

HOLDING HANDS DAYCARE

Cuddle Bug News

Where love, learning and quality care go hand in hand..

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School is out summer is in and it is time for change...

Kids will be out of school June 8th for their most waited for summer vacation. With having all the children home all day, I believe we will be very tight in the small playroom. I will once again be swapping rooms. If you have figured out by now , yes I love change. One of the reasons I liked being in the front was so that you the parents would actually come into the daycare area every day. In order to keep this point going, I will be having sign in sheet in the big living room so I will be asking you to come all the way into the new daycare area to sign kids in and out. Hope I can get this change done the week I come back from vacation and maybe have all the kids be part of “the move” having them help me set up the toys and different learning centers.



I will use this opportunity to start getting my home ready to be able to apply for my [CDA](#) and for [QRS stars](#).

Important Dates:

Paid Holidays

- ◆ July 4th
- ◆ September 5th

Vacation

- ◆ June 9– 17th
- Will be using 7
our to my 10 va-
cations days for
the year

Families getting together..

I am planning a daycare family barbecue for around July 31st. Hope all my families can make it and be able to meet and mingle. Will give you more details and exact date and time as we get closer.



Bringing things from home..

I understand your child enjoys playing with her/his favorite toys, but I do ask that you avoid sending them with personal toys. It really creates a unnecessary chaos for me when the other children want to get their hands on the new things they see. For the older children that do not nap, I will allow them to bring in their electronics but they may ONLY be used while the younger ones nap.

Weather

With the warm weather coming back we will be trying to head out right after breakfast to avoid the high sun rays of mid day and after 4pm. Don't forget to apply a sunscreen on your child prior to arrival during the summer months. A bottle of sunscreen will be located on the sign in area should you forget in the morning. I will re-apply for our afternoon outing. If you prefer to bring in a specific sunscreen you are welcome to just put the child's name on the bottle. I would prefer all kids have a extra outfit at daycare in case they get wet or very dirty or in case of an accident.

New Family joining us.

I would like to introduce our new family that will be joining our home daycare group.

Sisters Angie and her new born baby sister Natalie will be with us starting July 5th.

You may be wondering how I'm going to handle two babies, but baby Abby and Natalie are 9 months apart, and my own boys are 10 months apart so believe me I do have the experience, plus I will be having Ale, my oldest daughter as my assistant if DCFS approves it, otherwise I will have someone here the 3 days I have both babies.

Looking forward to having them in my care!



Food Program

I am so excited to be participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

What is the CACFP?

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program that provides reimbursement for healthful meals and snacks served to children and adults. Because CACFP participants' nutritional needs are supported on a daily basis, the program plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care and making it more affordable for families.



Participating means I have rules and guidelines to follow every time I serve a meal, as well as the times.

USDA guidelines that I need to follow:

Breakfast: consists of bread (or bread alternative), a fruit and milk.

Lunch: consists of bread (or bread alternative), 2 fruits or vegetables, meat or meat alternative, and milk

My summer time meal time frames are as follows:

Breakfast 8:30—9:00

Snack 10:30 - 10:45

Lunch 12:30 - 1:00

Snack 4:15 - 4:30

Please keep these times in mind if you child will be arriving tardy or late. If your child is not here during the scheduled meals they will not be served until the next scheduled meal time or snack time.

Here is a post from Tom Copeland, JD, a renowned tax and child care business specialist; "I strongly recommend that all child care providers join the Food Program and remain on it as long as they are in business. Being on the Food Program is a sign of professionalism and it shows your concern for the nutritional health of children. It's a benchmark of quality that benefits you and the children in your care."

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Daycare Pics...

I love to take pictures of the kids so that you can take a peek at what goes on during their time with me. So happy when I can capture their joy and laughter in the pictures.

I will email you a link as soon as I am done up-loading and organizing new pictures.



Wow this newsletter ended up being a lot longer then I had planned. I feel my mind is back. Felt I had a mental shutdown after my mom's accident , the theft and lost of time. I am finally getting my ideas and plans back in action.

Thank you all for being part of our lives and for letting me be part of your little's ones life, they all mean so much to me.

Blessings to all!

Hope you enjoyed it !

