Reznikov-Lee
Family Day Care

Newsletter

February 1, 1994

The new year has brought some joys and sorrows. Meredith is much better and should be returning to daycare soon. Most of the kids have been healthy so far and I appreciate your keeping your child home when they aren't well. Keeping them away from the other children help prevent the sickness from traveling through the whole daycare and my family.

Now that February is about to begin, I hope those of you who have been unable to increase your daycare fee to $90.00 will do so now. Gas and maintenance for my car is taking its toll on my finances.

Upcoming events include a trip to the Collier Automotive Museum on Horseshoe Drive. Check your calendar for date and time. Of course, the usual trips will continue. With the cooler weather, we have enjoyed the parks that Collier County has to offer. We discovered Cocahatchee River Park near Wiggins Pass Marina. It is truly toddler size and they love to watch the boats come and go.

We have met a new friend. Tracy and her family day care which includes her own two toddlers. Tracy took Paige when I could no longer keep her and it is always a treat to see old friends.

--KID RECAP--

As I said earlier, Meredith is feeling much better and should be joining us soon. I know Patty and her family appreciated your thoughts and prayers. I know she is anxious to be part of the group again and we can't wait!

Heather has enjoyed her pre-school classes and loves sharing her art projects with us. She is a really big helper and loves to organize everyone.

Jeffrey has developed a great sense of humor and LOVES to roughhouse. Just give him a chance to rough and tumble and he'll be happy for hours.

Cody has started talking about anything and everything to anyone who will listen. He spend much of his early time with us observing and now the time has come to vocalize!

Claire is quite the little lady. She spent much time with us (day and night) while her sister, Meredith was in the hospital. She was quite adaptable and managed the situation with ease.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Reznikov-Lee Family Day Care Newsletter

March 1, 1994

Remember to check your calendar. There are several upcoming events to watch for.

The four o'clock run starts at 4:00, please be sure I know of any changes so the run goes smoothly - thanks.

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St. Patrick's Day is March 17th! Please have your child(ren) wear someting GREEN.

# # #

We have a new member of our reptile family . . . Bill is a 3 foot Nile Monitor (lizard). He isn't really ready for the day care as yet, Caleb is still working with him, though he does walk on a leash, but is still a bit skiddish. It will be a while until the dc kids will be able to see him except in his tank.

Caleb has been doing reptile/insect demonstrations for the local schools and spends a great deal of time answering questions from children of all ages.

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Our trip to the Collier Automotive Museum has been change to March 11th due to a scheduling problem at the museum.

# # #

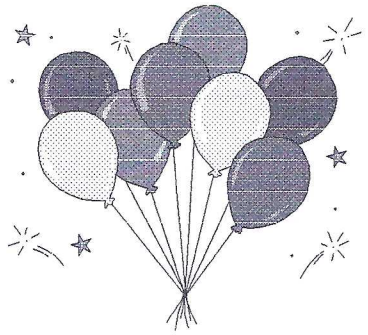
If your child is in the habit of bringing items from home, please supply a backpack (or some easily handled bag) so they can transport their belongings to and from without incidence.

# # #

If your child mentions "our new baby" it is because we are waiting for the arrival a new client. Not yet born, but expected some time this week, she will be the adopted daughter of a local attorney and his wife. We are anxiously awaiting her arrival and expect her to begin her day care

Meredith - March 3!!

experience sometime in April. More on this later!



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April 1, 1994

We are right in the middle of spring break and have been busy rearranging furniture to accommodate the pending hot and humid weather. We have moved a table into the family room for meals and crafts and moved video equipment so they can watch their movies while playing in the family room.

Meredith turned five last month and Heather turns five on April 5th. Cody, Jeff and Claire are pushing four in August and October, respectively. Claire will start pre-kindergarten in the fall when Meredith and Heather try their wings in kindergarten. Jeff and Cody will stay home with me and the new baby (no news as yet, I'll keep you posted).

Now that the kids are all potty-trained we have, again, been focusing on hygiene. Please help me by reminding your child to **flush the toilet** after use and **washing their hands**. Please encourage your children to use good bathroom manners at home.

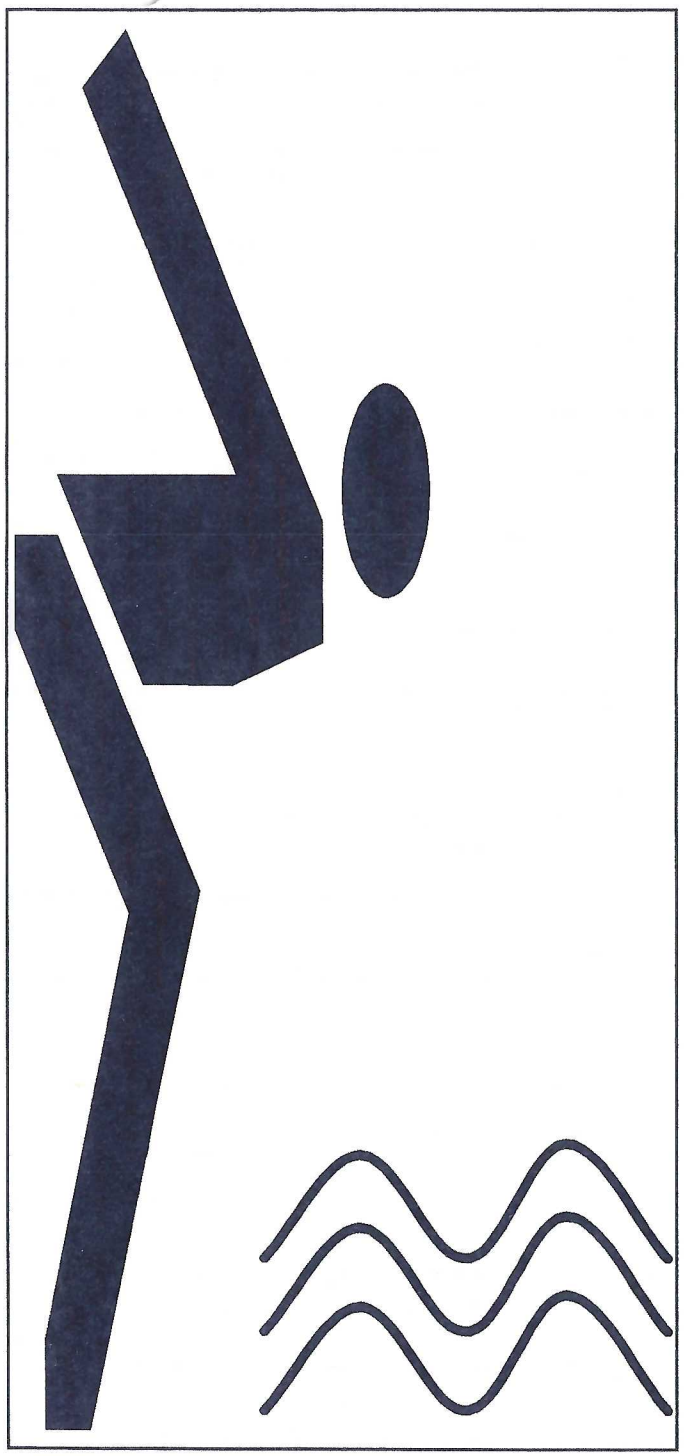
While we're on the subject of healthy habits, I would also like to discuss nose-picking. Every child goes through a phase of picking their nose. I don't reprimand or punish this very natural habit, but encourage them to do it privately, if necessary. They are encourage to get a tissue or piece of toilet paper and to dispose of it properly. As I said, I do not make a big deal of this, but it is important that they learn what is socially acceptable and what is not. Help!!

