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January In-Service Recap

Thanks to those of you who attended our January 21st in-service. Check out our website for the FREE Handout from our training **Music and Movement for Positive Behavior Support** by Liz deGraw Renna

CONGRATULATIONS

to all the ladies who won Door Prizes

~ ChildCare Share welcomes **3** new members ~
Daphne Philmon, Sherri Gengler, Diane McNally

Interested in Joining? Visit our website

We welcome all your comments, ideas, suggestions or other information regarding childcare or training opportunities. Deadline for placement in monthly newsletters is 15th of every month. All submissions/correspondence becomes property of Childcare Share News.

Please email Robyn at: info@childcareshare.net

PLEASE NOTE: It is our policy to not print letters that have not been signed. If you wish to have your name withheld or first name only, please let us know



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February 18th~ In-Service Training Opportunity Baby Signs

Baby Signs Parents & Caregivers Workshop.
Presenter – Kari Johnson

Invite your child care parents and they may attend FREE. This workshop is designed for parents and caregivers of children birth to 24 months old.

It will teach you all you need to know to begin using the Baby Signs Program at home.

Research has shown that using the Baby Signs Program will: reduce frustration and build trust, allow babies to share their worlds, helps babies learn to talk, jumpstarts intellectual development, and strengthens the parent/infant bond.

Visit Kari's Baby Sign Website
<http://www.babysignsprogram.com/bykari/>

Refreshments will be provided! Door Prizes given away!

Thursday, February 18, 2010
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location:
Atonement Lutheran Church
4530 N. 85th Street
Omaha, NE
2 Hours—
In-service training offered
Register:
www.childcareshare.net
\$10 for non-members

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Childcare Share Member Area February Offerings

Member Introductions, Birthdays, February Curriculum Calendar Monthly Suggestions & Activities, Childcare Management Tips, Editable Forms, Early Learning Themes, Provider Resources & Printables, Nutrition Notes, Professional Articles.

Join today for 12 months access of our exclusive Member's Area and begin enjoying benefits of a 12 month membership.

How would joining ChildCare Share Resource & Support Group help me in my business?

Support & Sharing

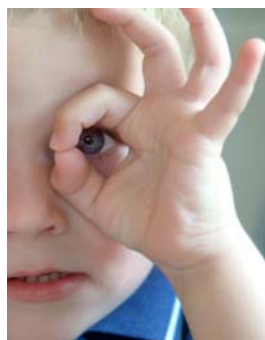
Childcare Share is a mission-based childcare support group whose members meet once a month to encourage excellence in our chosen field. We continue to network and support each other each month. Please Email your suggestions or concerns to support@childcareshare.net

In-Service Training Opportunities

Continued Education is a personal responsibility we each share. We all need assistance in acquiring needed training hours or for some, continued education helps us reach beyond. At Childcare Share it is one of our highest priorities and we will seek to offer quality guest speakers and/or presenter's relating to your childcare needs and issues. Our in-service training workshops will consist of two hours of In-service training opportunities each month.

Childcare Share Member Benefits

- **Monthly Support and Sharing** Childcare Share is a child care support group whose members meet once a month to lend emotional support, exchange ideas, and develop friendships.
- **In-Service Training Hours** Childcare Share will offer one/two hours of In-service training opportunities each month.
- **Monthly Newsletter** Our monthly newsletter is emailed to members and available on our website
- Childcare Share and Omaha-Childcare Directory have teamed up. Childcare Share will link from our member's list to your Tier I Listing. (Omaha-Childcare membership is \$25 per year to advertise as a Tier I subscriber).
- **Member's Area** Childcare Share in conjunction with Reach for the Stars offers members free monthly resources to access and download from the members area of our website. Members also may access monthly newsletters, themes ideas, childcare related forms and articles. New Items are added monthly. This area is only available to CCS members. **User name /Password Protected *Internet access*



