

Linda's Little Laboratory Childcare

Where we care about your Childs need to explore through play!

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Dear Prospective Daycare Parent,

I am very glad to have had the opportunity to meet with you and your child(ren). I hope that I answered all of your questions and helped to alleviate any of your fears about leaving your child in a new childcare. If you choose to place your child in our care, I can guarantee a warm and loving environment, and promise that your child will blossom right before our eyes. We actively engage each and every child (regardless of age) in a wide array of activities.

Here are some examples: arts and crafts, music and dance, outdoor fun, manners, hand washing skills, caring for our teeth, hugs are plentiful and we learn the basics for success in kindergarten. By basics I mean being able to sit in a group setting for a little while, going potty, and washing our hands afterwards. We learn to play in a group and be respectful of our friends; we do say we are sorry and give our friends hugs. We learn ABCs and 123s while singing, dancing, and playing outside with bugs, sand, and insects.

The following are some of my professional accomplishments that help make me an excellent family childcare provider. I received my license in December 1995, (I had been doing childcare since 1991). Since that time I have actively continued my education by attending classes offered through our community college Modesto Junior College and the county's Resource and Referral Agency. Through the years I have attended many classes, the following are just a few. I am currently attending MJC classes for a teacher's permit, and working toward my AA in Early Childhood Development. I currently hold an associate teachers permit through the Ca. Cares Project (2007).

- MJC Early Childhood Development 27.00 units as of 2007.
- (Spring 2005) Infants, Toddlers, and Caregivers 3 units. First Aid and CPR renewed every other year. (Summer of 2005) Computer Graphics (PE) 3 units. 27 units completed.
- 15 Hours of Health and Safety
- Early Childhood Nutrition Requirements (this was offered through Monterey Bay Food Program and happens yearly)
- Circle Time Activities with Sharon Krull out of Modesto Junior College
- Communicable diseases offered through R&R by the State Health agencies
- Spanish 51 in order to enrich the language of the children in care and communicate better with some of the children's family members.
- UC Davis Extension Classes: Family Childcare At Its Best which included the following courses:
 - Making the Connection with Infants and Toddlers
 - Building Blocks of Learning
 - Giving Children a Healthy Start
 - Managing Difficult Behavior
 - Setting Limits with Love
 - Partnering with Parents
- I will be repeating these next year to see what has changed.

I took the opportunity to attend the 2001, 02, 03 Semi - Annual Family Child Care Conferences held in various locations. In 2004 I attended the National Childcare conference and snuck off for a little while to Disneyland. These were weekends full of information; I obtained over 100 or more hours of professional growth through various seminars. These included topics on Teaching and learning, using tax related issues, car seat safety issues, Arts and Crafts for Toddlers. I just returned this past August from a NAEYC (National Association for Educating Young Children) which was held in Anaheim. It was a busy, fast, and a lot of learning in 2 days. Our has also been accredited through Stanislaus County, using the Thelma Harms Rating Scale. You might ask "What does this mean to me?" Well, if you think of it like a hotel, then my childcare home is like a 4 star hotel; there is always room for improvement to be a 5. I

am also a member of the United Childcare Union. In July of 2007 my husband and I also were gone for 2 weeks on an Alaskan vacation that inspired us both. My childcare is filled with wonderful parents and fabulous children. I am blessed.

In September 2000, Our childcare was awarded a \$5000 mini grant from the Stanislaus County Family and Children's Commission and the United Way. This particular grant (the first of many) allowed me to set up our learning center/playroom for the children as you see it today. Everything purchased was ordered from Lakeshore Learning Company. Lakeshore Learning also sent a 10% thank you gift for using their company. I used this money to enhance what I had already purchased. Again in 2001 we were awarded another grant for health and safety to teach nutrition and to receive an awesome changing table, for diapering our younger friends.

I hope that this letter helps you feel secure about choosing us to care for your child while you are away at work or school. I continue to attend classes to better myself as a family childcare provider, and to provide the very best for your child(ren). Please feel free to call with any questions you may have 869-3095. I hope you and your child(ren) will be joining our family soon.

Here is a summary of weekly fees, days of care availability, and references:

FEES

- \$150.00 per week for infants under 24 mos.
- \$150.00 per week for older infants 2 years and not yet [potty trained
- \$125.00 per week for any child completely potty trained - 5 years.
- \$110.00 per week for children 6 and over. This is to include children requiring before and or after school care.
- Drop in rates are \$50.00 per day, per child. If you need an evening out the cost for that is \$30.00 per child per evening. Full weekends are also available if your need meets with my being at home. This is at a cost of \$200.00 per child from Friday evening till Sunday afternoon.
- Please note that a two week non refundable deposit is required to hold your child(ren)'s spot.

CHILDCARE AVAILABILITIES

This childcare is open from 6:30am till 5:30pm Monday thru Friday. We are closed weekends (unless we have an arrangement) and Holidays. Please note that this childcare is open those hours but not each child can stay that full amount of time. On an eight hour day I allow you ½ hour of travel time each way (commuters are not counted in this time frame). If you work 8am to 5pm then you may drop off at 7:30am and pick-up by 5:30pm. Anything later or earlier will result in an additional charge. I am a large family home which entitles me to watch up to 14 children, with a helper. Commuters please ask about your special need fees.

REFERENCES

Monique Erisman 852-9217 (Former parent)
Tina Von Stade 869-0429 (Former Parent)
Candice Dayton 503-864-2927 (Former parent)
Kelli Garcia 869-6649 (Former Parent)
Debbie Par Noblitt 572-6099 (CA. Cares facilitator for Stanislaus County)
Marla Fisher 634-2429 (Current helper since 2002)
Janna Thomas 825-10/85 (Current parent)

If you need more please call.

Thank you,
Linda Ludwig 869-3095