician and trained Early Childhood Educator, treated children to a fabulous concert at both locations. He, along with his trusty guitar, was a hit again this year! If you were interested in purchasing Russell's popular children's CD 'Morningtown Train', we have some available at Industrial for \$15.00.

Visit Russell's website at
www.cleverocity.ca/morningtownride/
where you can also listen to a sample of his music.



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Nipissing Developmental Kit Activity Corner



“The Nipissing District Developmental Screen™ (NDDS) is a checklist that rates the skills that a child should be able to achieve, by a specific age.”

What are some of the benefits of developmental screening?

- ✓ learn about a child's development
- ✓ recognize a child's skills and abilities
- ✓ identify developmental areas that may need extra attention
- ✓ provide activities that will enhance infant/child's development

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Celebrate Earth Day April 22, 2011
Encourage reading and art at the same time. Keep cereal boxes and turn them into attractive story book or magazine holders with this handy Earth friendly craft.

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/magazine-holder.html>

What you'll need:

- ✓ empty cereal box
- ✓ scissors
- ✓ thin paint brush
- ✓ white glue diluted with water
- ✓ non toxic white tempera paint
- ✓ tempera paint and/or markers (various colors)



How to make it:

1. Cut off top of cereal box. Halfway across top of box, cut at a 45 degree angle down to front of your magazine holder, cut straight across then back up other side at the same angle. (see photo above)

Things to do...when children are 2.....



Emotional

-provide two activities to choose from



Self Help Skills

-encourage child to put on own shoes



Fine Muscle

-leave crayons accessible for scribbling



Learning/Thinking

-hide objects around the home for child to find



Speech/Language

-offer simple instructions for child to follow



Social

-set up dress-up play area



Large Muscle

-kick and throw balls in back yard

2. Lightly sandpaper outside of cereal box. (They are usually shiny, coated paper.) Paint the box a few times with thick layers of white paint, let dry in between.
3. Children can decorate the box once the paint is dry, or use paint sponges, stamps or whatever they choose. Children can keep their favorite books in them for easy access.

Tips:

Any kind of decorating technique can be used. (decoupage, glued fabric scraps). Children can use their imagination depending on what you have available.

- ✓ Try to decorate the front of the boxes so when lined up they all coordinate with each other.
- ✓ Use heavier cardboard if possible so the boxes will be sturdier.

For Added Fun: these decorated boxes can be a great storage space for children's library books. It will be easier to keep them separate from your own personal library!



What is Cause and Effect?

Toddlers (18-24months): Imitating the behavior of others, especially adults and older children, is an important developmental milestone for children aged 18-24 months. They love to play games where they can observe the effect of their actions. Toys that respond by touch, like musical books, pop up toys, jack in the boxes and activity centers are great toys for this age. Children, even infants, like to copy your actions, and love how you respond to what they do. When you cover your eyes, a child may giggle. If she covers her eyes, and you giggle, she notices the effect of her actions on you. Toddlers are very social, these repetitive cause and effect activities are a wonderful way to build their skills.

Day Nurseries Act

{L14.1.47-48 53(2)}

Program of Activities/Rest/Outdoor Play

The program of activities outlines the variety of daily activities that may be offered in the supervised homes. Providers are therefore aware of approved activities and encouraged to develop appropriate programming for children. The program of activities may contribute to discussions between parent and provider.

Excerpt: Ontario Child Care Licensing—Private Home Day Care Manual