

Sioux Empire

# Childcare Network

monthly newsletter

April 2011

**When:**

Tuesday,  
April 5th  
@ 7:00pm

**Where:**

Olive Garden  
Italian Restaurant

**What:**

## SECCN Monthly Gathering

We are treating ourselves to a fine meal and some adult conversation. Please RSVP by 11 pm, April 4<sup>th</sup> so you can be assured to sit with the network group.

## Exceptional Care Giver Receives Recognition from Parents and the 211 Helpline!

My great friend, Kezhal Aware, was nominated by the parents of her daycare children, "**Daycare Provider of the month**"! Just a couple of weeks ago she got a visit from the 211 HELP!Line and received a certificate, balloons, and treats. She wrote me saying, "The letter the parents wrote brought



tears to my eyes. Their words made me realize even more how special my job is and how much I am appreciated! It was a great surprise and I cherish them all!"

Kezhal's daughter, Rozhyer wrote me to say, "She started daycare in 1986 after my second brother was born so she can be home with us. It is a nice change to see my mom being recognized for all her hard work supporting our family and making a difference in these families lives!" In this issue, Kezhal we celebrate you and families willing to express their appreciation!

# Monthly Make N' Take



## A Moment of "On the Farm Fun" in Family Child Care...

### Supplies Needed:

- Construction paper
- Small & large paper plates
- Sharpe maker
- Small bell & bow

**Possible book choice:** Dooby Dooby Moo by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin.



### Supplies Needed:

- Construction paper
- Yellow paint
- Orange felt
- Child's foot & Shaky eyes

**Possible book choice:** Baby Duck's New Friend by Frank Asch and Devin Asch.



### Supplies Needed:

- 2 Paper plates
- Brown paint
- Yarn & Shaky eyes
- Child's foot

**Possible book choice:** Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown



- 2 1/2 cups flour (plus more for kneading)
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 cups salt
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- 3 cups water
- 3 tablespoons oil

## Dirt Play Dough (a.k.a. Chocolate Play Dough) Recipe

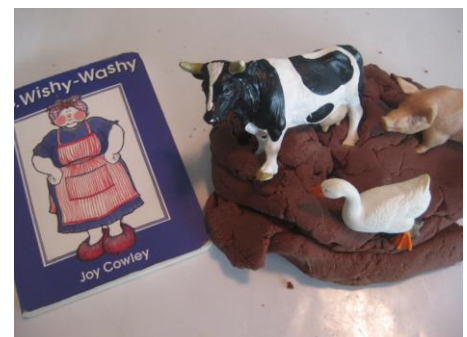
Whisk together first 4 ingredients in a large, heavy bottomed saucepan.

Add water and oil. Stir constantly over medium heat.

The mixture will be soupy for several minutes and then suddenly it will stick together and can be stirred into a ball.

When mixture thickens and forms a rough ball, remove from the heat and continue stirring.

Turn the hot ball of dough onto a floured surface, and begin kneading as it cools. Add extra flour if mixture is too sticky. Continue kneading until flour is incorporated and dough is no longer sticky.



# Barn Dance



## Ten Little Pigs

Sung to: "Five Little Ducks Went out to Play"

Ten little pigs rolled in the mud -  
Squishy, squashy, no soap suds.  
The farmer took one piggy out.  
"Oink, Oink, oink," the pig did shout!

Continue with nine, eight, seven so forth,  
then...

No little pigs rolled in the mud.  
They all looked so clean and good.  
The farmer turned his back and then,  
Those pigs rolled in the mud again.

## Take Me Out to the Barnyard

Sung to: "Take Me Out To The Ball Game"

Take me out to the barnyard  
Take me out there right now  
Show me the cows, pigs and horses too.  
I hear an oink and a neigh and a moo  
There are chickens laying their eggs  
If they don't lay, it's a shame  
Oh, it's one, two, three eggs today,  
And I'm glad I came.

<http://www.preschooleducation.com/sfarm.shtml>



## I'm a Little Piggy

Sung to: "I'm a little Teapot"

I'm a little piggy  
Short and stout  
Here are my ears  
Here is my snout  
When I see the  
Farmer in the dell,  
I oink, oink, oink  
and wiggle my tail.

## Over In The Barnyard

Sung to: "Down By The Station"

Over in the barnyard  
Early in the morning,  
See the yellow chickies  
Standing in a row.  
See the busy farmer  
Giving them breakfast.  
Cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep.  
Off they go.  
Substitute other barnyard animals.

