



CALGARY & REGION FAMILY DAY HOME AGENCY Inc.

November Newsletter 2013

What Parents are saying

About: Seema

We have loved having Seema take care of our children for the last 2.5 years. The children love her and so do I. She has done an excellent job in taking care of my children. She is calm, relaxed, tends to the children's needs in a caring and thoughtful manner. We are sad that we have to leave and she will be remembered fondly as a major influence on T and C.

About: Ashley

I am really happy with Ashley, she is really good with R and R loves going there. It is really comforting. I never have any worries and I can focus on my job and in the afternoon I pick up a very happy little girl. I love the activities that Ashley has set out and that they watch very little TV throughout the day.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Invoices are due November 21 no later than 4.00PM
Provider Support Funding Forms are due on the last working day of the month after the last child leaves.

Effective January 2014 all late invoices and timesheets + PSFS will be charged a \$25 late fee each. This will be a deduction in the following month. This item will be included in all newsletters starting now

Provider Appreciation Inservice November 7 @7pm
Bea Bennett will speak on Intentional Planning Inservice - Chestermere Parent Link Center (105 Marina Rd. Chestermere)

Dec.16 Our annual dinner will again be hosted by the Students of Beaverbrook High School foods class. Please **RSVP** to Laura in order to attend.

Around the World Crafts and Activities



With the holiday season approaching it is a great time to travel the world through your menu. Different spices and treats are a great way to start talking about different places and traditions. You can also collect some spices in small containers and have 'smelling jars' for a sensory activity this month!



From the Desk of Gail: Agency Director

The inservice is November 7. We are pleased to welcome back Bea Bennett to speak on Intentional Planning. Bea Bennett has spoken at the Childcare Conference and we have been fortunate to have her come out to Inservices in the past. She is definitely a favorite as she is able to relate to dayhomes with great ideas that are easy to implement.

Just a reminder that it is that time of year again when Karen Theissen may be making an appearance in your dayhome as part of the annual government review of our agency. Please ensure, as always, that your home is in full compliance. If you have any questions or need any supports please let your Consultant know.

Please have your completed Child Information Update forms ready for your Consultant to pick up on their visit this month.

We are excited to once again partner with students at Beaverbrook High School to host our annual December dinner. Please make sure to RSVP to Laura if you are planning to attend.

From the Desk of Louise: Parent Accounts Manager

Providers—just another reminder to let your parents know of any closures in the month of December. Parents need and deserve a minimum of one month notice if they need to find back up care or rearrange their schedules. You should have December dayhome closures posted on your parent board as soon as possible.

Please also let your Consultant know so they can adjust their support visit and help parents with back up care.

Until next month, keep warm!

Menu Planning Idea

T'is the Season



Strawberries make a cute Santa!



Broccoli is the star of this tree!



Raisins and mini peppers strung across

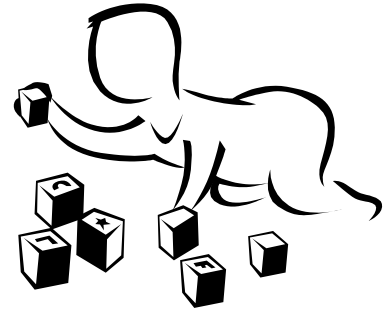


Olives, cream cheese and cheddar all add up to one yummy penguin!



This celery and carrot wreath could easily be done with melons as well

General toy safety tips



Keep play fun -- and safe

In Canada, all toys are regulated to make sure they are safe for use by children. Even so, unsafe toys can make their way onto store shelves and into homes. And sometimes the ways toys are used can expose children to hazards. Being informed and aware of potential risks will help you protect your child's health and safety. Here are some general tips to follow:



- When buying toys, look for sturdy and well-made ones that include the *manufacturer's contact information*.
 - Read and *follow all age labels and safety messages*. Toys for older children may have small parts or other hazards that make them unsafe for younger children.
 - Keep small toys and any loose parts/accessories out of the reach of children under three years of age, as these are *choking hazards for children who still put non-food items into their mouths*.
 - *Repair or throw away broken toys*. Check often for loose parts, broken pieces or sharp edges that could harm children.
- Keep all toys -- especially plush and soft toys -- away from heat sources like stoves, fireplaces and heaters.**

Storing toys

Use a toy box without a lid. Heavier lids (often found on older wooden toy boxes and chests) can fall on a child's head or neck, causing injury or even death. If you use a toy box that has a lid, make sure the lid is light and the box has holes to allow air inside. Never give children access to airtight storage bins, trunks or boxes. If they climb inside, they could suffocate.

*** Check the Health Canada Website for more safety tips and recalls***



Websites to Visit

www.child.alberta.ca This site accesses programs and services in Alberta's government monitored child care industry. Find the Family Day Home Standards Booklet on the website.

www.parentsmatter.ca This site provides information relating to parent-child development through the Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs.

www.zerotothree.org A great site to get developmental, researched information on children age zero to 3 years of age.

www.mentoringboys.com This Canadian site focuses on boys and their unique needs. Check out their monthly newsletter for some great information.

www.positivediscipline.com

www.familyfuncalgary.com This Calgary website links you to current family events offered in the city.

www.calgaryfamilydayhomes.com We are on the web!!

Health Canada - Recent Recalls and Safety Advisories (Bullying Poster)

www.hc-sc.gc.ca

Product description:

This recall involves the LED Light Up Floating Eye Ball and LED Light Up Floating Ball Girls (Magic) sold exclusively at Walmart stores. The toy is a ball that has a fake floating ball inside and various coloured lights that turn on when the ball is knocked against a hard surface.

Hazard identified

The floating ball toys contain petroleum distillates which can be harmful or fatal if swallowed. Low viscosity petroleum distillates can be highly toxic if ingested or if aspirated into the lungs, and may cause central nervous system depression, chemical pneumonia, pulmonary damage or death.



Neither Health Canada nor MJ Holding has received any reports of incidents or injuries related to the recalled toy.

For some tips to help consumers choose safe toys and to help them keep children safe when they play with toys, see Healthy Canadians' General toy safety tips.