



Oct/Nov/Dec 2011



Preschoolers to the Pumpkin Patch!

The Preschoolers will be going to the Pumpkin Patch this month. The **Ladybug class will be going on Wednesday October 5, 2011** and the **Firefly class will be going Wednesday October 19, 2011.**

Please watch for the sign up sheets. The cost to go to the pumpkin patch will be **\$6.00/child**. This includes many fun things for your child to do.

Activities Include

The **Pumpkin Patch** is over ten acres of all sizes of pumpkins, lots of different squash, gourds both large and small, Indian corn and broom corn.

The indoor infamous **Straw Jump** is huge. It is an absolute favorite for all ages.

The **Granary** is a great place for the little ones. It is a simple building with shelled corn for playing in with hands and digging toys.

Nathan's Straw Train is made of large and small bales to resemble a train.

It provides lots of opportunities to run and jump and just generally have a great time. It is one of the first things kids run to and is always a busy place for all ages to hang out.

Will's Worm is designed for younger children. Similar to the train, it provides a great climbing opportunity for the younger explorers!

Red Yellow Blue Maze was new in 2009. You must follow the pattern of the maze to get to the other end.

The **Sack Races** are a chance to try an old time game. They can do it as a simple sack race or to make it more difficult, try three-legged races.

The **Tug-A-Pumpkin** is another "put together your own team" activity.

Our **Farm Animals** are there for your child to enjoy. They have miniature horse, goats, ducks, chickens and pigs, sometimes sheep and/or calves. This is not a petting zoo they just look at the animals

Hayrack Rides run to the pumpkin patch. If picking their own is not their desire, they have pre-picked pumpkins available for little hands.

Please give your money to either Ms. Nicole (Fireflies) or Ms. Kandie (Ladybugs) prior to this field trip!

All of our vans have the safety restraints needed for this age.





The Halloween Party will be scheduled for Thursday October 27, 2011 from 9-10:30 am. Children may wear their Halloween costumes if they so choose!

Please have your child come dressed in their costume that morning. Please remember to bring extra cloths to have them change into later.

Please remember that the Center **DOES NOT** promote violence so keep your costumes neutral.

Your child may bring candy if they wish to share with others.



Holiday Schedule



Closed
Thanksgiving
& the Day After,
Thursday November 24,
and Friday November 25,
2011.



Monday December 26,
2011



Monday January 2, 2011
New Year's Day Closed.



Christmas Parties:

On **Thursday December 22, 2011** the children will be having a Christmas party within their rooms this year. There will be fun and laughter, games, music, dancing and a holiday celebration. If you would like to donate a gift/toy to the center you may, however this is **NOT** mandatory. We would like to thank all of our parents who have been so giving to the Center. We appreciate each and every item donated. The children benefit greatly from those gifts and therefore it is a great help to the Center. **THANK YOU!**



Remembering Jesus
is the Reason for
the Season.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Mark your calendars!
The preschool class
(Ladybugs & Fireflies)
will present their
Christmas Program
Thursday December 15,
2011 at 4:00 p.m.





E-MAIL

We really appreciate all of the positive comments about our website. If you have any comments or would like to see something added to our site please let us know. You can either email us through the website itself or if you wish you may send it to either Ms. Vickie at nanniesunltdvj@aol.com or Ms. Cindy at: nanniesunlimited@aol.com We are trying as much as we can to continue to go "GREEN". With this in mind, all invoices will be sent electronically.

Please make sure we have your email address in the office.

All year end invoices will be sent electronically. Please watch for these after the first of the 2012 year.



Thank You!

Ms. Vickie and I would like you to express our appreciation to all of our parents and family members for your encouragement and support this past year. We truly have enjoyed having your child here at our Center and feel honored to be your chosen Daycare/Preschool.

Your business is very much appreciated, and we will do our very best to continue to meet your childcare needs.

Your continued patronage and suggestions are a vital part of our growth. And for that, we are most grateful.

Thanks again! We look forward to serving your family for many years to come.