Our FIFTH ANNUAL TROLLEY RIDE was a great success. The kids thoroughly enjoyed our fun-filled day. We left the Pavilion at 10:30. We enjoyed the sights of Naples from a tourist's eye relishing the scenic view. We arrived on Fifth Avenue South at 11:30 in time for an hours worth of playtime at Candy Cane Park. We then boarded the trolley again and headed for Coastland Mall where we had lunch. Naturally, we had the kid's favorite - McDonald's. Then after sharing a small bag of jellybeans, while sitting on the curb waiting for the 2:00 trolley, we boarded for the last time. We said a fond farewell to the trolley at the Pavilion at 2:15 and headed home for a short, but very necessary, snooze. The

kids and I enjoyed exceptionally beautiful weather and a memorable ride. NOTE: If you have never taken the trolley, it is a great family trip (though not cheap)! You can get on and off anytime you want and the scheduling is easy to work with.

Pool time is coming up! We will be heading for the pool as soon as the water temperature reaches 82 degrees. We are currently at about 78-80 and that is just a bit too chilly. We should be able to jump in in about 2 weeks! Please send a towel (with your child's name on it) and a swimming suit they can leave. I will provide sunscreen.

We will be picking strawberries next week. If you would like some for home, please send $2. More info later!



May
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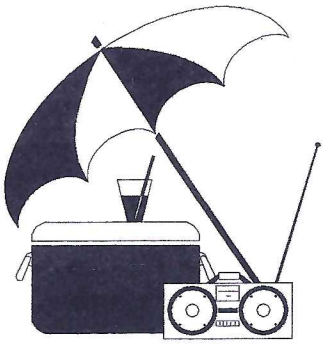

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May 1, 1994

Summer is here, at least temperature wise. The air conditioner has been running for nearly a month with no sign of relief until November! The kids have enjoyed the pool and have been going in almost every day. Rules are strictly enforced and there is little room for misbehaving. Those who are removed from the pool area rarely repeat unacceptable behavior. I will be taking a new life guarding course offered by the YMCA and the program has been accepted by HRS. This class is designed primarily for those people who work with children in home pools.

Parents PLEASE NOTE - Heathers Mom, Beth Thomas, gave me a listing of the Philharmonic **Magic Carpet Concerts** for toddlers (ages 4-9); the series of four concerts costs $16.00. Call Customer Service at (813) 597-1900 for reservations.

Saturday, May 7 9:30 and 11:30	All in the STRING Family
Saturday, May 14 9:30 and 11:30	We've Got BRASS
Saturday, May 21 9:30 and 11:30	Shake, Rattle, and ROLL
Saturday, May 27 9>30 and 11:30	Blowing in the WINDS

Reminder - Swimming lessons at the YMCA begin Tuesday, May 3. Class time is from 10:00 until 10:30 a..m. The children will continue to swim here as well. M eredith, Heather, Jeff and Claire swim across the pool and Meredith and Heather can swim the length. I bought small inner tubes for them to play with and they have really enjoyed their freedom. You would be proud of how well they listen, cooperate and struggle to succeed. Our pool time is a very special part of our day.

Summer vacation starts next month and we will be reducing naptime for the five year-olds by the beginning of August. Since they start kindergarten in the fall, I feel it is important to limit their naps to about one hour. The three year-olds will be allowed to sleep a little longer, if they need to.

Kids say the funniest thing-; we found ourselves in a parking lot with a large grassy area pine trees everywhere. The pine cones had piled up and the kids decided to create their own pile. I allowed them to roam around the grassy area to collect anything of interest when a mother and her young son joined us. She asked me the usual question ("Äre they all yours?") and I explained I had a family day care. Meredith ran up to give me a hug and the woman asked her if her daycare was on a field trip. Meredith answered, "Oh, no, we're experiencing life."

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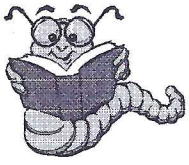

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July 1994

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	*4* CLOSED Happy 4th! Swim Team 4 - 5	*5*	*6*	*7* Heather on Vacation	*8* CLOSED CPR/Lifeguard Recertification	*9*
10 CPR/Lifeguard...	*11* Natasha/Nikki/Marissa Swim Lessons & Swim Team 3-5pm Daycare Kids - YMCA Swim Lessons 10:30-11:00 Nikki - YMCA Day Camp	*12*	*13*	*14*	*15*	*16*
17	*18* Natasha/Nikki/Marissa Swim Lessons & Swim Team 3-5pm Daycare Kids - YMCA Swim Lessons 10:30-11:00 Stephen (Christopher's Brother) Here Nikki - YMCA Day Camp	*19*	*20*	*21*	*22*	*23*
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◆ SWIMMING

Pikes and Eels Moving Along

Meredith, Heather, Jeff and Claire have completed their second Eel class and will be moved up to Rays after their freestyle stroke is a little stronger. Christopher, after a slow start in the Pike class, took to the water like a fish and has really developed confidence in the water. You are welcome to observe your child(ren) anytime. They will be thrilled to show off for you.

