



Sioux Empire Childcare Network

monthly newsletter

March 2011

When:

Tuesday,
March 8th
@ 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.

What:

"BEE"haviors: Help From a FCC Provider

Join us 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 work. RSVP before 11pm March 7th.



Leprechaun in the Building!

The night before St. Patrick's Day Lucky the Leprechaun comes to do some mischief in our daycare home for my children to discover the next day. This is one of the favorite things my children experience while in my care. In the photo below, they have discovered that the milk was turned magically green.

Leprechaun mischief ideas:

- green milk or green liquid hand soap
- toy tubs with wrong items inside
- upside down tables
- fairy dust, leprechaun foot prints

The day before Lucky appears, ask the children to draw a group rainbow to encourage Lucky to visit during the night. Lucky comes the next day to find the pot of gold at the end to the rainbow.



Monthly Make N' Take



A Moment of Fun in Family Child Care...

Supplies Needed: *Leprechaun Trap*

- Cardboard box
- Green construction paper
- Rainbow decorations
- Sharpe maker
- Gold coins
- Yarn

Have your children cover the box chosen in green construction paper. Place inside rainbow or coins that will entice your Leprechaun inside. Make a net with yarn or use vegetable netting saved from your grocery purchases. Allow your children to decorate and imagine how the Leprechaun might be caught.



Leprechauns in Literacy

Read a favorite story about Leprechauns to your children. Ask them to compose their own stories about Leprechauns. Provide paper and drawing materials. Write down the words to their stories on their drawings for children unable to do so. Rainbows are an easier first item for a child to draw.



Little Leprechauns Move

Down load some Celtic music from iTunes. Invite the children to sit in a circle. Place a potato in the first child's hands telling he/she it is very "Hot"! Explain that the potato needs to be quickly passed around the circle until the music stops and the potato cools. The child left holding the potato when the music stops controls the music and player for the next round.

Practice: Ask your children to practice passing the potato before playing it as a large group activity. This is great practice for gross motor and eye-hand coordination development.



Leprechauns Dance



Do your Ears Point Up?

Do your ears point up? (Pull on tops of ears.)
Do you have a lot of luck? (Cross fingers.)
For gold do you dig? (Pretend to dig.)
Can you dance an Irish jig? (Dance a jig.)
If you answered, "Yes," (Nod head.)
You're a leprechaun, I'd guess! (Wink eye.)

I'm A Little Leprechaun

Sung to: "I'm a Little Teapot"

I'm a little leprechaun, can't you see?
I am as tiny as can be!
I only come around just once a year
That's when St. Patrick's Day is here!

Eensy Weensy Leprechaun

Sung to: "Eensy Weensy Spider"

An eensy, weensy leprechaun
came out St. Patrick's Day
to look for the gold
That was hidden far away.
Over the rainbow
was where he was told
so, with the wink of his green eye,
He ran for the gold.

Wee Little Patrick

Sung to: "Yankee Doodle"

Patrick is a leprechaun
He has a sack of gold
He hides it in a special place
Between to stumps, I'm told
I think I saw Patrick Out in the woods at play
He smiled and laughed and winked his eye
And then he ran away

Don't try to follow Patrick
To find his treasure sack
He'll twist and jump and run away
And he never will come back.

Going On A Leprechaun Hunt

(an adaptation of the Bear Hunt)

Ask the children to listen closely and follow the directions. Instruct them to clap the rhythm or slap their knees as you tell the story.

Going on a leprechaun hunt. I'm not afraid.
Let's go! Oh, look! I see a grassy field.
Can't go around it. Can't go under it. Can't go over it.
Let's go through it.
Let's go! Swish, swish, swish, swish.
Oh, look! I see a giant tree.
Can't go over it. Can't go under it. Can't go through it.
Let's climb it.
Let's go! Climb, climb, climb.
Oh, look! I see a river.
Can't go over it. Can't go around it. Can't go under it.
Let's Swim it.
Let's go. Swim, swim, swim.
Oh, look! I see a dark cave.
Can't go around it. Can't go under it. Can't go over it.
Let's tiptoe into it.
Let's go. Tippy, tippy, toe.
It's really dark in here. Better turn on my flashlight.
Oh, no. I see something!
It's mean! It's green! It's a leprechaun! Let's go!
Run! Run! Swim! Swim! Climb! Climb! Swish! Swish!
Whew...safe at home again.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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, Feb. 27th.

A Night At The Garden April 5th, 2011

On March 9th, we are meeting at the Olive Garden to treat ourselves to a fine meal and some adult conversation. Please RSVP at Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com by 11 pm, April 4th 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!

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.

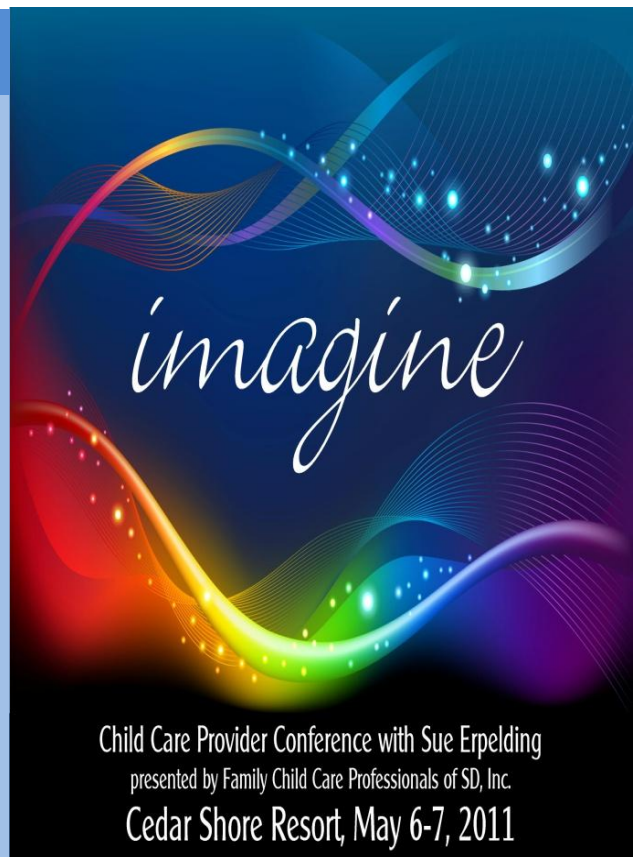
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Child Care Provider Conference

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 \$9 vendor coupon at the front desk. Limit 1 coupon per room. (Please reserve your room before April 5 by mentioning FCCPSD at 1-888-697-6343 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
Debby 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
Debby 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

For complete hotel information, visit cedarshoresresort.com

Questions? Call 605-342-0573 or email admin@sdfcc.org