



October. November. December 2020

HALLOWEEN PARTY



The Halloween Party will be scheduled for Thursday October 29, 2020. from 9:00 am until 11:00 am.

Children may wear their costumes if they so choose.

Please have your child come

dressed in their costume

that morning. Bring a

change of clothes for the

children to change into

later that morning.

PLEASE REMEMBER, the

Center **DOES NOT** promote

violence so keep your

costumes neutral.

Your child may bring candy

if they wish to share with

others.

Autumn/Winter Clothing

Cooler weather is rapidly

approaching! Ugh! With

this in mind we want to

encourage our parents to

dress their children accordingly. Just a reminder, if the child is well enough to be at the Center, the child is assumed well enough to go outdoors. We have policies and procedures in place to determine if the weather conditions are acceptable for outdoor play.



Holiday Schedule



Closed Thanksgiving & the Day After, Thursday November 26 & 27, 2020



Friday December 25, 2020
The Center is closed for the Christmas Holiday! Close at 12 noon on 12/24/2020



Friday January 1, 2021 The Center is closed for the New Year Holiday.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Christmas Parties!

Another date to remember!

Wednesday December 23, 2020.

Each room will have their own individual Christmas party this year! Children may bring treats if they wish to share with their friends! (6wks-Fireflies).

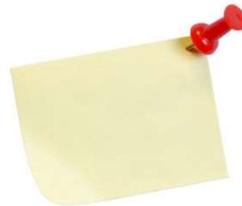


Parking Entrance ~ Exit

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.

Thank you!



Policy and procedure reminders.

✳ Even though parents are not 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 for safety reasons.

✳ Parents, if you have any changes in your emergency notification information (i.e. changes in phone numbers, work or home, addresses etc....

please keep us updated. This is to ensure we can get in touch with you in case of an emergency.

✳ If your child, for any reason is NOT attending the Center for the day, PLEASE notify the Center as soon as possible, preferably in the morning hours. Please DO NOT email this information to us, there are times we do not open our mail until the afternoon hours. Thank you!

✳ Unless it is an emergency and you need to talk to one of our staff members, we ask that you wait until nap time to visit with them. The morning hours are very busy and with preschool running from 8:30-11:00 am Monday – Friday it makes it very difficult for our staff to take those phone calls during those hours.

✳ Due to Covid 19 if you or your child develops any of these symptoms, please contact your medical provider.

- Temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

More information on the symptoms of COVID-19 can be found on the Centers for Disease Control.



We continue to support healthy hygiene behaviors by providing adequate supplies, including soap, paper towels, tissues, and hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol.



We discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect (e.g., plush toys). Please do not allow your children to bring plush toys from home.



We will be sending blankets home daily to be washed and returned.



Guidance during Covid- 19

CLEANING

The center will be cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces (e.g., door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains, grab bars, hand railings, bathroom stalls, tables) at least daily or



between each use as much as possible. We will limit the use of shared objects (e.g., toys) when possible, or if shared use is required, they will be thoroughly cleaned between each use. Rooms will be sanitized at the end of each day.

ILLNESS, SCREENING, AND TESTING

The center will conduct daily health checks (i.e., temperature screening and symptom checking) to ensure that staff and children are not admitted to a child care setting when they are ill. Children should stay home if their parent is ill. If a child's parent is ill the child will be sent home and further have the parent call their primary healthcare provider to give direction on their health and safety. Sick children will be separated until they are able to go home. Children and staff ill with COVID-19 should be isolated in accordance with the CDC guidelines.

HYDRATION

Children and staff are encouraged to bring their own water to minimize use and touching of water fountains.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

The center will restrict the number of people allowed in communal spaces at one time to ensure everyone can stay at least 6 feet apart. Space seating when feasible.

Seating will be staggered to the extent possible so children are not sitting immediately in front of each other.



The facility will ensure that children and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff as much as possible. Limit mixing between groups if possible.