The next class starts July 11 - 21 and in order to hold our spot payment is due July 1 ($42.00 per child).

The kids are really enjoying their classes and look forward to their "Y" time every day.

However, the kids are excited about not having anywhere to go for the next couple of weeks. We all need a little "R & R" time.

If you plan on vacationing during one of the sessions, please determine how many classes your child will miss. If it is more than three of the eight days, please consider not enrolling in that session.

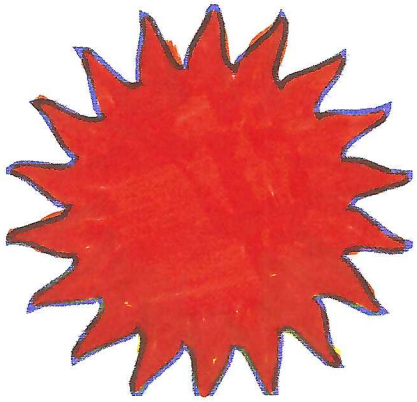
The Lion King
July 1st
1:00 p.m.
$5.00
Pavilion

◆ SUNSCREEN

Please Cover Your Kids!

It has come to my attention that putting sunscreen on your child at bedtime and again in in the morning will protect their skin better than just putting it on in the morning. You need to really focus on their shoulders and faces, especially under their eyes.

I also put SFP50 on them during the day.



◆ CHORES

Kid's Ability Truly Amazing

Cleaning up their play area, setting the table, loading the dishwasher and putting dishes away are just a few of the chores they share while they're here.

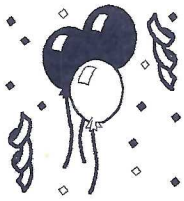
Children over the age of three are very capable of many household chores.

This week I will be setting up teams - one team will be in charge of playroom clean-up and the other will be in charge of lunch duty. These can be as complicated or as easy as I think the kid's can handle.

Here are some suggestions for home chores:

- separating laundry
- folding their clothes
- putting clothes away
- setting table
- clearing table
- wiping the table
- rinsing dishes
- loading dishwasher
- putting dishes away
- cleaning up toys
- organizing their books
- dusting
- vacuuming
- sweeping

Good luck!



September 1994

Reznikov-Lee Family Day Care Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 DAY CARE CLOSED - LABOR DAY No School	6	7 Caleb's Birthday	8 HANDS ON (10 'til 11:30) $5	9	10
11	12	13	14 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM OPEN HOUSE Veterans's Park?	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Early Release	22 Rebecca's House	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 BCHS Pep Rally	

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Special Good-bye

Heather and Meredith are moving up in the world. They started kindergarten at Seagate Elementary on Monday, Aug. 29. They were very prepared as they already know how to wait their turn, wait in line, raise their hand and use their inside voices. They can write their names and they know their telephone number and address. We all miss them, but hope they enjoy their new school.

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What's in a Name?

I am looking for a name for the daycare. Anyone who has a thought, please let me know. We already received the following:

- •Elizabeth's World
- •Lil' Bits
- •Miss Elizabeth's

Any ideas, let me know!!

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New Faces!

With Meredith and Heather leaving, two openings became available. We filled them quickly with a precocious 2½ year-old named Kevin and the other by Joshua, an adorable thirteen month old with bright blue eyes and a contagious smile. They have already adjusted very well and follow our rules like pros. They get along well with the other children and enjoy playing with the racetrack and cars with Jeff and Christopher. We welcome them, and their parents, Kevin and Denise Lindheim and Roger and Julie Best, respectively, to our family.

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Lunchtime?

If you wonder what your children eat when they are here, I have compiled their favorites in a booklet for you. The booklet will include:

BBQ Chicken*
Chicken Gumbo Soup*
Chicken Nuggets*
Aunt Mary's Fillup*
Beef Stew
Golden Potatoes*
Carrots and Celery*
Breakfast Burritos*
Lunch Burritos*

An asterisk (*) means the recipe is in our family day care cookbook that will be available at open house.

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Check your calendar

He's Back . . .

Stephen is back for the school year. He is Christopher's big brother and we're glad he's back. He's enjoying first grade and is anxious to get his first homework assignment. He and Natasha still enjoy taking a quick dip in the pool after a long day at school.

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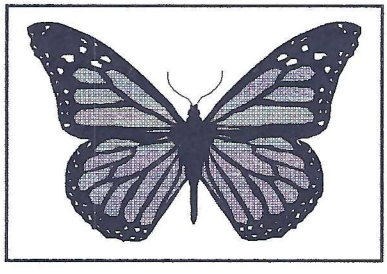
It's Four O'clock!

The "run" will be starting at 4:30 this year. The schedule is as follows:

- •Regent Park 4:30
- •YMCA 4:45
- •Twin Lakes 5:00
- •Naples Park 5:15
- •Regent Park 5:30

Times may vary depending on weather and traffic. Any questions, please let me know.

Thought for the Day

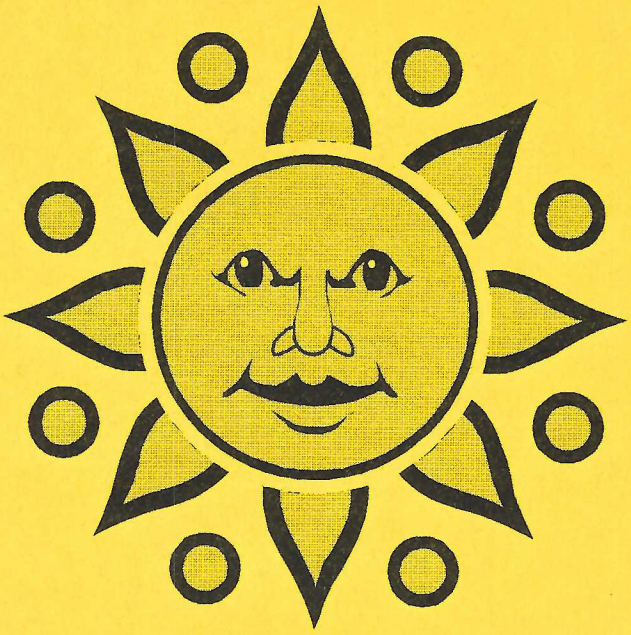


"Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theater."

