



# Childcare Network

## Sioux Empire

monthly newsletter

May 2011

**When:**

Tuesday,  
May 10th  
@ 7:00pm

**Where:**

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

### Girls Night In!

**What:**

Come visit with caregivers in your same line of work. We will be meeting in the home of Pam Stefanich. Her address will be shared with you at the time you RSVP.

### *New Business Providing Help to Caregivers in the Field of Family Child Care*

Michelle Peterson, close friend and colleague of mine, is starting a new business called, "GIMME A BREAK". As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, Michelle will provide care in the homes of care givers when they need a break for an appointment, a chance to see their your child's programs, or any other needs they may have. Instead of taking the whole day off from care, they will only have to take a portion of it off.

Michelle charges \$20.00 her first hour present in the caregivers home, and \$15.00 each hour thereafter. She requires 1 hour as a minimum. Her services will be provided in the Sioux Falls area.

Michelle has 14 yrs. experience, is state and City registered, and has up to date certificates in CPR and First Aid. You can reach Michelle Peterson at 605-360-6871. Call now to set up your appointment.



Michelle Peterson of "Gimme A Break"



## Monthly Make N' Take

### Discoveries Around the Pond...

#### Supplies Needed:

- Paper sack
- Blk. construction paper
- White chalk or Crayola Twistables Slick Stix
- Glue & scissors

**Possible book choice:** Discovering My World: Raccoons, Scholastic Books



Raccoon Puppet

#### Supplies Needed:

- Small pond or forest animals
- Various colors of paint on paper towels
- White paper

**Possible book choice:** Around the Pond: Who's Been Here? By Lindsay Barrett George



Forest Animal Foot Prints

#### Supplies Needed:

- Card stock folded in fourth's
- Light green streamer
- White hole punch protectors

**Possible book choice:** Green Wilma by Tedd Arnold



Life Cycle of a Frog

# Discoveries Around the Pond...

## A Salamander

I saw a little creature that was slimy, smooth,  
and wet.  
I thought it was the oddest thing that I had  
ever met.  
It was something like a lizard, but it had no  
scales at all.  
It was something like a frog, but it didn't hop-  
it crawled.  
So I took it to my teacher and she told me  
right away,  
" I see you brought a salamander into class  
today."

## Raccoon

Sung To: "Kookaburra"

Raccoon sleeps in a hollow tree  
While the sun shines on you and me.  
Sleep, raccoon.  
Sleep, raccoon,  
Warm and cozily.

In the darkest part of night  
Raccoon has the best eyesight.  
Look raccoon,  
Look, raccoon,  
My, your eyes are bright.

Raccoon hardly makes a sound  
When he prowls all around.  
Hunt raccoon,  
Hunt raccoon,  
Find food on the ground.

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



## Little Hoot Owl

Sung To: "Six Little Ducks"

Who flies around in the dark of night?  
Who glides on wings o'er silent night?  
Who eats his dinner by late moonlight?  
It's a little hoot owl with his owl  
eyesight!

Who-who, who-who, little hoot owl.  
Who-who, who-who, little hoot owl.  
Who-who, who-who, little hoot owl.  
It's a little hoot owl with his owl eyesight

## Turtle Finger Play

There was a little turtle  
That lived in a box. (put hands together to make a box)  
He swam in a puddle, (make swimming movements)  
And he climbed on the rocks.  
He snapped at a mosquito, (snap your fingers)  
He snapped at a flea, (snap your fingers)  
He snapped at a minnow, (snap your fingers)  
And he snapped at me. (snap your fingers)  
He caught the mosquito, (clap)  
He caught the flea, (clap)  
He caught the minnow, (clap)  
But he didn't catch me!! (make a proud face)

## Little Froggy

Sung to: "I'm a little teapot"

See the little froggy  
Swimming in the pool  
The water's great-  
It's nice and cool  
when he gets all cleaned up  
Out he'll hop  
Squeaky clean  
From bottom to top.

See the little froggy  
On the lily pad  
Trying to catch flies  
She's getting sad.  
When she catches one,  
She'll gobble it up  
Back in the water  
She'll go kerplod!

# Networking Opportunities

## Girls Night In! (Or, Girl Night Out on My Patio... if nice.) May 10th, 2011

Join us on **May 10<sup>th</sup>** for a night of painting toe nails and wine. Or, we may walk over to the Juice Shop that is close by. Come visit with caregivers in your same line of work. We will be meeting in the home of Pam Stefanich. Her address will be shared with you at the time you RSVP.

I would love for you join us. Those attending will NOT be receiving credit towards City or State requirements. Certificates will NOT be handed out at the end of the class. Please RSVP at [Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com](mailto:Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com) by 5 pm, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Tour de' Daycarer

**Next Month!**

Contact me with your interest in opening your Family Child Care home to be viewed by other providers. This is a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and individual design with other providers in your field. Transportation will be provided by volunteers. We will be viewing 3 to 4 homes in one evening depending on their location. The date of this event will be Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:Pams@sechildcarenetwork.com) with your interest in opening your home or participating as a passenger for the Tour de' Daycarer!



## [www.SEChildCareNetwork.com](http://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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# imagine

## 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 \$3 vendor coupon at the front desk. Limit 1 coupon per room. (Please reserve your room before April 5 by mentioning FCCPSD at 1-888-697-6363 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 Kelly Nokleby  
Cooking for Family and Child Care Dawn Wahl

### Friday Evening Celebrations

6:30-9:30

Imagine interactive workshops Denita Dinger  
Jennifer Henson  
Debbie Bullis

Refreshments Sue Erpelding  
Imagine Possibilities

### Saturday's Schedule

7-8:30 Classes

From Here to There and Still Have Hair Jennifer Henson  
This, That, and Then Some in the Kitchen Debbie Bullis  
A Healthy Smile for Your Young Children Jean Gross, RDH  
Exploring with Sand and Water Tables 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 Sue Erpelding  
'UN'Curriculum: Defending the Power of Play Jeff A Johnson, Denita Dinger  
Understanding Challenging Behaviors Kathy Gilpin, Tammy Clark  
ADHD: "Mom, I Forgot" SD Parent Connection  
Taxes and Record Keeping Kelly Nokleby

12:30-1:30 Conference Lunch

1:30-3:00 Classes

Growing Up Wild Part I Kim Booth  
Show Me the Money Rhonda Swanson  
Disability Awareness SD Parent Connection  
Building Better Block Play Jeff A Johnson  
Traveling Prop Boxes 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) Kim Booth  
You're an Artist, Not a Cog Jeff A Johnson  
Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect SD Parent Connection  
Thinking Outside the Box: Math Through Play Denita Dinger  
Child Care & Development Fund State Plan Patricia Monson  
and Market Rate Survey Overview

**For complete class descriptions, please visit [sdchildcare.org](http://sdchildcare.org)**

**For complete hotel information, visit [cedarshoresresort.com](http://cedarshoresresort.com)**

**Questions? Call 605-342-0573 or email [admin@sdfcc.org](mailto:admin@sdfcc.org)**