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## **ARTICLES & ACTIVITIES**

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### **A Great Child Care Parent**

- Has a good sense of humour.
- Communicates with the child care provider about what is going on at home. Especially if there have been any changes such as a new sibling, parents have recently separated or the family has moved to a new home. And mentioning any social, emotional or developmental changes is extremely helpful.
- Makes sure their child gets a good night's sleep so they are ready for all the fun and learning in their busy day.
- Appreciates the fact that children can get dirty when they play and thanks the child care provider for giving their child that opportunity to explore. Also ensures that their child is wearing appropriate clothing.
- Models caring for others by displaying an ongoing positive interest in the other children in the group and encourages their child to include others in hellos and good-byes.
- Shows appreciation of the child care provider by occasionally doing or bringing something in recognition of her/his ongoing commitment i.e. prepare a snack for all the children; pizza for lunch; flowers; \$5 Starbucks certificate; compliment an activity enjoyed by the children.
- Always initiates a concern or question from the viewpoint that the parent and the child care provider both want what is best for the child, but not in front of the child.
- Ensures they follow the parent agreement that was signed with the child care provider, i.e. pay the fees on time, and pick up their child when they say they'll be there.

- Reads the bulletin boards, newsletters and notices that are sent home. Your child care provider is keeping you up to date on what your children will be doing or has been doing. This is a great communication tool to help keep you informed.
- Knows this is one of the most important relationships in their child's life and realizes that keeping open communication between the child care provider and parent is something that needs to be worked on all the time.
- Will, when feeling uncomfortable with their child's care situation, ask questions, that will either put them at ease or tell them that they need to find a better fit for them and their child.