•Gail Goodwin/The Odd Woman

The decision has been made,
we are . . .

The Sunshine Kids Family Day Care



☞ Ask your child all about it .
. . just say "What are you?" and you will hear, "I'm a SUNSHINE KID!" Then, ask them to sing our daycare song. . .

♬♬ **You Are My Sunshine** ♬♬

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine,
You make me happy, when skies are gray,
You'll never know, dear how much I love you,
Please don't take my sunshine away.

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☞ Watch for *The Sunshine News* and new t-shirts!
☞ Thanks for all your input and support!!!! I really appreciate it.

October 1994

Sunshine Kids Family Day Care

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 JEFF'S B'DAY (4) Sing a Long at Hands On 10:00	4 Kinderdance 9:15-10	5 Cocahatachee or Veteran's Park	6	7 Library BCHS Home Game	8
9	10 CLAIRE'S B'DAY (4)	11 Kinderdance 9:15-10	12 Cocahatachee or Veteran's Park	13 Early Release Day (Public Schools)	14 Library BCHS Away Game	15
16	17	18 Kinderdance 9:15-10	19 Cocahatachee or Veteran's Park Caleb's Critters at Hands On 3:30-4:15	20	21 Library BCHS Home Game	22
23	24	25 Kinderdance 9:15-10	26 Cocahatachee or Veteran's Park	27 Natasha's B'day (12)	28 Library BCHS Away Game	29
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SETTLED IN AT LAST

After grueling weeks of packing and unpacking, we are finally settled in our new home.

The children love the nooks and crannies for their toys and cubbies. We can play outside, go for walks and enjoy the playground.

However, whenever there are changes, there are questions. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call (592-0068).

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KID'S MANNERS

As the kid's approach the ripe ol' ages of three, four and five we spend some time at the lunch table talking about proper manners. Each child remembered and shared it with our family. Jeffrey told us how important it was to chew with your mouth closed, Claire remembered to always say 'please and thank you', and Kevin told us about using your napkin instead of your shirt or pants. I suggested using silverware instead of fingers to eat. We try to gently remind those not using good manners and praise those who remember to use good manners. At every meal, everyone is complimented for something they have done well. Please help by encouraging good manners at home, too.

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WHAT IS THE LITTLE-BIG ROOM?

If you haven't seen the children's "playroom," please take a minute to take a tour. They are very proud of their little-big room and love a space to call their own - no matter how small.

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BBRRRRR, IT'S HOT??

Now that the weather is changing, please send a jacket or sweatshirt to keep here. We enjoy taking walks or playing on the playground in cooler weather. Also, please be sure your child is wearing gym shoes and socks. If they'd like to bring sandals or whatever - that's fine.

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DANCE CLASSES

Due to our move and other life experiences we missed several of the October classes. Because we have had such a good time when we went, we decided to continue classes through December. The cost will be $20 and is due on December 1. The theme for December is, of course, *Holiday Songs*.

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TV and VCR PROGRAMMING

Though I don't currently have a VCR, I hope to locate one shortly. I really appreciate having your child share their favorites, but please remember, we only watch movies that are rated "G."

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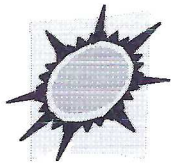
1,2,3 . . . GO!

We are working on our numbers. Joshua can show you how many 'one' is using his finger. He can point to one ball and one kitty; Kevin can count to 10 and will gladly show you how; Jeffrey can count to 15 without 'messing up' and Claire to 30 without any mistakes!! ①②③④⑤



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FAMILY DAY CARE NEWSLETTER

As 1996 begins, I find myself starting my seventh year as a family day care provider. No job I have ever had provides the rewards caring for children does. Thank you for sharing your children with me and my family.

The children have grown so much since the beginning of the holidays, even I can't believe it. Samantha has blossomed into a very helpful, caring young lady, Joshua has discovered his independence and has developed quite a vocabulary, Andy is walking well, testing his new found talent every chance he gets, Lina is climbing on everything that doesn't climb her first and Victoria smiles with very little prompting and is learning to entertain herself by watching her hands and feet.

As the weather continues to be cooler and often rainy, we spend much of our time in the house. On days when weather permits we walk and we walk and we walk. Joshua is doing very well staying by the stroller full of babies and often follows Samantha . . . though sometimes she would rather he didn't. Andy is showing some interest in walking instead of riding, but I have been able to encourage him to sit for now. I usually let him walk the last several feet, or so and he loves the independence. Lina isn't far behind him and attempts to crawl out of everything I put her in.

Some changes are in our future include the addition of two and a half year old, B.J. who starts on January 15 and Andy leaving to pursue Montessori School in two weeks. We are anxious to welcome B.J., but sad to say good-bye to Andy. We'll miss his easy smiles and giggles as well as his good temperament. We wish him and his family well as they pursue what they feel is best for Andy.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness during the Christmas holidays. Your gifts are something special and this year was especially kind to me and my children. Thank you, again, for your kindness.

A thought to ponder . . . treat your children like plants, with lots of sunshine and room to grow . . .

A note to Parents . . . I have one full-time opening and one part-time opening (Tues./Thurs.) and would welcome any child over the age of two!

Our menu for next week is:

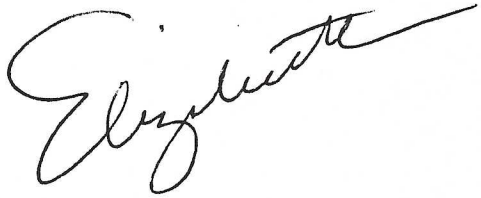
MONDAY - Hot dogs with beans
TUESDAY -English Muffin Pizzas
WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti O's
THURSDAY - Chicken Nuggets
FRIDAY - Macaroni and Cheese

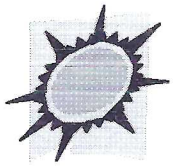
If you ever want to bring food and don't know what to bring, here is a list of suggestions:

Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Cranberry Juice, Unsweetened Kool-Aid
Bread (white or wheat)
Box macaroni and cheese
Any fruit in season
Carrots
Cheerios, Kix, etc.
Chicken
Hamburger
Spaghetti O's
Popsicles
Cookies
Chicken Nuggets
Eggs
Etc, Etc, Etc.!

