

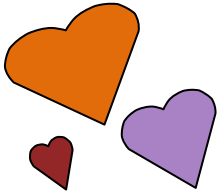


Sioux Empire Childcare Network

monthly newsletter

February 2011

How Things Work



When:

Tuesday,
Feb. 1st
@ 7:00pm

Where:

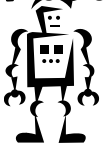
Home of Pamela Stefanich. Please RSVP by emailing me at Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com. My address will be shared with you at that time.

The Five Love Languages

What:

Every child has a primary language of love. I will teach you how to recognize and speak your child's primary love language and 4 other common love languages that can help your child or teen know they are loved.

Robots in Motion



Red Light, Green Light

Cut out large red, green, and yellow circles. Glue them to a pieces of black construction paper. Tape them to a craft stick. Ask your children to line up, side by side, on the starting line. Hold up the traffic lights individually bring them eventually to the finish line. Have the children take turns being the traffic cop.

Robot Tag

Robot Zapper - steals their power to move

Robot Master - restores their power

Choose one child to be each. The rest of the children are robots. Design an area in which the robots can move about in a robotic manner. Encourage your children to make robotic sounds. The Robot Zapper tags them and steals their power. The Robot Master's job is to tag them back and restore their power. Take turns playing the different parts. Adapt the rules to meet the abilities of the children in your care.

Monthly Make N' Take



Supplies Needed:

- Styrofoam meat trays
- Large craft buttons
- Pipe cleaners
- Construction paper
- Sharpe maker
- Tin foil

Literacy:

Choose books with the themes robots, trucks, gears, inventions, and simple machines to share with your children.

Prior to beginning your art project, share some books about robots with your children. Search your library's website for the topic "robots".

Wrap tin foil a little over half of the back of a meat tray securing it in the back. You need to just press it in place to stay. I secured the pipe cleaners in back with a hot glue gun. Allow the children to select button eyes and draw on a mouth. Ask your children to cut out bolt like ears from construction paper.

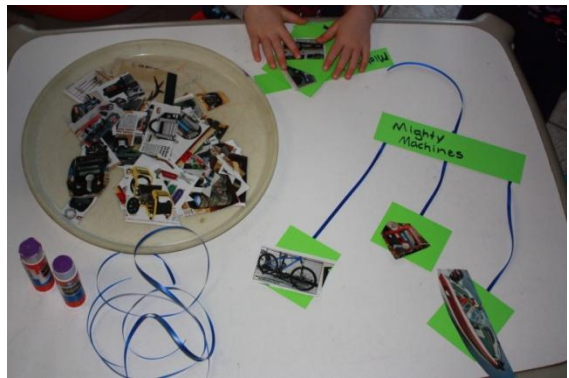


Rocking Robots

Other Art Ideas...



Tool Prints



Invention Mobiles

Music Madness...

I'm a Little Robot

Sung to "I'm a Little Teapot."

I'm a little robot.
Look at me!
I'm made of metal.
Just turn my key.
My arms and legs are stiff, just watch
me go!
Sometimes fast and sometimes slow!

Gears and Gadgets

Sung to "Clementine."

Gears and gadgets, bolts and magnets,
Springs and cranks and screws galore!
I just knocked this off the table.
It's not working anymore!

Twist and turn it. Spin it, shift it.
Find the pieces on the floor!
Creaking, crackling, clinking, tapping.
It's not broken anymore!

(Repeat the last two stanzas.)

Networking Opportunities

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We would love to have you join us. Those attending will be receiving credit towards City or State requirements. Certificates will be handed out at the end of the class. Please RSVP at Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com by 11 pm, Jan. 31st.

"BEE"haviors : Help From a FCC Provider March 8th, 2011

Join us on **March 8th** for a night of learning how to best deal with behavioral issues in your Child Care Business. Learn some cool tools of the trade from caregivers in your same line of field. We will be meeting in the home of Pam Stefanich. Her address will be shared with you at the time you RSVP.

We would love to have you join us. Those attending will be receiving credit towards City or State requirements. Certificates will be handed out at the end of the class. Please RSVP at Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com by 11 pm, Feb. 27th.

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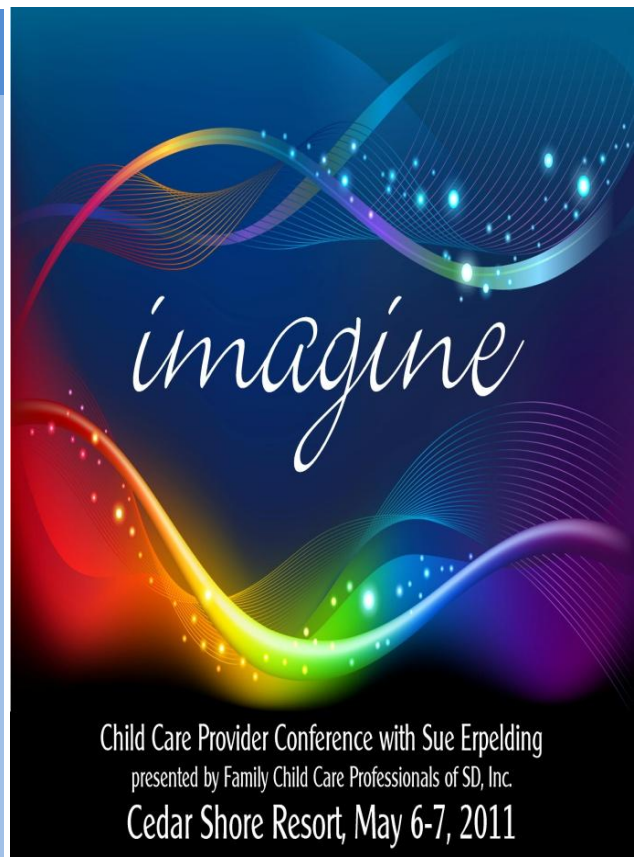
Take a moment and navigate our network website. It is jam packed with resources and past newsletters that are helpful to your child care business. Chat with us on our forum. We are a friendly group.

<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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Child Care Provider Conference with Sue Erpelding
presented by Family Child Care Professionals of SD, Inc.
Cedar Shore Resort, May 6-7, 2011