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Just a friendly reminder, upon checkout of any CCR&R Lending Library item, you are responsible for the care of that item. You as the borrower are responsible for replacement of items due to damage or loss.

It is expected that items will be returned with the same contents and no additional contents. Items are due back two weeks from the date of checkout.

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Sincerely,

Child Care Resource & Referral Staff



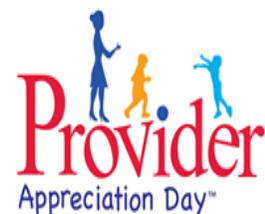
Provider Appreciation Day
Is
Friday, May 9, 2014

It is a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day.

The founding organizers saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of providers who care for children of working parents.

Momentum and support for this event has grown each year and recognition presently includes individuals and government organizations throughout the United States.

For more information visit:
www.providerappreciationday.org



News from your Child Care Health Consultant

I am seeing many children in child care with a severe allergic reaction requiring the use of an EpiPen. Anyone that has a child in their program with an EpiPen can contact me for technical assistance. This will include what forms you will need to have on file for this child and training on how to use the EpiPen.

Please share the EpiPen website with your parents www.epipen.com . There is a lot of great information and they can even sign up for a “Zero dollar” copay card where they can receive up to six auto injectors. Most patients with commercial insurance or no insurance are eligible. Other federal insurances usually will provide additional auto injectors for child care or schools.

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The First 2,000 Days Faith Summit

Hosted by Craven Smart Start

When

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Meeting: 9 AM until 11 AM

Location

Christ Ministry Center on Middle Street downtown.

For more information or to RSVP

Karen Wood or Pinkie Moore at (252) 636-3198.



Safe Inside

Every child care center and family child care home should be well maintained. In addition to the HVAC system, the electrical and water systems should be functioning properly. The building should be in good repair. To minimize the risk of exposure to lead, buildings constructed before 1978 should be tested for lead if paint is peeling. Paint can leave chips or particulates on window sills, floors, and outside in the soil. If the building has copper plumbing soldered with lead, let tap water run for 15-30 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking.

Indoor Safety Checks should be conducted to remove hazards and reduce the risk of injuries.



- ◆ **Bulletin boards:** Push pins and staples should not be accessible to the children.
- ◆ **Choking hazards:** Small toys and small toy parts, and other small objects such as coins can be hazardous for children who put toys in their mouths. Objects smaller than 1 ¼ inches should not be accessible to young children.
- ◆ **Cords (blinds, electrical, mobiles):** Keep all cords out of children's reach to avoid strangulation hazards and decrease the risk of children pulling objects down onto themselves.
- ◆ **Diaper changing area:** The diaper changing table, and mat if used, should be clean and in good repair. The sides on the changing table should be 6 inches higher than the diaper changing surface. Keep diapering supplies out of children's reach and accessible to the early educator.
- ◆ **Electrical sockets:** Cover unused outlets or install electrical outlet safety covers.
- ◆ **Furniture:** All furniture should be in good repair, clean and age appropriate.
- ◆ **Lighting:** There should be enough light to easily supervise children. Natural lighting has a positive effect on mood.
- ◆ **Noise:** Children are stressed by too much of various types of unpleasant sounds. Children with dyslexia and hyperactivity and infants are at higher risk from noise pollution. Toys, equipment, children at play, surfaces used for playing with toys, in addition to outdoor noises from traffic, factories, etc. contribute to noise pollution. Add sound absorbing materials such as curtains and area rugs in a noisy classroom. Modify room arrangements and schedules to reduce the noise level.
- ◆ **Other rooms in the building:** Rooms not intended for use by children should be inaccessible to the children at all times.
- ◆ **Plants:** Many common houseplants can be hazardous if the leaves are chewed or swallowed. Insure plants in the classroom are not poisonous. Heavy potted plants should be on the floor and hanging pots should be out of children's reach.
- ◆ **Room arrangement:** Place heavy toys on lower shelves. Define centers clearly, avoid setting up a clear path for running, and check that children can easily be supervised. Set up safe sleep arrangements: store sleep cots, mats and bedding to avoid contamination. Use best practice and space sleep places 36 inches apart.
- ◆ **Small appliances:** Keep small appliances and cords well out of children's reach.
- ◆ **Stairwells:** Keep stairwells well-lit and accessible to children only when they are supervised. Stairs should be free of clutter, non-slippery and have hand rails at appropriate heights for children and adults.
- ◆ **Storage:** Store personal items of children and staff to avoid contamination. Diaper bags and purses often contain items that can be hazardous to young children and should be stored out of children's reach. Hazardous chemicals, equipment, and medications should be stored in locked cabinets or behind locked doors. Store emergency medication within adult reach, out of children's reach, and five feet above the ground.
- ◆ **Tripping:** Clear floors of clutter. Area rugs should lay flat. Cords should not dangle.
- ◆ **Water temperature:** Keep water temperatures between 80-110°F. Check at least weekly and more often if needed

Source: North Carolina Child Care Health and Safety Bulletin Dec 2012

Activities and Crafts for May

Play and Learn Group

May 21 at 10 am

May 22 at 10 am and 1 pm

Ages 2-5

Parent and Child activity

Space is limited. Please call and reserve your spot today!