If anyone has any suggestions, discount tickets, friends who have interesting job, etc. to share, please let me know. As summer approaches, we are trying to compile some thoughts of things to busy ourselves.

Suggestions from the children range from Jungle Larry's to Miniature Golf. Also, roller skating, the beach, Busch Gardens (HA! HA!) and visiting the Collier County Jail (I think I talked them out of that!); so, if you have any ideas, please let me know. I would like to take one field trip a week plus the beach, the park and the library.





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FAMILY DAY CARE NEWSLETTER

As 1996 begins, I find myself starting my seventh year as a family day care provider. No job I have ever had provides the rewards caring for children does. Thank you for sharing your children with me and my family.

The children have grown so much since the beginning of the holidays, even I can't believe it. Samantha has blossomed into a very helpful, caring young lady, Joshua has discovered his independence and has developed quite a vocabulary, Andy is walking well, testing his new found talent every chance he gets, Lina is climbing on everything that doesn't climb her first and Victoria smiles with very little prompting and is learning to entertain herself by watching her hands and feet.

As the weather continues to be cooler and often rainy, we spend much of our time in the house. On days when weather permits we walk and we walk and we walk. Joshua is doing very well staying by the stroller full of babies and often follows Samantha . . . though sometimes she would rather he didn't. Andy is showing some interest in walking instead of riding, but I have been able to encourage him to sit for now. I usually let him walk the last several feet, or so and he loves the independence. Lina isn't far behind him and attempts to crawl out of everything I put her in.

Some changes are in our future include the addition of two and a half year old, B.J. who starts on January 15 and Andy leaving to pursue Montessori School in two weeks. We are anxious to welcome B.J., but sad to say good-bye to Andy. We'll miss his easy smiles and giggles as well as his good temperament. We wish him and his family well as they pursue what they feel is best for Andy.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness during the Christmas holidays. Your gifts are something special and this year was especially kind to me and my children. Thank you, again, for your kindness.

A thought to ponder . . . treat your children like plants, with lots of sunshine and room to grow . . .

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LOOK WHO'S HERE

Please welcome Zachariah and his parents, Joanna and Ziggy Pohopin, to our day care family. Zachariah will be two on June 9. He is a sweet little boy with big green eye, an easy smile and a hug for any and everyone. He comes Monday thru Friday after lunch. He has adjusted quickly to our program.

THANKS A MILLION

I would like to thank everyone for adjusting to my mini-vacation. I truly enjoyed getting away and had a wonderful time with Tom and our children. Again, thank you for understanding.

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REMINDER . . .

When picking up and and dropping off your child, please do not park in the space marked "handicapped." even for a minute or two. . . thanks!

WHO'S WHO??

If you're keeping track, the following children are currently enrolled. Remember, not everyone comes every day. . .

Joshua . . . . . 2½ years
BJ . . . . . 2½ years
Zachery . . . . . 3½ years
Zachariah . . . . . almost 2
Darby . . . . . 1 year
*Lina . . . . . 1 year
*Celeste . . . . . 1 year
Victoria . . . . . 6 months
* leaving in June

TIME TO MOVE ON

I am looking for a house (3-4 bedroom/2 bath) in the north Naples area. I don't intend on moving very far - Willoughby Acres, Victoria Park, Palm River areas would be great. If you should come across an available house, please let me know. My lease at Windsong Club is up on November 30.

☞MAKE A NOTE OF IT☜

I will be closing at noon on Friday, May 3 so I can pick up my daughter, Sarah from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa for her summer break. If you need back up care, let me know.

YOU'RE IN THE NEWS

Joshua has learned to say "Elizabeth" instead of "Busy" and is thinking about using the potty . . . BJ has found the joy in painting and clay. . . Zachery has detached himself from Ducky and has adjusted to a structured program . . . Darby has mastered the signs for more, thank you, drink and eat . . . Lina has become comfortable walking and rarely crawls anymore. . Celeste has also mastered walking and using silverware and last, but certainly not least, Victoria is holding her own bottle, laughing at my jokes and trying to sit up.

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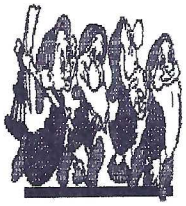
Thought for the Day

"The time to relax is when you don't have time for it."

▪Sydney J. Harris



TINY TOT TRIBUNE

February, 1993

Quote of the Day: "The pure joyfulness of the unexpected can be a source of wonder to me."

We are pleased to announce a new member of our day care family - Cody Adam Yarberry was two on August 15th and has become a fast friend of everybody, though he is especially close to Jeffrey. Cody is a shy, rather reserved youngster with precocious ways. He has beautiful brown eyes that will melt your heart and a bashful little smile. Cody's mom, Rhonda used to run a family day care, in fact, Christian was one of hers, so when she went to work outside here home, I took Christian. Anyway, we openly welcome Cody to our family.

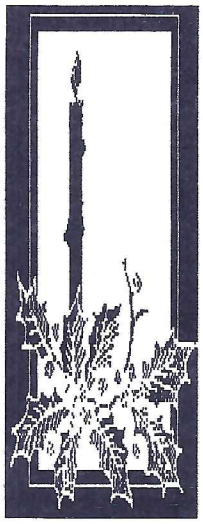
A special thank you to Robin and Van Kerekes. Joshua developed a fever on Sautuday evening and continued on and off throughout the rest of the weekend. He showed no signs of being sick, but they decided to keep him home Monday rather than take a chance of infecting the rest of the daycare. After three full days of an up and down fever (doctor could find nothing wrong on Monday morning, but said he was probably fighting "something"), Joshua finally developed tonsillitis by Thursday. Keeping Josh home for those several days will probably speed his recovery and kept the rest of us from getting sick . . . thanks Robin and Van and we look forward to seeing Josh on Monday morning!

Heather and Amanda have enjoyed being together again. They are very "sister-like" and take great pleasure in playing house, dressing up, watching movies, having tea parties, coloring, and just being together. Joshua is getting into Nintendo a little bit, thanks to Big Zackary and loves to play "tough 'n tumble" with the little boys. A favorite pasttime of the two year olds (Jonah, Jeffrey, Cody, and Rachel) is to remove all the toys from every shelf within their reach. They are now learning to put everything back in its rightful place with a minimum of supervision. Usually, the three year olds have to pitch in, but they seem to love the fact that they can handle it! Brianna (8 months) is just Brianna. She is into everything, all the time. She eats everything under the sun (except peas) and loves Molly. She climbs on her, kisses her, rolls over her and laughs when she barks. She has no fear of anything and will try everything. She is much like Rachel was at this age.