## Tractors, Tractors

Sung to: "Daisy, Daisy"

Tractors, tractors, tractors help farmers work.  
They pull plows that break up the clumps of dirt.  
The farmer can work much faster  
Because he has a tractor.  
There's lots to do the whole year through.  
Tractors help farmers do the work.

## Five Hungry Chicks

Said the first little chicken  
with a queer little squirm,  
"I wish I could find  
A fat little worm."

Said the second little chicken,  
with an odd little shrug,  
"I wish I could find  
A fat little bug."

Said the third little chicken'  
With a sharp little squeal,  
"I wish I could find  
Some nice Yellow corn meal."

Said the fourth little chicken  
with a sigh of grief,  
"I wish I could find  
A little green leaf."

Said the fifth little chicken,  
With a faint little moan,  
"I wish I could find  
A wee gravel stone."

"Now see here, said the mother,  
From the green garden patch,  
"If you want any breakfast,  
Just come here and scratch!"

# Networking Opportunities

## A Night at the Garden April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

On **April 5<sup>th</sup>**, we are meeting at the Olive Garden to treat ourselves to a fine meal and some adult conversation. Please RSVP at [Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com](mailto:Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com) by 11 pm, April 4<sup>th</sup> so you can be assured to sit with the network group. I will make reservations for 7pm, arriving earlier if possible. Hope to see you there!

## Girls Night In! (Or, Girl Night Out on My Patio... if nice.) May 10th, 2011

Join us on **May 10<sup>th</sup>** for a night of painting toe nails and wine. Or, we may walk over to the Juice Shop that is close by. Come visit with caregivers in your same line of work. We will be meeting in the home of Pam Stefanich. Her address will be shared with you at the time you RSVP.

I would love for you join us. Those attending will NOT be receiving credit towards City or State requirements. Certificates will NOT be handed out at the end of the class. Please RSVP at [Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com](mailto:Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com) by 5 pm, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

## [www.SEChildCareNetwork.com](http://www.SEChildCareNetwork.com)

Take a moment and navigate our network website. It is jam packed with resources and past newsletters that are helpful to your child care business. Chat with us on our forum. We are a friendly group.

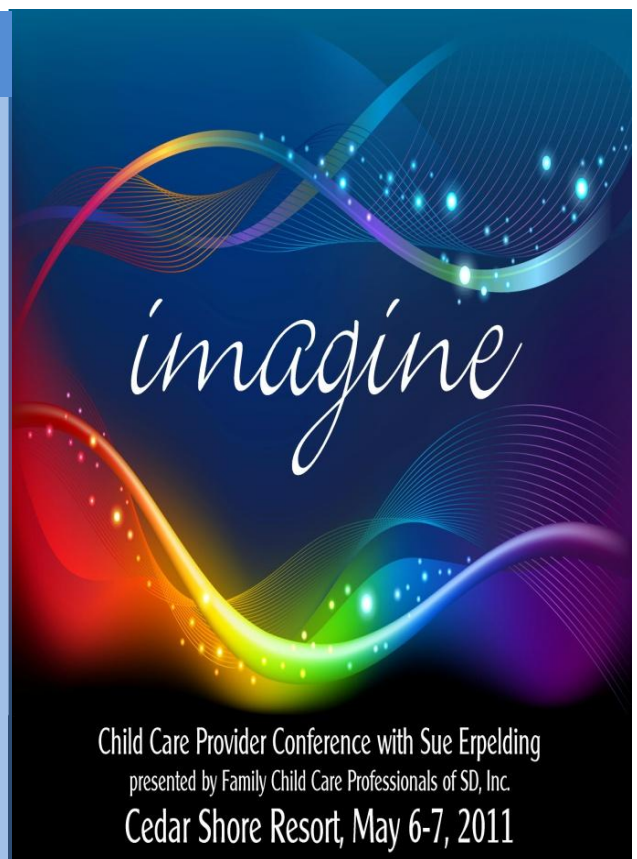
<http://sechildcarenetwork.com/Providers.html>

Please feel free to share any networking or programming ideas that come to mind. We encourage and look for new authors for our newsletter as well.

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# *imagine*

## Child Care Provider Conference

presented by Family Child Care Professionals of SD, Inc.

