



DACCA'S DIBS

Our goal is to provide easy access to information that will enhance child care via tips, strategies and alternative actions that will prove to be beneficial to children in care, parents and childcare providers. We intend to bolster you when you're tired, answer questions when you're confused and direct you to more details when needed.

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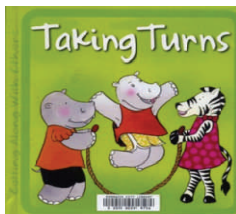
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Teaching the Virtues- Patience

Teaching children patience goes beyond being able to wait in line. Raising a patient child will help with his/her temperament as an adult. Self-control and patience are important if kids are going to succeed in school as well as life after school, so the sooner they learn it the better. And it's your job as a parent to give your kids that start. Successfully teaching patience is more than just teaching your children to wait. It also means teaching them how to being willing to wait calmly. Waiting with impatient body language or mannerisms like groans or eye-rolling is not patience.

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Leap of Faith Child Care Center was envisioned out of a mission to facilitate the needs of families by committing to providing a nurturing, secure & developmentally appropriate environment for children. A family owned and operated business, the center has been in operation as a licensed child care center since August 2007. The five star facility serves ages 2 -5. Before/Afterschool & Summer options are also available for ages 5-12. Staff & parent relations are fostered by encouraging frequent and open communication. The center is owned and operated by Timothy and Tonya Arrington.

LEARNING BY LEAPS & BOUNDS

Provider Spotlight

Leap of Faith Child Care Center



GOING THE EXTRA MILE



A customer recently contacted DACCA seeking child care assistance. Although the family income exceeded the guidelines we received this response:

"I am not going to come in and apply since I am over and I know there are people waiting that need just as much help as I do who are within the salary range. But I am going to try the scholarship program and the Early start Program. No one has ever mentioned these to me before and I hadn't found anything about them online. Thanks to you, I can try these resources and hopefully find a way to get my baby into a safe, healthy environment that I can afford and feel comfortable about leaving her in the mornings when I go to work.

Thanks for replying and going over and beyond to help me. It was a long shot in emailing you and I figured I would get a generic reply of *we regret your....* or no reply at all and that would be the end of it. I was pleasantly surprised to get this type of response.

May your cup run over with blessings"

RELAXATION TIP- SLOW DOWN WITH SOUP

Start a meal with a bowl of soup. Soup sipping encourages slower meals. Studies show that people who begin their meals with soup consume fewer calories.





Rice Crispy Treats on a Stick

INGREDIENTS

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 package (10 oz., about 40) regular marshmallows
- - or -
- 4 cups miniature marshmallows
- Food coloring
- 6 cups **Kellogg's® Rice Krispies®** cereal
- - or -
- 6 cups **Kellogg's® Cocoa Krispies®** cereal
- 12 wooden ice cream sticks
- Flaked coconut
- Multi-colored sprinkles

SEMI-SWEET CHOCOLATE MORSELS, MELTED

DIRECTIONS

1. In large saucepan melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat. Stir in food coloring, if desired.

2. Add KELLOGG'S RICE KRISPIES cereal. Stir until well coated.

3. Using 1/2-cup measuring cup coated with cooking spray divide warm cereal mixture into portions. Using buttered hands shape each portion into ball. Cool. Insert wooden stick, if desired. Decorate with coconut, multi-colored sprinkles and/or melted chocolate, if desired. Let stand until firm. Best if served the same day



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The classroom of a preschool can be a chaotic but organized and fun environment. Anyone who has worked with preschoolers know they are a busy bunch of people. When setting up your classroom, it is important to remember the theory that a preschool classroom should be child sized. Shelving should be at a level that they can see every shelf;. Tables and chairs should be low for them to be comfortable, etc. The area of a preschool classroom is divided into smaller sections sometimes called centers. Normally there are seven basic centers: art, blocks, dramatic play, science, library, manipulative, and music.

Some areas will need lots of space for play like dramatic play and blocks. Then there are areas that may require a quieter atmosphere for learning such as manipulative. Even though most preschoolers can't read when first starting preschool, it is important to label everything.

When sectioning your room to centers, make sure you take time out to sit in the spaces and have a look around. If you are with children at the science table, will you be able to see the children across the room in the block center? Can children move from one activity to another without interfering with other children's work?

Group quiet centers with quiet centers and busy, and noisier centers with the same. Clearly mark boundaries of centers with shelving units. Colored duct tape could be used as well. This prevents blocks from the block area migrating to the art center for a color makeover.

MONTHLY SERVICE TIPS



Parent: Regularly review your child care provider's handbook to insure adequate planning for holidays and other closings.
Provider: Post a schedule of holidays and other closings well in advance to allow parents adequate time to make alternate child care arrangements.

UPCOMING PROVIDER EVENTS



Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010
DACCА Provider Meeting
(6:30 pm) Pilgrim United Church

Wednesday Nov 17, 2010
DACCА Attendance Deadline

Thurs/ Fri- Nov. 25-26 2010
Durham County Holiday
(Thanksgiving)

Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010
DACCА Attendance Deadline

Fri/ Mon- Dec. 24 & 27
Durham County Holiday
(Christmas)

Friday, Dec. 31, 2010
Durham County Holiday
(New Year's Day)

Monday, January 17, 2010
Durham County Holiday
(MLK Holiday)

Thursday, January 20, 2011
DACCА Attendance Deadline



Cleaning Your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing

~Phyllis Diller