As you probably noticed from my little note earlier this week, chicken pox is among us again. The three and four year olds have already had them, but the two year olds haven't. Please be alerted if your child develops an unexplained fever.

Check your calendar for upcoming events.

There are no new pets on the homefront . . . yet. Caleb has decided to hold off on purchasing any new exotic pet until we move into the new house. However, a frog is high on his list.



TINY TOT TRIBUNE

December, 1993

Wow! Christmas is right around the corner . . . and are the kids excited. If you would like to take the kids to a fun place, full of Christmas lights, make plans to visit Flescher's Farm in Bonita Springs. It is off Bonita Beach Road, just east of I-75. Just follow the signs and brace yourself for a real treat. Each year Mr. and Mrs. Flescher collect donations to help a medically needy youngster. It's a great way to amuse the children.

It has been a great year and I have enjoyed each and every one of the children. Some highlights of the year must include **no more diapers**! I cannot believe that after 4 full years of doing day care I actually have everyone potty-trained. Another highlight is having no one under the age of 3. I have never had that luxury and I must admit it is nice having everyone able to care for themselves. They can buckle each other up, help each other serve lunch, pour juice, wash their own hands and faces and most important communicate with each other and me. Heather and Meredith have enjoyed pre-school while Jeff, Cody and Claire enjoy some quiet time with each other. Also, it's been wonderful having the same children for the whole year.

Don't forget, as you ring in the new year, the price for day care increases to $85.00 weekly per child. Those of you who already pay that will be increased to $90.00.

Starting in January the following activities will begin:

First Thursday of each month, we will be going to Hands On. The cost will be $5.00 per child.

We will be going to Jabbawokki on the third Friday of each month. The cost will be $5.00 per child.

Gymnastics or dance classes will start soon, but I don't have the details yet. . . stayed tuned!

That's it for now . . . I hope you have a wonderful and prosperous new year. I appreciate everyone's support during my move and new marriage. Your consistent support and encouragement made the transformation easy for everyone. It has been a pleasure and delight working with you and your children and I look forward to a great 1994!

Merry Christmas
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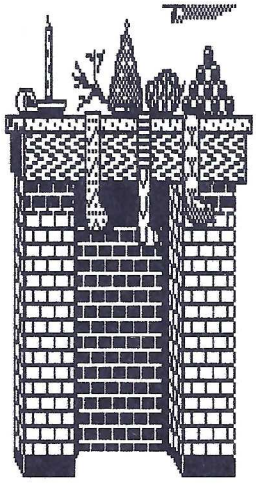
Happy New Year!



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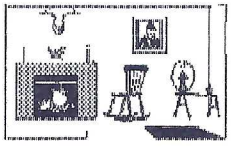

TINY TOT TRIBUNE

December 31, 1992

As you are well aware, Kris Kringle has joined our day care family. Kris is a nonpoisonous, three foot ball python. Caleb has wanted a snake for about six months and has done much research regarding snakes and their care.

I would like to talk a little about how Kris is handled here and want you to understand that your concerns and thoughts are welcome.

Most people have a healthy fear of snakes which often stem from an unpleasant childhood experience (me included). Your children are very special to me and my children and at no time is their safety in jeopardy. Caleb (actually all of us) handle Kris very often which makes him very social.

There are several guidelines we follow which we would like you to be aware of:

1. the children are not allowed to hold Kris by themselves at any time;
2. no child is ever coaxed, forced or even encouraged to touch him;
3. Kris is only brought out of Caleb's room if **everyone** is comfortable with his presence; and
4. we have taken the time to talk to the c h i l d r e n individually and in a group situation about Kris. They understand how he moves, why his tongue wiggles, why his eyes do not blink, and how to stroke him. Most of all they understand, as with all living things - to respect feelings.

Kris has been well received by the day care children mostly because he is an intriguing and unusual pet.

I feel sharing the uncommon household pets with children is exciting. They certainly enjoy seeing and learning about each creature. Kris joins Caleb's other critters . . . Murdock, Tinkerbell, and Pete, the silky mice; Whisper the Madagascar Hissing Cockroach; Lady Godiva the Venezuelan pink-toed tarantula; three hermit crabs

REZNIKOV FAMILY DAY CARE "BIT 'O' NEWS"

Well, summer is officially here, at least as far as the school system is concerned. That means, I will have ten, yes, 10 children everyday! Their ages range from 7 months to 13 years and three of those 10 are my personal offspring!

We welcomed Samantha this week, she is 7 months old and loves attention from anyone! (However, she especially likes Natasha!) So, in case you are keeping track . . . Zackary (2 years), Stephanie (2 years), Amber (10 months), Meredith (13 months), Amanda A. (14 months), Samantha (7 months), Amanda T. (7 years), and Ryan (7 years). They seem to be getting along very well and are tolerant of each other's needs.

Lunch time is served "family style" with older children assisting with the younger ones: cutting meat, picking up dropped forks, spoons, etc., serving them and cleaning them up. I have a new found respect for my Mother . . . I am the oldest of seven! We have posted a "SUMMER DUTY ROSTER" for the school age children, so everyone has a duty of the day. The children certainly like to help and the little ones love to help the big ones with the work. Ask your child what his/her job was today? Maybe they fed the rabbits or dustbusted the floor under the dining room table or dried the dishes, or set the table or were in charge of the PICK UP EXPRESS!! Maybe they were the GOPHER!! Ask them!

The menus for the next three weeks are enclosed and labeled A,B, & C. These menus are alternated weekly and are subject to change. Please don't forget to help supply food. If your child eats here we need your help! The following are always is great demand: <u>apple juice, fresh or canned fruit and vegetables, hamburger, peanut butter, jams, eggs, hot dogs, chicken, bread, muffins or muffin mixes, simple cookies, graham crackers, potato chips, teddy grahams, crackers, etc, etc, etc.</u>

PLEASE SAVE YOUR DISHWASHING LIQUID BOTTLES -- they make great squirt guns!!

