

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Call the office by 9 am if your child is going to be absent
- Be sure we have current work numbers and emergency info
- Tuition payments can be made weekly, bi-weekly and monthly
- Good Communication is crucial to our program

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ELCDC Fall News...

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Back to School

Just as the teachers have prepared a fall letter, introducing themselves to you, I would like to do the same. For those of you who are new to ELCDC, my name is Ann Rhey—I am the owner/operator. Extended Love was founded in 1990 by my mother Charlotte and myself. We started out with a conservative 65 children and a staff of 12. Our original location was on Hwy 50—next door to Total Furniture in the building that now houses “Little Dreamers.” We have been caring for children in Kenosha for over 19 years together and I am so proud to say that we have two ladies on staff who have been with us since our inception—Ms. Rhonda Meland (Hummingbirds) and Ms. Rhonda Richter (Sparrows) have been part of our original staff and I feel so blessed to have them along with all the other wonderful teachers caring for the kids at ELCDC, many of whom have more than 10 years with this organization.

That is an unbelievable statistic in this field, and so, I thought you should know some background on the stability of our staff



Mums—a true sign of Fall.

Office Hours:

My hours 7:30—4:30
Closing Supervisor on Wednesday
elcdc@hotmail.com

I am the supervisor for the Infant and One year old rooms. If oversee the teachers in the Hummingbirds, Spar-

rows, Chicks, Robins and Doves.

Ms. Linda's Hours: 745—515
Closing Supervisor on Monday/Friday
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Linda is the supervisor for the three year olds through before/after schoolers.

Ms. Karen's Hours: 8 - 5:00

Closing Supervisor on Tuesday/ Friday

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Karen is the supervisor who oversees the Parrots, Cuckoos, Bluebirds, Cardinals and Mockingbirds.

Our hours may change as needed

In order for us to operate efficiently, we need your help with communication. We are available anytime @ 262-697-9341 (you can even call in an absence after hours by leaving a voicemail...); we are here to help your family.

New Classrooms... New Adjustment

Adjusting to a new room can be very difficult for some children...we do our best to take extra time and work very hard to be extra patient with those children who are having a hard time with a new environment. Some children will cry when they move to a new room—we expect that and will do our best to ease their anxiety. Feel free to call and check on them periodically throughout the day. The **BEST** time for the teachers to talk is at nap time (1—2:30 pm) This is

when the children are resting and staff will have more time to talk to you. You can ask specifically for your child's room and we will put you through.

Sometimes it can take a couple weeks to adjust... assess the situation. It is recommended, in some cases, you reassure the child you will be back as soon as your done working; kiss your child and leave. Staying too long, sometimes just prolongs the agony. Each child is different, so it is important that you help

us in the process by working with your child's teacher to make the transition as smooth as possible. Please let us know if your arrival times are going to change significantly... as we take a count each morning at 9 am. If we have a lot of children here for breakfast, we will adjust the staffing to accommodate, so it is helpful to keep consistency if possible.

Please be sure to read the Parent Board in your child's classroom for important information...

LABELING BELONGINGS MAKES OUR JOB EASIER...



Checking Identification



Until the staff get to know you and your child, it is possible we will ask to see your driver's license. Please do not be frustrated if we don't readily recognize you, we have over 380 children enrolled and parents,

Checking your identification is safe for all

step-parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and friends coming in and out of the building. We will be wearing nametags so you can identify us—

and we will be asking for your identification until we get to know you.

Please do not pull door open and enter behind someone else. Please put your code into the timeclock when you enter the building.

With 380 children enrolled, the chance of duplicate items is tremendous. Jackets, clothing, toys, shoes, hats.... The more you label—the safer it is that you will depart with what you brought. Sometimes the children combine with other classrooms at the end of the night—to ensure you don't lose something; please label the tag. Thanks!



“Free a child’s potential, and you will transform him into the world.”

—Maria Montessori

State Requires Certain Papers/Supplies

We know first-hand how hard it is to juggle home, family and work—but we want to remind you that the State of Wisconsin requires that the children's files be up-to-date. You will be asked to review the “Child Enrollment” form and we will be checking other required paperwork. If you are given forms to fill out, please turn them in as soon as possible. We are expecting

a visit from our licensing agent early this Fall and want to continue our excellent rating with him. It is also required that each child have a cot sheet/cover while sleeping at ELCDC. Please be sure to take them to and from school as necessary. It is often one of the violations he encounters as he stops in to check on us. The daily sheet that the staff fill out for children

under two is a requirement. It is a cumbersome job each and everyday. Please take a moment to read through the report each day and if something is not clear, please be sure to talk directly to your child's teacher. There is a lot going on in the infant/toddler rooms, and tracking everything is a big job—so please take time to look over the report the teachers prepare.

School-Age Parents....

Watch for your newsletter

You will be receiving your own letter from me regarding your school-age child's enrollment. If you don't receive one please ask..



A Word About the H1N1 Virus

Because cold and flu season brings lots of anxiety and frustration... we refer you to our policies in the Parent Handbook pgs 21-22 for review. In addition, I have included two websites for your reference.

We will never get a handle on illness without consistent cooperation from you. If you dose your child up with Tylenol or fever reducer and send them here—if you do not tell us that they have been up all night with vomiting or diaherrea, you risk infecting our staff and other children and ultimately re-infecting your own children. Please be diligent in keeping your child home when they are sick. We change bedding immediately when we send someone home. We wash and sanitize furniture and toys every day after usage. We wash hands before lunch and after bathroom time and in between when sneezes and coughing is present.

<http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/k12techreport.html#stayhome>

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm>

If you view this on-line you can copy these websites and paste to your browser for direct access to the site.

Please read the above recommendations and help us keep our children and staff safe and healthy...

