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ARTICLES & ACTIVITIES

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A Great Child Care Provider

- Understands that communication is key to the relationship with each child's family and looks for positive feedback to give parents at the end of every day.
- Is reliable and consistent in her business practices.
- Includes families in problem solving and decision making regarding their child.
- Is flexible and puts the needs of children before scheduled activities.
- Is respectful of family diversity (in styles of parenting and ethnic issues).
- Keeps a clean but child friendly atmosphere. This shows that the children are comfortable and able to explore their surroundings.
- Welcomes each child and parent when they arrive in the morning, getting down to the child's level. This individual attention will make the goodbye go smoothly and let the parent know you have a real interest in their child.
- Spends time getting ready for each day; choosing what books you will read, songs you will sing, what activities fit with the interests and developmental level of the children attending that day.
- Addresses financial issues clearly in an orientation to the child care and immediately as they come up so they do not interfere with the communication with parents and the care provided to the children.
- Keeps everything between herself and the parent/child confidential.
- Realizes that knowledge is a life long process and therefore is always learning new and exciting things for her business and for the children.

- Understands that taking care of the caregiver is important. Eats nutritiously, gets a good night's sleep, exercises regularly, and makes time for herself.
- Keeps her program fresh. Changes equipment around, adds new activities and develops plans to keep the children interested.