*Ms. Vickie
&
Ms. Cindy.*



During our 2011 State Survey, we were presented with upcoming changes new rules and regulations. There is talk of Centers removing "restraints" from their buildings. Restraints were identified as being baby saucers, bouncers, swings, car seats, infant seats, jumpers etc... This was very surprising to us since we do not define them as "restraints". We have policies at the Center that allows infants to be in those items, no longer than 15 minutes before changing

their positions. So, if you see our nurseries looking somewhat bare sometime in the future, this is why. There seems to be an idea that a lack of tummy time is shown to hinder achievements of developmental milestones, this is according to APTA, American Physical Therapy Association. That is in line with the National Survey Findings. Their feelings are that the children spend too much time in those items mentioned as "restraints." New parents should always place their child positioned on their back while sleeping to avoid SIDS, but they also should be reminded the importance of tummy time. Many new parents now use car seats that also serve as infant carriers, many of which fasten directly into strollers and swings without having to remove the baby from the seat, therefore spending too much time in one position. It is believed that increasing the amount of time your baby lies on his or her tummy promotes muscle development in the neck and shoulders: and helps build the muscles baby needs to roll, sit, and crawl.

Overall, the survey conducted on October 6, 2011 was very good. Ms. Melinda Ross from the Department of Human Services stated that, "Generous servings of food

portions were observed" Menus reflected CACFP guidelines noting the kitchen was very clean and well organized.

The Nursery rooms were observed and noted that staff did an excellent job of maintaining composure and attempting to meet the needs of all the children.

The Toddler Room was noted to have age appropriate toys; scheduled lesson plans were posted and followed. Rest time was a positive experience for the children. Staff was observed to be nurturing toward the children and provided consistent supervision and interaction with this young group of children.

The Two Year Old Room had many interest centers set up for the children, the schedule and lesson plans were posted and followed. The staff was observed to be positive and staff was actively engaged in the children's play activities.

The Three/Four Year Old Room was observed to have a, "spacious room" Lesson plans were

posted and followed. Staff provided continuous interaction and supervision with the children.

The Four/Five Year Old Room, again had their schedule and lesson plans posted and followed. Children were observed in child-directed activities, lunch and rest time, Staff' interactions were positive. Staff assisted children when needed.

Overall Health and safety was consistently implemented. Emergency drills are completed monthly. Hand washing is done when required and hand washing appears routine for both children and staff. Emergency diagrams, procedures and numbers are in place. Radon testing was completed and had acceptable readings. Furnaces were inspected appropriately. CO detectors are in place. First aid kits are well stocked. A well documented incident log is maintained for the purpose of reviewing accidents and injuries within the center to determine whether the accidents were preventable. The center also documents occurrences of illnesses, communicable disease notices are posted when required. Correct diapering procedures are in place. The Center has three playground areas, the furnishings appeared well

maintained. Monthly checks are completed.

Administrative Records:

This Center does and excellent job of maintaining staff and children's file. Parent and staff handbooks are complete. Emergency policies and procedures are in place. The center's discipline policy is positive. General discipline techniques involve positive reinforcement of good behavior and careful explanation of behavior that is not acceptable. Cindy and Vickie provide excellent leadership to their staff. They are very involved in the day to day operations of the Center. They have a very good tracking system to maintain complete administrative record. Along with a very thorough tracking system of medical issues and needs of the children. Each program room provides the children with a variety of developmentally appropriate play and educational materials. Children are afforded great opportunity for large motor skill development on the Center's spacious outdoor play areas.

Areas of concern noted:

The center had one staff member overdue on training; however the staff member had taken the class but had not yet received their certificate of

attendance at the time of the survey. One staff member who had been rehired had a physical that was thought to be good for three years; however, according to the rules this person who returned to work at the center needed another "current" physical.

There was one child's file missing their current annual updated physical, however, this child was not in the Center the day of the review having their physical completed.

We would like to thank all of our parents, families, and staff for their continued support and patronage to The Nannies Unlimited Child Center & Preschool Inc. We strive for excellence and feel very fortunate to have only a few minor concerns mentioned.



Government Assistance

Just a reminder to those families who receive assistance from the government for their child's tuition to please make sure your paperwork is updated and current with the Department of Human Services. We try and send out reminders; however, **it is ultimately your responsibility to ensure your child's tuition is being paid.** If your child's government assistance does not pay for certain days/weeks you will be responsible for payment. If you have any questions regarding this please stop in and talk with Ms. Vickie.

CIGARETTE BUTTS



Parents and family members, please refrain from throwing your cigarette butts outside in the parking lot. Children leaving/coming the Center pick those butts up and mimic what adults do with the cigarette. UGH!!! We appreciate all your cooperation with this! Thank you very much!