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SUNFLOWER CRAFT

To prepare, cut a few kitchen sponges into approximately 1" x 3" pieces and make several four-inch circle templates for students to share. Pour yellow tempera paint into a shallow container. Also set out paintbrushes and brown and green tempera paint. To make a painting, trace a circle on the upper half of a vertically positioned 12" x 18" sheet of paper. Fill the circle with brown paint fingerprints to form a flower center. Dip a sponge into the yellow paint and then press it onto the paper to make a petal. Continue making petals around the flower center, reloading the paint as necessary. Then paint a green stem and leaves.



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Movement Song



Expect oodles of giggles with this active song!
(Sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

There are ants in my pants!
There are ants in my pants!
Oh No, what should I do?
There are ants in my pants!

Perhaps I should {dance}
Perhaps I should {dance}
That is what I should do.
Perhaps I should {dance}

Continue with following: jump, march, crawl
twist, stretch, and jog



Cutie Crab

If there's no time for art, offer this simple craft as a year-end center activity!



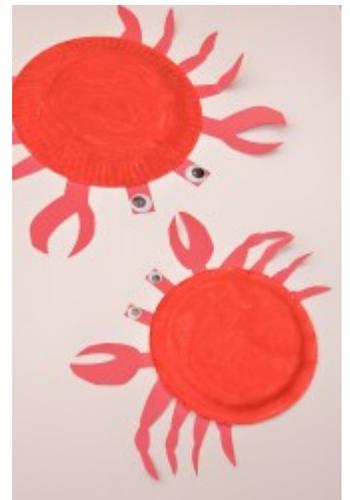
Materials for one:

two 2" white paper circles (eyes)
two 2" red paper circles (claws)
eight 1" x 4" red paper strips/pipe cleaners (legs)
6" red construction paper circle/bowl (body)

Black Crayon
Glue
Scissors

Steps:

1. Color a pupil on each eye. Glue the eyes to the body.
2. Trim each small red circle into a claw shape.
3. Glue the claw cutouts to different legs. Glue these legs to the body as shown.
4. Glue the remaining legs to the body.
5. Draw a smile on the crab.



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Mother's Day Song

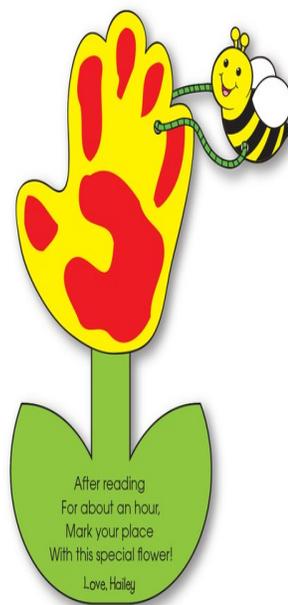
Celebrate Mother's Day with this toe-tapping ditty. Write the word *Mommy* on your board. Then lead students in singing the song six times, removing a letter and replacing it with a clap for each verse.

(sung to the tune of "Bingo")

I know someone who's very special.
Mommy is her name-o!
M-O-M-M-Y, M-O-M-M-Y, M-O-M-M-Y,
And Mommy is her name-o!

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Bookmark For Mom



This adorable keepsake is as practical as it is precious! Paint the palm and fingers of one hand and press it on light-color construction paper to make a handprint. Trim around the print and then glue it to a cutout copy of the flower stem pattern. Laminate the bookmark if desired. Then hole-punch the top of the bookmark and use yarn to attach a bee cutout. What a lovely Mother's Day gift!

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Mission Statement For CCR&R

To enhance the quality and quantity of child care services in Craven County by providing a wide range of information, referrals, advocacy and training services to families, providers and the community in general.



Do you need help finding Quality Child Care?!?!

Have a Child Care Question?!?

Child Care Resource & Referral is here for you!

FREE referrals to fit your child care needs with a licensed, regulated or legally exempt child care programs.

Looking for:

- ***Full-Time Child Care***
- ***Part Time Child Care***
- ***Before/After School Care***
- ***Part Time Preschools***
 - ***Evening Care***
 - ***Over Night Care***
 - ***Weekend Care***
 - ***Drop In Care***
 - ***Hourly Care***

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