- **Project Partners** - www.omaha-Childcare.com,
Join today \$25 / Year- Three ways to pay:
By mail, Download a copy of our membership form from our website.
In person, attend any of our in-service trainings—third Thursday of the month, 7pm, Atonement Lutheran Church (good for 2 in-service hours)
Use PayPal on our website at www.childcareshare.net

Heart Picture Frame

What you will need:

Last year's square desk calendar (day at a glance)
White cardboard
scissors
heart
Woodsies (medium size)
Pen
Pink craft paint
Photograph
Light orange craft paint
acky glue
Lavender craft paint

How to make:

Paint all the woodsies in different colors. Let dry. Tear off all the pages and/or cardboard in front or the plastic holder. Lay the calendar down on the cardboard and trace around it. Cut the cardboard shape and glue on the calendar holder. Glue the hearts around the frame. You can use any layout you like. Glue a photograph in the middle. Give it to someone as a special gift

Tri Bead Heart

12" Red Chenille Stem Wire cutters
30 Red translucent tri-beads (makes one)

Cut the chenille stem in half. (save other half for another project) Bend one end of the chenille stem into an "L" shape. Add all the beads onto the chenille stem.

Bend the other end of the chenille stem into an "L" shape. Twist the 2 "L" shapes together. Clip off any extra wire. Be sure to bend in any sharp edges. Bend into a heart shape.

Add a ribbon for a necklace, a key ring for a backpack, or attach to a Valentine.

Found at www.kidsdomaine.com

Cookie Bouquet

What you will need:

1 package (18 ounces) refrigerated Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough
8 flat wooden sticks
Decorator icing (optional)
Candies (optional)
Melted chocolate (optional)
Preheat oven to 375f F

Shape cookie dough into eight 2 inch balls. Place four balls at a time onto ungreased baking sheet. Insert wooden sticks into each ball to resemble a lollipop; flatten dough slightly.

Bake for 13—15 minutes or until edges are crisp. Cool on baking sheet for 1 minute; remove to wire rack to cool

Decorate as desired. Tie ribbons around sticks and give as a cookie bouquet.

Groundhog Facts

The groundhog is sometimes called a "woodchuck" or a "whistlepig" Measures about 15" to 18" long. Has long fur, usually black, gray or brownish red. Has short legs and a bushy tail, he Hibernates in the winter and he's a vegetarian Has a home called a "burrow"

Songs & Finger Plays

I'm a Little Groundhog
I'm a little groundhog fat and brown, (Crouch down near floor)
Popping up above the ground. (Jump up)
I sure hope my shadow doesn't show, (Look for shadow)
For if it does, we'll have more snow! (Frown)



Member Advertisements

Preschool Monthly Memberships
 Reach2Learn Multi-Age Curriculum
 Curriculum Club
 36 Months of Preschool on CD



www.preschoolpreschool.com

Usborne Books at Home The Books Kids Love to Read

Pam Schmidt
 Educational Consultant
 (402)573-7570
 pamschmidt@cox.net
 www.ubah.com/C2855

Do you have a home childcare business (other than your child care) that you'd like to advertise? Send your print ready ad to advertise@childcareshare.net and have it printed in the next newsletter—FREE!

Available only to ChildCare Share Members.

Literacy Lounge ~

Instill in the children a *LOVE* of reading by sharing these books about Valentine's Day with them! Remember, daily reading helps ensure later successes in school.

Valentine's Day: Stories and Poems
 by Caroline Feller Bauer

Valentine by Carol Carrick

Cramberry Valentine by Wende & Harry Devlin

Silly Tilly's Valentine by Lillian Hoban

Good Morning to You, Valentine by Lee Bennett Hopkins

Little Mouse's Big Valentine by Thatcher Hurd

Froggy's First Kiss by Jonathan London

Valentine's Day by Miriam Nerlove

Saint Valentine by Robert Sabuda

Nate the Great an the Mushy Valentine by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

FEBRUARY

| SUN | MO | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SA |
|-------------|----|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 CCS Board Meeting |
| 14 Heart | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 CCS Meeting 7pm | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 29 | | | | | | |

Calendar of Events

February 14th – Valentine's Day
 February 13th – Childcare Share Board Mtg, 10am
 February 18th – Childcare Share Support Group Mtg, 6:45 p.m. business meeting, 7:00—9:00 p.m. in-service
 February is...
 American Heart Month, Black History Month, Boost Self-Esteem Month, Cherry Month, Children's Dental Health Month, Expect Success Month and Friendship Month.