Keynote Presenter Sue Erpelding

Cedar Shore Resort, May 6-7, 2011

Chamberlain, South Dakota

*imagine a conference so inspiring that it compels you to return again and again*

### Registration Form Due April 5

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

- I am attending the Friday Evening Celebration and Imagine interactive workshops. (Class credit of 2 hours will be awarded for full attendance.)
- I will be booking my room at Cedar Shore Resort. I will pick up my \$5 vendor coupon at the front desk. Limit 1 coupon per room. (Please reserve your room before April 5 by mentioning FCCPSD at 1-888-697-6303 to get the lower conference rate of \$79.95)
- I am enclosing a check for \$60 which includes all the meals served at the conference (a \$25 value) made out to FCCPSD. After April 5 (postmark) I will enclose \$25 more.
- I am enclosing ONE form for EACH person registering for this conference.
- I have made my class selections on the right, but I know I can change my mind later.
- This is MY conference and I get to choose what I do with my time.
- My children, if they come with me, will not attend sessions or meals unless they are under 1 year old and are not disruptive. I have a responsible adult who will supervise them while I am attending the conference. FCCPSD is not responsible for their care.

Please write your class selections on the lines.

Fri 4:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Sat 7:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Sat 11:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Sat 1:30 \_\_\_\_\_

Sat 4:15 \_\_\_\_\_

CEUs can be awarded for class attendance. We are offering 11 class hours which can be used to meet the requirements for SD registration and licensing.

Mail form to Pam Stefanich, 1601 S Berkshire Blvd,  
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

### NEW! Friday Afternoon Pre-Conference 4:30-6:00

Taxes and Record Keeping for FCC Providers  
Cooking for Family and Child Care

Kelly Nokleby  
Dawn Wahl

### Friday Evening Celebrations

6:30-9:30

Imagine interactive workshops

Denita Dinger  
Jennifer Henson  
Debbly Bullis

Refreshments:

Imagine Possibilities

Sue Erpelding

### Saturday's Schedule

7-8:30 Classes

From Here to There and Still Have Hair  
This, That, and Then Some in the Kitchen  
A Healthy Smile for Your Young Children  
Exploring with Sand and Water Tables

Jennifer Henson  
Debbly Bullis  
Jean Gross, RDH  
Susan Dotson

8:30-9:00 Vendor Shopping, Refreshments

9:00-10:30 Imagine Looking Through a Window

Keynote Address

Sue Erpelding

10:30-11:00 Vendor Shopping

11:00-12:30 Classes

Creating Family "FUN"ctions  
"UN"Curriculum: Defending the Power of Play  
Understanding Challenging Behaviors  
ADHD: "Mom, I Forgot"  
Taxes and Record Keeping

Sue Erpelding  
Jeff A Johnson, Denita Dinger  
Kathy Gilpin, Tammy Clark  
SD Parent Connection  
Kelly Nokleby

12:30-1:30 Conference Lunch

1:30-3:00 Classes

Growing Up Wild Part I  
Show Me the Money  
Disability Awareness  
Building Better Block Play  
Traveling Prop Boxes

Kim Booth  
Rhonda Swanson  
SD Parent Connection  
Jeff A Johnson  
Sue Erpelding

3:00-3:30 Vendor Shopping

3:30-4:15 FCCPSD Annual Meeting and Raffle Drawing

4:15-5:45 Classes

Growing Up Wild Part II (Part I required)  
You're an Artist, Not a Cog  
Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect  
Thinking Outside the Box: Math Through Play  
Child Care & Development Fund State Plan  
and Market Rate Survey Overview

Kim Booth  
Jeff A Johnson  
SD Parent Connection  
Denita Dinger  
Patricia Monson

For complete class descriptions, please visit [sdchildcare.org](http://sdchildcare.org)

For complete hotel information, visit [cedarshoresort.com](http://cedarshoresort.com)

Questions? Call 605-342-0573 or email [admin@sdfcc.org](mailto:admin@sdfcc.org)

## Aprons and Shirts

available only by pre-ordering

Show pride in your profession and our state association! Take a t-shirt and apron home with you as a reminder of your wonderful time at the conference and keep your clothes print-free!

We are selling these items **only** through pre-orders. If you want a shirt or apron with this **amazing** image, include this form with your conference registration form and you can write one check.

The navy t-shirt has the imagine conference graphic printed on the front, with no pocket. FCCPSD t-shirts have the logo in the pocket area, no pocket.

Aprons have those mud-needed pockets.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Qty. Black Apron with pockets \$15 (A)

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CIRCLE SIZE: S M L XL 2X 3X, 4X

\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

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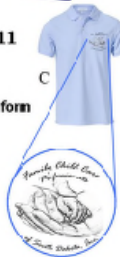
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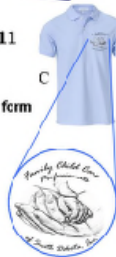
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