



Sioux Empire Childcare Network

monthly newsletter

June 2007

June Meeting

when: Tuesday, June 5th @ 7:00pm

where: At the home of Pamela Stefanich. Please RSVP by June 4th at SEN@sdfcc.org. Directions will be given when you do.

agenda: We will be discussing a variety of topics brought by the participants of the evening. Feel free to ask for a particular resource you may need for your child care business.

Future Meetings: Tentative meeting dates are: July 10th, Aug. 7th, Sept. 11th. Watch newsletter for possible changes. Newsletter written and designed by Pamela Stefanich.

We are a small, friendly group always looking for new people to join us!

As a Childcare Professional, do you need:
support? ideas? encouragement?

SeChildcareNetwork

Cari Lindner, a member of our Networking Group, has developed a discussion group called SeChildcareNetwork. It is FREE OF CHARGE and provided and monitored by Yahoo Groups preventing spam and making the site secure.

To receive more information, contact Cari Lindner at 543-5435 or cslindner@msn.com. Please visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SeChildCareNetwork> for the opportunity to sign up and view the site Cari created. This discussion group is for childcare providers in South Dakota offering friendship and support in all aspects of our careers from much needed venting to programming and business building ideas.

Family Child Care Professionals of South Dakota

Another great resource for childcare providers is the Family Childcare Professionals of South Dakota. Their web site is found at www.SDFCC.org. Take a peak at the various resources and links that you will find on this site. This association's site provides great information for providers and parents alike! Check out the Photo Album or Bulletin Board Forum to see and hear from members of our SEN Networking Group. You can get on the forum directly at www.sdfcc.net/forums. A short registration process is all that is required to post messages. I have to say there are some resources that can be found in these posts that my business could not do without.

Programming Tips for Your Child Care Business

1. Prop Boxes

Prop boxes Themes:

- Office
- Supermarket
- Pirates
- Hairdresser
- Construction Workers
- Cooking/Bakery
- Cleaning/Laundry
- Doctor/Veterinarian
- Restaurant
- Picnic/Beach
- Firefighter
- Astronaut
- Dinosaurs/Archeology

Example: Pirates

- Head Scarves
- Eye patches
- Spy glasses
- Toys ships, pirate figures
- Sailor hats, art activity
- Together they write a Pirate Story
- Swab the deck, cleaning supplies
- World map book
- Large Box becomes a ship
- Blankets become hammocks
- Character play: Cook, Captain, First Mate, etc.
- Sharks or water toys



2. Just Ask

Ask the older children in your care to help you will developing "Prop Boxes" for those times when children become bored and it feels like the same old stuff. Choose a theme above and begin brain storming with your children what items would make that prop box shine. Ask the help of your parents. They may have old items to donate or be willing to help with making simple costumes. Visit the dollar store or other thrift shops. Check out books from your local library to enhance the fun. When making plans, ask children to generate lists of items needed to enter in a literacy element to the fun.



SUMMER CAMP SONGS

Five Little Campers

Five little campers sitting in the sun,
The first one said, "I'd like to have some fun."
The second one said, "Let's all go for a cool swim."
The third one said, "I'll ask a grown-up to watch while we're in."
The fourth one said, "Let's get our safety vests."
The fifth one said, "We're the best."
"O-O-O-O-K went the parents",
"Yeah went the kids",
and the five little campers began to swim.

Campfire Pokey

Sung to: "Hokey Pokey"

You put your marshmallow in,
You take your marshmallow out,
You put your marshmallow in and you shake it all about,
You do the campfire pokey, and you turn yourself about,
And that's what it's all about, hey!

Substitute "marshmallow" with hot dog, potato, apple, popcorn, and anything else that you can roast over the campfire.

At the end, use the phrase:
You put your whole dinner in,
You take your whole dinner out,
You put your whole dinner in, and you shake it all about,
You do the campfire pokey, and you turn yourself about,
And that's what its all about, yum, yum!

I'm going camping

Sung to: "Twinkle, Twinkle"

I'm going camping, yessireee!
I'm going camping; won't you come with me?
First we'll pitch our tent on the ground.
Then make a fire as we all gather round.
I'm going camping, yessiree!
I'm going camping, won't you come with me?

Next we'll cook on the open fire,
Then tell stories till we all get tired.
When the stars are twinkling bright
We'll sleep in our tents 'til the morning light
I'm going camping, yessiree!
I'm going camping, won't you come with me?

When we see the morning sun
We'll wake right up 'cause the day's begun!
There's so much that we can do
Fishing swimming, hiking too.
I'm going camping, yessiree!
I'm going camping, won't you come with me?

Going Camping

Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot"

I am going camping.
(point thumbs proudly to chest)
Time to pack
(point to **wristwatch**)
My tent, my bedroll,
(Make tent with hands; then fold hands to cheek.)
And a snack.
(Pretend to eat)

I'll sit by the campfire
(warm hands over fire.)
Its glow so bright.
(Fan and wiggle fingers to resemble fire.)
Then snooze in my tent
(Pretend to snore.)
'Til the morning light!
(Open eyes wide, forming sun over head.)

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