President's Day Quiz From Kids Domain.com

True or False Answers

1. President's Day is celebrated the third Monday in February
2. It honors two great presidents, President Washington and President Clinton
3. President Washington was the first American President
4. President Washington is the only president to have a state named after him.
5. President Lincoln's first name was George
6. Pictures of both presidents heads can be found on U.S. banknotes
7. President Lincoln wrote the U.S. Constitution
8. Both presidents were assassinated
9. President Lincoln helped end slavery in the United States
10. President Washington was born on February 9th

- Answers to the President's Day Quiz
1. True
 2. False
 3. True
 4. True
 5. False Abraham
 6. True Washington \$1 Lincoln \$5
 7. False James Madison Authored it
 8. False only Lincoln was shot
 9. True
 10. False

Interested in advertising in this Newsletter?

Business Card 2.0 X 3.5 \$15
 Quarter Page 3.5 X 4.5 \$25
 Half Page 4.5 X 7.0 \$50 (Inside newsletter)
 Half Page 4.5 X 7.0 \$50 (back mailer section)
 Full Page 7.0 X 9.5 \$80
 Insert #20 paper(8 1/2 X 11) \$100

Contact: Robyn Birge (402) 614-8303
 Email: advertising@childcareshare.net

Our deadline for receiving your camera-ready B&W ad is the 20th of each month, prior to the month you wish to run your advertisement.

Classifieds/Want Ads

If you have something to sell or if you are looking for a particular item why not advertise it here in our Classified/Want ads section? To place your ad, *Contact Robyn at 614-8303*

Valentine Party Fun

Valentine Pictionary

Supplies: Chalkboard

Chalk

Eraser

Valentine Bag

Papers with valentine objects written on them

Timer



How to Play: Put papers with valentine objects written on them into bag. Divide children into two groups. Flip a coin to see which team goes first. Invite a child from the playing team to approach the chalkboard, draw a slip of paper, and read it to themselves. On your mark, the child should then draw the object in hopes that his/her team members will guess the object on their paper. If the team guesses correctly, before time runs out, they score a point. If the playing team does not guess correctly the other team has five seconds to try to come up with the correct answer. If they guess correctly they score a point and it is their turn to play.

This game can be simplified for young players utilizing words such as: candy, heart, and card. Make more difficult for older players by using short phrases: my heart belongs to you, be mine, etc.

Word Find

Take a Valentine related word such as: Valentine, Chocolate, Romance, etc. and find as many little words as possible before the timer runs out.

Example: Chocolate

Words: late, at, ate, tea, tale, tool, cool, hat, hot, cat, coat...

Example: Flowers

Words: flow, sew, flew, wore, rose, low, row...

Pin the Heart on Cupid

Supplies: Big picture of Cupid

A red heart, for each child, with adhesive on back and their name on the front

Blindfold

How to Play: Blindfold the player, spin 'em around and let them try to stick the heart where it's supposed to go.

Give a prize for the player that gets the closest.



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Did You Know!

Join today and receive 12 month's access
ChildCare Share Members Area.It's a Tax Deduction!!

February Members Area

Our exclusive member area offers ChildCare Share members tons of information including:

- Member Birthday list
- Personal Mentoring for those that need a little advice or assistance from time to time or for those who are just starting out and looking for a helping hand
- Tax Information including Forms, Instructions and Publications for the Current Year Taxes. IRS links and Information to make smart choices for your business
- Tons of Provider Resources, Classroom Printables to download and use in your program
- Business Ideas, Articles and Forms to use in your business both in Adobe pdf and in Microsoft Word
- Educational Opportunities, Resources to Supplies, Recalls, