

Kiddie Academy of Greenlawn

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DIRECTORS CORNER

New Medication Administration Regulation to Take Effect January 31, 2005

As of January 31, 2005 the NYS Office of Children and Family and Services is requiring all licensed child care centers to be in compliance with new medication administration standards. These standards will be updated in the New York State Child Day Care Center Regulations under Health and Infection Control (Section 418-1.11)

The MAT (Medication Administration Training) course certifies child care providers to administer medication in a child care setting via seven routes: oral, topical, inhaled, medicated patches, eye, ear and emergency injection of epinephrine using an auto-injector device. It also addresses many requirements such as handling, storing and disposing medications; logging medication administration; hand washing and the proper use of disposable gloves.

There are a few changes in regards to obtaining parental and Health Care Provider permissions, which are required on the OCFS "Written Medication Consent Form". A great amount of detail is required in regards to the medication, dose, time and route, including any possible side effects.

There are "Required Steps For Safe Medication Administration" for each of the seven routes for both over the counter medication and prescription medication that we will need to follow.

Many of our policies will remain the same: staff will not be administering medication; we will continue to provide care of mildly ill children and will continue to follow our current Health Policy.

Because we have set such high standards for Kiddie Academy of Greenlawn, we meet or exceed most of the new criteria. Our health consultant, Lauren Notaroberto, RN will be working closely with us to make sure we meet all criteria before submitting our updated Health Care Plan to OCFS.

Lauren and I previously worked together in a child care setting for three years, cont'd on page 2

November Babies

Let's all wish our November Babies a very Happy Birthday!

Sea Stars

11/11 Miss Maria

11/24 Miss Patty

Manatees I

11/2 Terrel C.



If you would like to bring in a snack for your child's birthday, it must be purchased from a store. Unfortunately, due to Health Code Restrictions, we cannot allow home baked items. Please check with your child's teachers for any diet restrictions within their room.

Center Entry Policy

Please do not hold the door open for anyone who you are not familiar with. Anyone without a code must ring the bell and a staff member will assist them. If they happen to be another parent from the center who you don't know yet, it may be a good time to introduce yourselves.

And don't be worried about offending anyone, we are all focused on the same goal, keeping our building safe and secure.

Thanks!

New Medication Administration Regulation - cont'd

where she served as our school nurse. Lauren is our "visiting nurse" who visits our center each month to monitor our Health and Infection Control policies. She does trainings with our staff, monitors our procedures and paperwork and keeps track of immunizations and physical dates.

I have completed the MAT (Medication Administration Training) training and have MAT Certification, which is valid for three years. Karen will also be taking the MAT training as well as an Assistant Director...down the line.

As we get closer to implementing MAT we'll notify you of the changes and will supply you with some "Written Medication Consent Forms".

Yours in Fun & Learning,



Curriculum Corner

In November, we will be learning about Family and Feelings!

Sea Stars (6 Weeks to 12 Months)

This month the Sea Stars made a family tree by making footprints and using them as leaves. We then took pictures of ourselves together and put them on the board. We would also like to welcome Miss Maria to our class. We are very happy to have her aboard!

Sea Horses (13-18 Months)/Clown Fish I (18-24 Months)

We were so sorry to hear about Miss Karen's injury and certainly do miss her. We've all sent Miss Karen "Feel Better Cards" and wishes for a speedy recovery. Miss Cathy and Mr. Jonathan have opened the Clownfish Classroom and welcomed the Sea Horse children. We've been getting to know each other and exploring our way throughout the classroom and we're adjusting to our new routine. We have been showing pictures of our families to each other (it's not too late to send pictures in to share) We have done a lot of messy art, the children really enjoy fingerpainting and are making footprints to use as turkey feathers for our turkey. We've been enjoying working in the water table and with playdoh.

Harp Seals I (2 Year Olds)

We started off the month by making a Harp Seal's Family of Friends bulletin board with triangle shaped children—one to represent each of

us! As the month goes on, we'll be discussing that families come in different sizes and we each have one! We'll share family photos to find out who is in each child's family. We'll find out how everyone helps in a family and what jobs are done in families each day. Family and feelings will be a great lead into the celebration of Thanksgiving.

Manatees I (3 year olds)

We'll make a family of our own using paper towel rolls, felt and other materials. We'll also create a doll house for our family with furniture and decorations. Please be sure to check it out! Our first two weeks will focus on families, while the third week's objective is understanding and expressing our feelings. During the fourth week, we'll focus on being thankful for many different things especially our family and friends.

Dolphins I (4 Year Olds)

We will be making family collages using pictures brought in from home. Some of our lessons are:

- a family picnic
- make a doll house
- read "Families are Different" by Nina Pellegrini
- and, act out feelings

Our monthly center value is compassion, so we will be working on how our friends feel and how we feel too. It will be a great month!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanksgiving is a great time to give thanks and for helping others in need. This year we'll be kicking off our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the poor. If you would like to donate, please bring non-perishable food items and place them in our Turkey Basket, which was constructed by Miss Kristine and her Dolphins Class.

Parent Referral Bonus

Don't forget about our Parent Referral Bonus! If you refer a friend who enrolls their child at the Center for Full Time Care, you will receive a FREE WEEK! Thank you to all who have already referred new clients!