



Sioux Empire Childcare Network

monthly newsletter

January 2011

When: Tuesday, Jan. 4th @ 7PM

Where:

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



Marketing Your Child Care Business

What:

A night of learning how to best market your Child Care Business. Take home some cool tools of the trade. RSVP well before the workshop to receive a certificate.

Medieval Sensory Fun...

Dragon Goo

Supplies Needed:

- Liquid Starch
- Glue (used tacky glue)

Mix equal parts liquid starch with glue. Work together till you have Dragon Goo. Provide large kitchen utensils for those children who are sensory sensitive. Watch them dig in anyway sometime later. Store in an air tight container ready to bring out when asked for. Get in elbow deep with your children setting a great example. No clean up necessary. It comes right off your hands.



Monthly Make N' Take



Supplies Needed:

- Extra long piece of card or two pieces of card stapled together
- White pieces of card paper
- Grocery bags
- Tacky glue
- Stapler
- Scissors
- Blk Sharpie



Fire Breathing Dragon

Video on how to make the dragon

http://www.ehow.com/video_4989335_art-kids-make-paper-dragon.html

The woman on this video does a wonderful job of showing you how to make an impressive Fire Breathing Dragon shown in the photo above. My children loved these! Buy red card stock!



Jester Hats

Supplies Needed:

- Construction paper
- Poms
- Stapler & Scissors

Make 4 folds length size with two colors of construction paper. Make one into headbands strips. Make the other into Jester tops tapering the tops into points. Add poms or other decorative pieces to jazz it up.

Dragon Chase

Divide your children into two small groups. Have each group stand in a line with their hands on the hips of the child in front of them. The line of children form a dragon with the child at the front being the head of the dragon. Cut streamers for each group and tie them to the belt loop of the child at the back of the line. The goal of the game is for the leader of each group to steal the tail of the other group. Encourage them to stay connected.

Jesters in Motion...

Frolicking Unicorns

Create seven stones by cutting rough semi circular shapes from a paper grocery bag or cardboard box. Tape them to the floor. Unicorns are very energetic! They gallop, jump, and even fly if they have wings.

Invite the children to remove their shoes and jump or fly from stone to stone. Have them count the stones while landing on each one.



Merlin's Musical Medleys

I'm A Knight In Armor

Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot"

I'm a knight in armor, look at me.
See how shiny I can be.
With my visor up my eyes you'll see.
But with it down it protects me.

I'm A Dragon

Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot"

I'm a little dragon, strong and stout.
Here is my tail and here is my snout.
If you get me upset, you better watch out!
I'll give you something to shout about!

All Around the Kingdom

Sung to: Ring Around the Rosie

All around the kingdom,
The knight chased the dragon.
Roaring, clinking,
They became friends.

All around the castle,
The king chased the jester.
Joking, laughing,
They became friends.

All around the garden,
The frog chased the princess.
Hopping, smooching,
They became friends.

Dragons Skipping

Dragons go (skipping) 'round their cave,
'Round their cave, 'round their cave.
Dragons go (skipping) 'round their cave,
On this sunny morning.

(Replace skipping with hopping and dancing.)

Medieval Pokey...

Fairy Pokey

You put your wand in ,
You take your wand out,
You put your wand in,
And you shake it all about.
You do the Fair Pokey and you
twirl yourself around.
That's what it's all about!

Dragon Pokey

You make it up with your children.



Networking Opportunities

Marketing You! Jan. 4th, 2011

Join us on **Jan. 4th** for a night of learning how to best market your Child Care Business. Learn some cool tools of the trade. 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, Jan. 3rd.

The Five Love Languages! Feb. 1st, 2011

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.

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.

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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A graphic design featuring the word "imagine" in a white, cursive font. The background is dark blue with vibrant, multi-colored wavy lines in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, and purple. Small white stars and dots are scattered throughout the design.

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