

Parent Connection Summer 2008

Director's Corner

What a spring we have had already. I think the warmer weather is here! I want to thank all of you that came and supported the CLC carnival this Spring. The Silent auction was another great success thank you to all who helped with donations. All proceeds have been added to the playground fund. We are now at the point where we are researching new material for our playgrounds. Hopefully we can make a few additions by the fall. Another big event was the Month of the Young Child Party and car give away. I want to thank everyone that came out and supported us as we spread the word about quality child care. The car and relaxation package was a once in a life time surprise and I thank you for all your support. I could not do my job without you.

We have to say a big goodbye to some of our family members this year. Children are growing up and moving off to the school age years. We wish you all the best in the future and don't forget to visit every once and a while. We also are welcoming a few new families to our big CLC family. Please help me in making them feel welcome to the center. As always we are looking for family pictures for the family tree out in the entryway.

We are on the look out for parents. Grandparents, etc.. Who would like to share their special talents/skills with our young children sometime over the summer. If you have a mobile job that you could share some fun things with the kids I would love to hear from you.

Please also remember that the new child safety seat requirements go into effect July 1st. If you need more information as to the new laws we have a list at the front desk.

We are looking forward to a wonderful summer. As always feel free to contact me at anytime by phone or e-mail at lisa@creativelearningchildcare.net

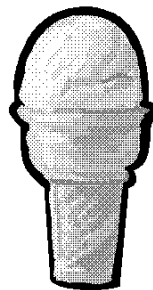
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Severe Weather Policy Reminder

We participate in fire and tornado drills throughout the year to make sure everyone knows the procedures in case of an emergency. In the event that we do have a severe weather situation, all classrooms will take cover in their designated shelters. In order to make sure all children are safe our main focus will be on them. Please do not call at this time, as the phone will not be answered. Parents may choose to pick up their children if they wish, or join us in our shelter area until an all clear signal is given.

In the case of a fire emergency, the alarm will sound and all staff have specific duties to make sure all children are escorted safely out of the building. We will then call parents to have children picked up if needed. In the case of inclement weather children will be brought to the Fountains Retirement Village 3962 Whispering Way Building 8, and will be available for pick up there.

Crisis Management plans are also being put into place. I am meeting with a GRPD Community officer to take a survey of our center this week. We are looking for a procedure for lock down and evacuation in the case of an emergency. This procedure is one that all child care facilities need to have as according to the State of Michigan Licensing Laws.



Ice Cream Truck

The Ice cream truck is visiting us again this summer. Every other Tuesday starting June 24th. Check with your child's teacher on how they are handling the costs!

Ongoing CLC Reminders

- We at CLC are still participating in the recycling of empty ink & toner cartridges from printers, copiers and fax machines. We have a corporation that picks up our items and gives a cash reward to us for spending on the classrooms.
- CLC participates in the Campbell soup label program. All we need from you are the labels from Campbell's soup, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farms, Swanson, V8, Prego or Pace foods. For a complete list of accepted items check at the front desk. The more labels we receive the more points we earn for free classroom material.
- We have the complimentary coffee bar for parents in the morning. Feel free to pour yourself a cup of coffee on your way out to work. The coffee stand is right next to the office door.
- **Child Safety Alert:** At CLC it is the utmost importance that we are keeping the children safe. We really need everyone's help with this matter. Please always touch base with your child's teachers when dropping off and picking up your child, and remember to sign them in and out everyday. We also ask that you only use the front doors for entering and exiting the building. Please do not enter through the playground gates, as this can be a huge safety issue.
- At CLC children are always getting into messy play and sometimes walk away with clothes that need to be changed. We are asking that ALL children have an extra set of clothes in their backpacks for messy play.

On the Look Out



We have many aspiring artists and writers here at CLC. We need to be able to provide them with the materials they need to create their wonderful projects. So we always need an abundance of scrap paper. We are starting to get low on our supply. If your company has unusable paper lying around we would love to take it. Nursery is also looking for a Jumperoo. If you have one collecting dust in your basement and would like to donate it we would put it to good use!

Accreditation Update

We are half way through our Accreditation date. The staff are working very hard on their classroom portfolios as these are new additions to the Accreditation process. We are having monthly gatherings after work to get them done! It has been a great team building time for staff getting together and working on a project to get it done.

Another thing that is getting done soon is a family survey. These will be e-mailed out this week. We need input from you on how we can improve the quality care that we provide here at CLC! Your response is greatly appreciated.

Referral Bonus

Did you know that our best way of advertising is by word of mouth? We know that parents will choose a center if they know friends or co-workers are comfortable with the care they receive for their children. We at CLC are offering a referral bonus to families for helping us contract new families. If you refer a family and they contract with us we would like to thank you by giving you a \$100 bonus off a week of child care. So, please get the word out about CLC!

Summer Camp

Summer camp is starting next week. We will have children 6-12 years joining us full time throughout the summer. With that they will be trying to earn money for their end of summer trip to Michigan Adventure. They will be starting and operating a store that features some of the projects that they will be making through the summer as well, popcorn, fruits that they pick and other things that they come up with. A pop can drive will also happen so look for more information to come.