

January / February
March / April 2022



Beginning January 3, 2022 our rates will increase. We have notified each of you separately, in your child's cubby of those specific changes. If you have any questions, please direct them to either Ms. Vickie or Ms. Cindy.

side is good! Our children and staff will use any and all that is brought to the Center.

Also, we'd like to thank everyone who keeps our plastic grocery type bags supplied. We can never have too many! With Spring and Summer approaching we go through them a lot with water play etc.

If you have any items, toys, that you're thinking of discarding we would love to recycle them through the Center. Children go through them rapidly here and it's a win win for us both. A special thanks for those who have donated toys throughout this year. The children appreciate them as do the staff.



A special thank you to our parents who have been supplying us with paper throughout the year! Any paper that will fit in our copy machine works great, even if one



Government Assistance Program:

Just a reminder for those individuals who receive state assistance for childcare; you are

only allowed 4 (four) absences monthly the State will pay for, if you go over the 4 days in one-month time you will be responsible for the payment beyond those 4 (four) days.



THAT DARN COVID!

The Iowa Department of Public Health has adjusted its guidance to recommend that childcare settings approach COVID-19 like other child illnesses.

COMMON CHILD ILLNESSES

A child should be temporarily excluded from our child care setting when the child's illness causes one or more of the following:

- Prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities.
- A need for care that is greater than the staff can provide without compromising the health and



safety of other children.

- An acute change in behavior: lethargy, lack of responsiveness, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, or a quickly spreading rash.
- Fever with behavior change or other signs and symptoms in a child older than 2 months (e.g., sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea).
- For infants younger than 2 months of age, a fever with or without a behavior change or other signs and symptoms.
- A child with a temperature elevated above normal is not necessarily an indication of a significant health problem. A fever is defined as:
- For an infant or child older than 2 months, a fever is a temperature that is above 101



degrees F [38.3 degrees C] by any method.

- For infants younger than 2 months of age a fever is a temperature above 100.4 degrees F [38 degrees C] by any method.
- Temperature readings do not require adjustment for the location where the temperature is taken.



TOOLS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

Masks and face coverings might be an effective tool for preventing the spread of seasonal respiratory illness. Cloth face coverings are generally not needed when eating or outside and must not be worn while sleeping.

- Unvaccinated individuals may be encouraged to wear face coverings, if medically appropriate.
- All children younger than two years of age should not wear face coverings.
- People who have trouble breathing and



people unable to remove the mask without assistance should not wear cloth face coverings.

Again, we will provide staff, parents and students with the option to make their own decision about mask usage.

We do ask that parents not linger in the rooms during pick and drop off times.



COMMUNICATION SHEETS:

Please write down all information for your Nanny that you would like them to be aware of. Such as the child overnight disposition, or any unusual eating or sleeping habits prior to attending the Center.

Please take note that the child's nanny documents important information about

your child's day on the communication sheets and if supplies are needed. So please read your sheet daily so our supplies are replenished and we receive the items that meet the needs of your child.



MEDICATION RELEASE FORMS:

We are more than happy to administer medication to your child. However, it is a State directive that we receive direction from you PRIOR to giving the medication. The medication release forms are kept in the front lobby in the small cubbies labeled "Medication Forms" Please make sure you

complete these forms in detail and give it to their Nanny along with the medication. Thank you!



Weekly Blanket Washing!

We need your help! With the flu season starting earlier and earlier we ask that you continue to take your child's blanket home every week, wash it and return it. This helps cut down on cross contamination.






Wow, it seems like we just started school and here we've already started the second

semester! Everyone has been pretty good about signing their children up for no school days. Just another reminder though, if you sign your child(ren) up to attend a "no school attend (i.e. **Spring break (3/14-18/2018)** /Winter break/Summer break, Teacher In-service day) you will be responsible for payment. When you sign your child up to attend the Center, we adjust our staff and menu's/groceries accordingly. **Please keep your eyes open for any sign-up notices posted on the schoolers bulletin board located in the hallway leading to the school age room.**



Valentine's Day Parties!

Children will be having their valentine's Party

Monday February 14, 2022. Please have  your child sign their name to the back of each valentine's card. You may ask your teachers how many cards to complete. This works out really well and reduces the  confusion for the children. Please have their cards completed by Friday February 11, 2022 and give them to the teachers in your child's room. Many of you have asked if you may bring treats this day and the answer is yes as long as it's prepackaged. We cannot serve home cooked treats. 



To prevent accidents from occurring in our parking lot we would like to review that the

entrance to the parking lot is on the east end closest to the Center and the exit is at the west end of the parking lot located by the vans/garbage receptacle. Please remember there are people walking with children to and from vehicles/building and would ask that you slow down and be cautious especially during the morning drop off and evening pick up times.



Flexible Spending Accounts:

For those of you who participate in "Flexible Spending Accounts" for dependent care expenses we are requesting that you submit (if you have not already done so) a written notice for the need of and "invoice" If you have an email address, please include this with your request. This helps us get your invoice to you in a more efficient manner If you do not have an email

address, we will continue to be happy to sign vouchers. Please leave the vouchers with the office and we will complete those and place them in your child's cubby for you to pick up later.

Remember, the invoices are completed only on a bi-weekly basis. If you should need them other than this, there will be an additional charge of \$10.00/invoice.



Daylight Savings Time

Just a reminder it will be time to move your clocks forward by an hour Sunday March 13, 2022.

Spring will be right around the corner. Yippee!



Etiquette inside the building.

When children and parents are entering or leaving the building, PLEASE reinforce our walking in the building policy. If your child runs inside the building, please redirect your child to walk! This really does help reinforce what our teachers instruct the children that, "we do not run inside the school/building."



HOLIDAY CLOSURES!

The Nannies is closed on the following holidays. Please keep in mind if the holiday falls on a Sunday the Center is

closed on the following Monday. If the holiday falls on a Saturday the Center will be closed on the Friday the day before. Here are the holidays we are closed.

**New Year's Day,
Memorial Day,
July 4,
Labor Day,
Thanksgiving and the
Day After,
Christmas Eve closes
early at 12:00 pm, and
Christmas Day.**



WOW, it's that time of year again! Those of you who have given Ms. Vickie your e-mail address has been sent your yearend invoices. However, those of you who did not submit an email address will have your statement available in the front lobby the end of January 2022. Those of you who just need our Employee Identification Number here it is! [39-1905508](tel:39-1905508)

**Watch for our next
Newsletter April 2022.**