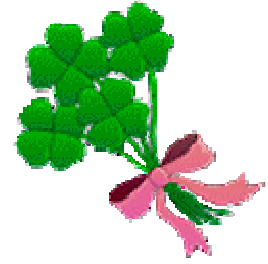


First Christian Church Child Care Center



March 2010

March is here!! Do you feel the luck of the Irish? I do, as I feel so blessed to be here at FCCCCC and to be part of such a wonderful program for children.

The church was contacted last week by the Edmond Sun newspaper, and the First Christian Church Child Care Center has won a Sunshine Award for being voted the best child care center in Edmond!!! I am so proud of our curriculum and our staff here who have worked so hard since my arrival last March to strive for excellence in their care of our center children and the families we serve.

Our next parent-teacher conferences will be held Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 8am-noon in your child's classroom. A sign up sheet will be posted outside of your child's door in the weeks prior to our conference day for you to select a time slot convenient for your family. This will be our third conference day since my arrival last year, but conferences will now be held every 6 months moving into the future rather than every four

If you have not yet had a chance to fill out one of our NAC parent surveys, please take a few minutes to do so. I have to have at least 83 returned for them or we will be asked to start over with the process and send them out to all of our families again. I have attached a copy to this newsletter for your convenience. Please return it to the mailbox outside of my office.

Finally, I would like to briefly mention our waiting list. If you are currently expecting or even just in the planning stages, please take a few moments to stop by the office and get on our waiting list. Center families, staff children, and the children of church members are always given priority over the general public, but the wait to get into the center can still be quite lengthy. We are so happy to have such an extensive waiting list for the center (currently we have 173 children enrolled and 180 others waiting to get in!!!), but I want to be sure that our current families are served as quickly as possible.

Again, thank you so much for entrusting your precious little ones to our care each day. They bless all of us daily as we care for them.

Blessings,
Christina

 **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

Happy Birthday!

Tessa S.	Chloe M.	Zowi M.
Hunter B.	Ryah M.	Catherine B.
Logan L.	Victoria S.	Parker T.
Elliot C.	Reese F.	Bryson B.
Campbell C.	Brandon O.	Dane M.
Madison R.		

Important Dates:

March 15-19th	Spring Break EPS Closed
March 22nd	Committee Meeting

Upcoming Important Dates

April 4th	Easter
April 6th	Picture Day
April 24th	Parent Teacher Conference



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD. “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11





National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs

Parent Survey

Dear Parent(s),

Our child care center is undergoing an in-depth evaluation of its program. We are giving thoughtful consideration to our strengths and areas for improvement. After this period of self study, we may seek recognition as an accredited program. Your input is essential to this effort.

Please complete this form and respond to the indicators of quality care on the following pages. The form does not need to be signed. Place the completed survey in the box located outside the directors office by ASAP, 2010 😊

How long have you had a child enrolled in this center?

- a. Less than six months
- b. Six to eleven months
- c. One year
- d. Two years
- e. Three years
- f. Four years
- g. Five years
- h. Six years or more

My child is currently enrolled in...

- Infant Room
- Toddler Room
- Preschool Room
- School Age

Thank you for your cooperation and time.



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	Standard	Yes	No	Don't know
B4	Teachers are aware of the health of each child and promptly notify parents of accidents and illnesses			
B5	Procedures ensure the safe arrival and departure of children			
B13	I receive advance notification of each activity outside the center that requires transportation <i>(Circle N/A if your child is not transported by the Center)</i>			N/A
B14	All areas used by children are ventilated, well lit, and maintained at a comfortable temperature			
B15	The Center site is clean and has no lingering offensive odor			
B16	Shock-absorbing materials are maintained in fall zones under climbing equipment, slides and swings			
B22	Menus are available to parents when children are served food prepared by the Center. <i>(Circle N/A if Center does not provide food)</i>			N/A
C19	Parents are given opportunity to evaluate the program annually			
D1	My child and I were provided an orientation to the Center			
D2	I have been provided written policies explaining the operation of the program			
D3	I am permitted access to the Center during all hours of operation and am made to feel welcome			
D4	Teachers provide interested parents with opportunities for classroom involvement			
D5	I receive important information about the program on a regular basis			
D6	Staff members receive and consider my ideas and suggestions			
D7	When I pick up my child, I am able to learn about my child's day			
D8	My child's teacher works cooperatively with me to promote my child's successful experience in group care			
D9	Parent/staff conferences are held at least annually. My opinions are invited and considered when discussing my child's progress and overall development			
D10	The Center has provided opportunities for me to participate in parent education programs			

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	Standard	Yes	No	Don't know
E1	Planned activities for the day are posted for my information			
E6	The planned activities are appropriate for my child's needs and interests			
E9	The classroom is arranged so that children have a choice of activities			
E10	Classroom materials and equipment are ample and safe			
E11	Materials, activities, and interactions cause my child to feel good about him/herself			
E12	I have observed my child and teacher actively engage in conversation (vocalizations by infants/toddlers)			
E17	Children are encouraged to explore their own ideas with art materials. Teachers do not make models for children to copy nor provide patterns to color within lines			
E20	The use of television, video, film is not used or is infrequent			
F1	My child's teacher is regular in attendance and on time			
F2	My child and I are greeted when we arrive			
F3	The teacher listens and responds to my child's ideas and feelings with attention and respect			
F4	My child is generally happy, relaxed and engaged in activities			
F5	Staff members give directions using positive words ("do" rather than "don't")			
F6	Children are encouraged to interact with each other in a positive manner			
F8	Staff members value individual differences in children and treat all children with equal consideration			
F9	Teachers encourage self-help skills that are appropriate for my child			
G1	My child is provided protective clothing when engaging in messy play			
G2	Staff provide supervision and enforce safety rules			

What else would you like to tell us?

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