



Learning Connection

Child Development Center

February 2013

Look What Dropped In!

It's a girl! Announcing...

Name: Ava Lynn Neeley

Arrived: Thursday, January 17, 2013

Weight: 8 lbs 1 oz

Length: 19 ½ inches

Big Brother: Tanner (Pre-K)

Proud Parents: Sara and Shawn

Sara is on Maternity Leave

Sara and Ava are doing great, just enjoying their time together. But we still must keep going here at Learning Connection. Usually when Sara is here, she is the closer, but while she is out, I will be working 7:00 – 6:00 MWF and 7:00-4:00 T TH. Billye (Toddler teacher) will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 – 6:00. If you would like to speak to me personally, please make of mental note of when I will be in the office.

Staff Training Update

The staff is required to attend 12 hours of training in early childhood each year. We try to remember to keep you informed of when and what types of trainings we are attending.

- ✓ **All staff** will attend a CPR and First Aid Class on February 28. This is required annually!

Our Hours are 6:30am - 6:00pm

There are occasional issues with some families dropping off children before 6:30am and some families picking up their children after 6:00pm. We do have a late fee of \$1/minute after 6:00. This late fee is paid by you in cash, directly to the staff staying late with your child. This policy is strictly enforced and upon arrival, you will need to sign a "Late Charge Form" before leaving with your child.

*It is also a Learning Connection Policy that **children are not in attendance for more than 10 hours a day everyday!** We do understand that occasionally circumstances can occur that cause your child to be

here longer than 10 hours; however, this should not happen regularly. Please adjust your schedule, if you are one pushing this issue, or we will soon be discussing the schedule changes needed in your daily routine.

Summer Explorers for School-aged children



It's that time again, to be thinking about what your school-aged child will be doing during the summer. We have a fun program where the children attend field trips 3-4 days a week going swimming, skating, touring local businesses, learning a new hobby, enriching their minds with educational trips as well as the many fun trips to places to numerous to mention.

Summer Explorers is a separate program from our Before and After School program. **If your school-aged child is enrolled in our program now, you are not signed up to be here in the summer until the \$100 Registration/Activity fee is paid to reserve your spot.** The cost is \$120/week. Spaces are limited and are on a first come first serve basis. Enrollment starts now! More information will come your way soon!



Illness Policy Reminders

This season has been a tough one on a lot of people. The flu hit hard as well as other things. I want you to know what you can do as well as what we do to ensure that sick children or teachers are not at Learning Connection and what we do to ensure that sickness is kept to a minimum.

With the teachers, we do have substitutes we can call to take the place of a sick teacher. Also, the teachers have to provide a note from the doctor saying what they were seen for and what they have. The teachers do disinfect the toys and equipment and practice frequent hand washing and using hand sanitizer.

There are several things that we need your cooperation with to keep illnesses from spreading:

- ✓ If your child is ill and we need to send him/her home, you need to be here within ONE hour, so your child doesn't infect others.
- ✓ Please don't bring your child to Learning Connection while currently on Medication to bring a fever down.
- ✓ If your child is being sent home with two symptoms (usually a fever with something else). Then we need you to keep your child home for 24 hours and then **bring in a note from your doctor stating that your child was seen and that he/she is cleared to come back.**
- ✓ Sinus infections are also contagious. If your child has a greenish discharge from the nose and is running even a low grade fever, then most likely he/she has a sinus infection. If it goes untreated it can develop into something more serious.

Upcoming Events

- Public Schools late start – February 6
- Classroom Valentine's Day Parties – Feb. 14
- Public Schools Closed – February 15 & 18.
- Public Schools late start – March 13
- Public Schools Spring Break – March 25-29
- Hatching Chicks in Incubator – March 25-28
- Kindergarten Registration – April 3, 6-8pm.
- **Children's Portraits by Lifetouch** – April 30

Tax Statements

If you have not picked up your Tax Statements with the amount you paid in child care for the year **2012**, they are available. I will hold the Tax Statements in the office until you come to pick them up, so they don't get lost in the shuffle.

8 Rules for dealing with a Kid who's Fussy about Food

- 1) **Don't label him "picky":** this is waving the white flag and reinforces being stubborn
- 2) **Give your child choices**
- 3) **Avoid substitutions:** this will make your child hold out longer next time
- 4) **Make this deal with your child:** he must take one bite, but after that he may say, "No thank you"
- 5) **Steer clear of bribes**
- 6) **Go the stealth route:** add pureed veggies to spaghetti sauce your child likes. Then let her know she has eaten them and "survived"
- 7) **Practice what you preach:** set a good example
- 8) **Treat "no" as a temporary answer:** it may take 15 times before she'll try a food and maybe even like it.

"Children will not remember you for the material things you provided, but for the feeling that you cherished them."

-Richard Evans

