



Sioux Empire

Childcare Network

monthly newsletter

June 2011

~ Camping SECCN ~

When: Tuesday, June 7th @ 7PM

Where:

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

What:

Tour de' Daycarer

Join us as we tour 3 Child Care Homes. Care givers will be sharing storage and organizational tips. There is no cost associated with this event.



Sense a Moment of Fun in Family Child Care!

Sensory tables are a great way to draw attention to a specific theme. Toys you have had in your setting for ever all of a sudden become new and interesting again when you put them together with like things in a fun sensory media. The media I am using here is a 4 lb. bag of black beans I purchased from Hy-Vee. Add in more theme toys from your setting and lots of fun can be had by all your little ones.





Monthly Make N' Take

A Moment of Fun in Family Child Care...

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You have gotta love this theme. There are an unlimited number of ideas on the internet. Make some yummy Smores by mixing equal parts tacky glue and shaving gel. Slap it on tissue paper representing graham crackers and chocolate remembering not to bite in. Read your children a great book like "Camping Day" by Patricia Lakin and Scott Nash. Set up a tent inside or outside your home and you have set your environment for fun.



Doesn't this cozy fire look almost real? Glue quarter sized stones to a CD with either black felt or real dirt underneath. Tacky or hot glue 4" sticks together looking like logs. Tear tissue paper into "1 - 2" squares. Wrap squares around a toothpick placing glue at the end. Insert red tissue paper, then orange, and 1 or 2 yellow into your logs. Wallah!

I took this photo on my back deck. We are still waiting for warmer weather so we can enjoy a fire in our fire pit.

Doesn't this headband just take you there? Make the strip by cutting a standard sheet of construction paper in fours the long way. Staple two lengths together adjusting to the size of each child's head. Fold yellow and orange construction paper in half cutting multiple flames out at the same time. Go on a nature walk for your sticks. Mmmm, add those miniature marshmallows.



Camp Town Songs Tickle My Nose... Do Da!

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?

<http://www.preschooleducation.com/scamping.shtml>
<http://stepbystepcc.com/camping.html>

A Camping We Will Go

Sung to: "The Farmer and The Dell"

A camping we will go.
A camping we will go.
Hi ho we're off to the woods.
A camping we will go.

Sue will bring the tent.
Oh Sue will bring the tent.
Hi ho we're off to the woods.
A camping we will go.

Tom will bring the food.
Oh Tom will bring the food.
Hi ho we're off to the woods.
A camping we will go.

Continue with other supplies and change the children's names

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.)

Did You Ever Go A-Camping

Sung to: "Did You Ever See a Lassie?"

Did you ever go a-camping,
a-camping, a-camping?
Did you ever go a-camping
and sleep in a tent?

2. ...and see a raccoon?
3. ...and hike in the woods?
4. ...and fish in a boat?
5. ...and have a campfire?



Networking Opportunities

Tour de' Daycarer



Contact me with your interest in touring Family Child Care homes. Three providers are opening their homes to share ideas and individual design with other care givers in their field. Transportation will be provided by volunteers. We will be viewing 3 homes in one evening. The date of this event will be Tuesday, June 7th. We will be starting promptly at 7 pm at my address. This is a free event. There will be no charge. Please contact Pam Stefanich at Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com with your interest in participating as a passenger for the Tour de' Daycarer!

A Night On the Patio!



On July 12th we will be meeting out on the patio at Johnny Carino's treating ourselves to a fine meal and some adult conversation. Please RSVP by 11 pm, July 11th so you can be assured to sit with the network group. I will make reservations for 7 pm, arriving earlier if possible. Hope to see you there!

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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