Attached is a permission slip for our trip to Jungle Larry's. Please complete and return it as soon as possible. Also, if there has been any change regarding your Medical Consent Form, <u>please</u> let me know. It is imperative that our records are up to date!! Anytime your child receives an immunization, or important diease (chicken pox, measles, etc) we need to record it. Speaking of measles . . . please be sure your child has been immunized against measles, if applicable!!

Head lice has surfaced again, and though I check the children regularly please continue to check at home. If you don't know what to look for, ask me!! I'm now an expert! You will be notified if your child is carrying head lice as Florida State Law does not permit children with head lice to participate in any day care.

NAME THAT NEWSLETTER!!! A contest for parents and children . . . win a prize!! Just submit a name for this little newsletter and win!! I just decided I didn't much care for BIT 'O' NEWS (simply because it is a pain to type!) . . . so help name that newsletter!!

More next month,

Natasha

Friday, April 20, 1990

REZNIKOV FAMILY DAY CARE BIT 'O' NEWS

As Spring Break comes to a close I find myself pleasantly exhausted. We were very busy this week and learned many new things.

Monday we ventured to Wiggins Pass Beach. Caleb and Michael dug a large hole for Zackary and Amanda to play in. It even included a path for the waves to deposit additional water into their pool. They played in it for hours. Zackary especially enjoyed jumping and plopping down on his bottom to create a huge splash which Amanda loved to watch! Big Amanda, Natasha and Ryan took to the icy waters to challange the waves while Caleb, Michael and Sarah headed for the sandbar. All in all we had a delightful morning and looked forward to a long, long nap.

Tuesday we did some much needed yard work. I had prepared a garden earlier this month and the children busied themselves planting scallions, cucumbers and beans. We are anxiously awaiting their arrival. (Next week, I'll teach them about weeds!) Caleb and Michael also hauled large branches that had fallen down from our Poinciana tree and all the children enjoyed watching them go up and down the ladder and walk on the roof.

Wednesday we were off to Pizza Hut for lunch. The Pizza Hut staff was very gracious and welcomed our large group easily. The kids wolfed down two large pizzas and three pitchers of liquid. Several people commented on how well the children behaved and were very impressed with the way the big kids helped with the little ones. The manager told me that she, in all honesty, was a little afraid to let us come, but, after seeing our group said whe would be delighted to show the big kids around next time and she looked forward to our return. I was extremely proud of each and every one. They certainly outdid themselves. They didn't need much prompting to give themselves a round of applause in the car on the way home!

Thursday we just bummed around the house. The big kids played "Kick the Can" while the little ones napped or toddled around the house. Zackary's Mom brought a little lawnmower which he gladly shared. We did, however, cut the little noisemakers off just to retain what little sanity I have left!

Friday it was off to Community Park for a picnic and just a little fun! We packed up our babies (and grabbed the old lady)---Thank you Neil Diamond---and headed for the park. We were the center of attention most of the time. People don't seem to understand that it is just as easy (actually easier) to watch 10 children as it is two. The trick is that they entertain each other. I thought it would be great to have a photo of the kids on the slide all together. Well, it worked . . . sort of. As I was trying to get everyone's attention and smiles, the whole group began to slide forward. I quickly shot the picture, grabbed the babies and let the older children slide down together. When the all reached the bottom, Zackary jumped up and screamed, "Do it again! Do it again!!" Little Amber really enjoyed watching all the kids running around her. Every time someone ran past her, she would giggle and giggle and giggle!

Next Tuesday, we welcome Stephanie - 23 months old, blond and blue-eyed. We look forward to having her join our "family".

A note to Parents . . . I have one full-time opening and one part-time opening (Tues./Thurs.) and would welcome any child over the age of two!

Our menu for next week is:

MONDAY - Hot dogs with beans
TUESDAY -English Muffin Pizzas
WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti O's
THURSDAY - Chicken Nuggets
FRIDAY - Macaroni and Cheese

If you ever want to bring food and don't know what to bring, here is a list of suggestions:

Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Cranberry Juice, Unsweetened Kool-Aid
Bread (white or wheat)
Box macaroni and cheese
Any fruit in season
Carrots
Cheerios, Kix, etc.
Chicken
Hamburger
Spaghetti O's
Popsicles
Cookies
Chicken Nuggets
Eggs
Etc, Etc, Etc.!

If anyone has any suggestions, discount tickets, friends who have interesting job, etc. to share, please let me know. As summer approaches, we are trying to compile some thoughts of things to busy ourselves.

Suggestions from the children range from Jungle Larry's to Miniature Golf. Also, roller skating, the beach, Busch Gardens (HA! HA!) and visiting the Collier County Jail (I think I talked them out of that!); so, if you have any ideas, please let me know. I would like to take one field trip a week plus the beach, the park and the library.

Elizabeth

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LITTLE BIT'S "BIT OF NEWS"

This week we learned a lot about each other and we discovered many new things. Zachary (18 months) loves trucks, macaroni and cheese and long, leisurly stroller rides. Amanda A. (9 months) loves to giggle, have her books read to her and her stuffed puppy. Shawn (4 years) loves to play Nintendo and the computer and is a big helper. Amanda T. (6 years) visits us after school, she loves to read and be read to and loves to play UNO with my daughter, Natasha (7 years). With help from my son, Caleb (10 years), Amanda T. learned to ride a two-wheeler after just two days of practice. Caitlin (2 years) loves our nursery rhyme mobile that hangs in the family room and all kinds of music. My daughter, Sarah (13 years) is thoroughly enjoying having toddlers and babies to love and hold.

Next week, we will be welcoming three year old Chrissy. We all look forward to having her join us.

All in all, we enjoy sharing our days together, whether at North Naples Community Park, Publix or just a "quiet" day at "home".

LUNCH MENU FOR NEXT WEEK (January 8 through January 12):

Monday
Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Jello with Bananas.

Tuesday
Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Homemade Chicken Soup, Sliced Oranges.