HYGIENE

The center will encourage healthy hygiene behaviors by providing adequate supplies, including soap, paper towels, tissues, and/or hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol. Staff and children will be required to wash their hands when entering the facility. The facility will discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect (e.g., plush toys). Children will be discouraged from bringing plush toys from home. Blankets will be sent home daily to be washed.



Diapers & Wipes:

Diapers and wipes are due the first Monday of every month! This has always been a good way for us to keep a supply of diapers for our child here at the Center. Keep in

mind if we do not have a supply of your child's diapers, we will use the daycare supplies, however you will be charged \$1.00 per diaper. We appreciate everyone bringing their supply when needed. Thank you!



SCHEDULED HOLIDAYS

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 the Center observes.

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the Day After, Christmas Eve closes early at 3:30 pm, and Christmas Day.



We really wanted to take this time to thank all of those parent's and family members who donate paper, supplies, and toys to the Center. We don't always know who has silently left boxes at our door, but we are so grateful! Some toys are new and some are from cleaning out shelves and closets from home to make room for new, we appreciate them all. When cleaning your closets etc.... and you would like to donate items to the Center, there are certain items we cannot have at the Center due to inability to clean/sanitize the toys. Stuffed animals cannot be sanitized between the children and harbor germs. And even though we appreciate the jester, we cannot accept those items. Any toy with a hard surface area that can be washed and sanitized are greatly welcomed and appreciated.



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.





School Age News

Just a word regarding the children who attend elementary school. Parents are encouraged to keep an eye on when your child has a non-school off/break. If your child needs to attend the center (other than their Hybrid #2 schedule for Southeast Polk students) for a no school day or for winter/spring break, you will need to send me and email **2 weeks in advance.**

nanniesunlimited@aol.com
Remember, if you sign your children up to attend the center, you will be responsible for payment on those no school days. **We plan in advance for extra food and staffing to ensure your child's needs are met.**

We know these are difficult times and understand the extra communication that must be completed to continue to help the center run smooth. However, with everyone's help we can get through this pandemic together.



Babysitting



We discourage staff members from providing private child care or babysitting services on their own time. If a staff member does provide babysitting services, the staff member is acting in his or her individual capacity. If you'd like a member of our staff to provide babysitting services, both you and the staff member must sign a specific release form prior to any services rendered.

We will not be responsible for the performance of babysitting services by members of our staff, including transportation of your child(ren).



Daily Blanket Washing!

We need your help! With Covid-19 & flu season around already starting we ask that you continue to take your child's blanket home every day, wash it and return it. This helps cut down on cross contamination.

Sick Children

WE KNOW THAT IT IS HARD WHEN YOUR CHILD IS SICK. However, to keep the co-mingling of "bugs" to a minimum we ask that you keep your child at home until they are fever free for 24 hours. If your child is going to stay home, PLEASE telephone the center and let us know they will not be attending. This helps not only with our lunch counts and staffing but we worry about the child and why they are not at the center.

We ask that you notify the center using the telephone system and not the email system! We are not always online checking for those and at times do not see those e-mails until later in the day.

We appreciate all of your help in this matter.





With the flu season approaching & Covid 19 still in play, the Center initiated the following policy/procedure as of Monday 9/14/2020.

Children/Staff ages two years of age and older who have a cough or a stuffy / runny nose will be required to wear a mask while at the Center until those symptoms are cleared.

Your child will not be able to attend if they do not have a mask to cover their face/nose prior to their entrance to the daycare.



Thank you all so much for your support and understanding.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Unfortunately, the Ladybug & Fireflies will NOT present their annual Christmas Program as we have in the past due to Covid-19. We plan to resume those activities as soon as the restrictions are lifted and it's safe to allow others into the building.



Thank you!

On behalf of the daycare and all its staff, we would like to thank you for your

partnership with us in bringing the best education, supervision, nurturing and oversight for your children. We consider this year another success for the Center, the students, children, you, and the community. As we conclude this year, we want to let you know that we could not have achieved any of this success without your help and support.



We're on the Web!

See us at:
nanniesunlimitedchildcare.com

Please look for our next newsletter
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