Wednesday
Spaghetti, Italian Bread, Tossed Salad, Apples/Oranges

Thursday
Macaroni and Cheese, Turkey Franks, Grandma's Cole Slaw, Cookie

Friday
Cheeseburger, French Fries, Carrot/Celery Sticks, Vanilla Yogurt

Elizabeth

BIT O' NEWS

Another week has come to a close and naturally, several exciting things happened. Big Amanda caught a beautiful butterfly. As she watched it sit on her finger we all wondered why it didn't fly away. We soon discovered it couldn't fly very well. Caleb got an old olive jar and punched holes in the top so the butterfly could breathe. Amanda agreed that as soon as it could fly to the top she would let it go to live with the other butterflies. The next day Amanda told us she let it go. We were all very proud of her because it was hard to let it go!!

Chrissy walked all the way to Naples Park School and back again . . . it was a very long walk for her little legs, but she made it! We all needed a big drink of water when we got back because it was so hot that day. Chrissy was an inspiration to us all!!

Zachary found out that Caleb and Sarah give great piggyback rides and as soon as they come home from school, the first thing he asks for is "Iggy!! Iggy!" Of course, my children think that is great! They love to give lots of attention to everyone! He also has learned where I keep the carrots for the bunnies and immediately gets one to feed them. He thoroughly enjoys his new responsibility.

Little Amanda is advancing quickly. At nine months she is ready to take on the world. She discovered the evils of kitty litter today and fortunately I was right there. We usually keep the door to the bathroom almost closed but, she has become so curious, nothing seems to get in her way. She learned the meaning of "NO!" quickly today. We have also discovered that she eats everything! (Including shoes) We now keep our shoes on our feet or put away.

Shawn has learned that there is more to life than Nintendo. He enjoyed coloring, doing puzzles, playing with MicroMachines and lunch this week. He will be spending all week with us next week while him Mom ventures out-of-town.

Caitlin has discovered a new independence. She has learned to accept "no" and has begun to listen to my instructions. She will find her hair if you ask (sometimes) and loves to be tickled.

MENU FOR NEXT WEEK:

Monday:	Cheese hot dogs, french fries, Jell-O with bananas, milk.
Tuesday:	Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, Milk/Juice.
Wednesday:	Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Soup, Oranges/Apples, Juice/Milk.
Thursday:	Hamburgers, Tater Tots, Salad, Juice/Milk.
Friday:	Pizza!!

If you would like to bring food, please feel free! You may either bring the food for the day or just help out with whatever you want. If you want me to be more specific . . . please let me know.

BIT 'O NEWS

I must apologize for the absence of the newsletter, but, most of you know the reason. Now that I'm back on track I want to thank those of you who were so supportive and comforting.

Much has happened since the last Bit O' News, several children have been added to our playgroup bringing our total enrolled to eleven. I usually have five during the day and two more added after school.Everyone anxiously awaits the arrival of the after-schoolers and scream with delight as they begin to appear. Everyone seems to get along well, tolerating each other's idiosyncrasies, etc.

Zackary love for trucks is as strong as ever. Everytime we go anywhere he never misses seeing a truck of any kind. We learned how to say "NO . . . thank you", which is precious to hear. "No"seems to be one of his favorite words lately and I have learned to arrange my questions to require a YES answer. My personal favorite word he uses is "yunch" for "lunch". Shortly after his arrival in the morning, he quietly comes to the kitchen and tilts his head and says "Yunch?"

Christina is growing up quickly and has developed a new love for puzzles . . . any kind, any shape, any condition. She especially loves puzzles with missing pieces because she takes great pleasure in figuring out what is missing. Another new love is homemade "Play-Dough". She constantly asks if she can do play dough shapes. I think her favorite item is the big wooden rolling pin. She actually spends hours working with the dough and seems to have some genuine talent. It's a joy to see her so involved.

Little Amanda is WALKING!!! Yippee! And boy, does she move! One day she just got up and off she went. Nothing, nobody, no thing will stop her now!! It's amazing to see how much more independent she has become. She no longer gets upset if I leave the room. Honestly, I couldn't even use the bathroom without her last month, but this month, she's too busy toddling to even care about me! She seems to really enjoy her new found freedom outside, too. However, we have to watch her very carefully since she has no regard for the dangers the outside brings!

A new addition to our group is eight-month old Amber. She is a delightful baby who is thoroughly enjoying the almost constant attention the other children provide. She laughs so easily and heartily that the other children get great pleasure in amusing her. She has even conformed to nap time here and slipped easily into our routine.

Shawn has learned a lot on Nintendo secrets by watching Caleb, Ryan (7 year old) and Sarah. He sits on the couch in a Nintendo trance and absorbs every little detail. Then when he has the Nintendo to himself he easily goes from maze to maze. He gets a kick out of my knowing nothing about these games. One day he said, "You mean you don't even know how to get to this maze?" When I told him I couldn't even get to the first maze he laughed out loud.

Ryan has also joined us after school. He is in second grade and has also easily accepted our schedule. He is very conscientious about getting his homework done and is careful to put his things in their proper place. He, too, loves to play Nintendo and watch cartoons, but he also enjoys playing outside. Tag is one of his favorites. . . especially when the girls scream! Ryan's Mom has donated a plastic swimming pool which I will fill with sand for the kids to play in. Presently they enjoy playing in the dirt!

Todd, age 4, is another addition on a part-time basis. He will be joining us full time in April. His Mom is a teacher. He, along with every other four through 13 year old, loves to play Nintendo. He also loves to watch NICK, JR. on Nickelodeon. We acquired a Castle Grayskull, etc., which was also donated by another Family Day Care Mom whose kids had outgrown it, Todd certainly enjoyed being the first to play with it. He is very talented and creative with blocks and loves to do puzzles. We look forward to having him full time and I know Chris is excited!

Last, but certainly not least, is Molly. Molly is 2 years old and a Australian Sheepdog and Retreiver Mix. We got her from Animal Control last week. She has adjusted well to our cats, rabbits and children. She is very gentle, and well behaved. She enjoys the attention the children provide, whether in the house or outside. The kids get a kick out of including her in our name song, Willaby, Wallaby, Wee. Ask Christina about that song and you will definitely get a big smile!! She loves to sing it.

Our menu is becoming routine as well, however, a few favorites have been added:

Fish Sticks
Chicken Nuggets
Fill-Up (Ground beef/rice/tomatoes)

They join the already popular, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter/jelly, scrambled eggs and toasted cheese sandwiches.

I will be sending home menus again later. We did discover that Zackary loves onion dip with a carrot. Little did we know that he wasn't eating the carrot, just using it as a spoon!!

More later,

Elizabeth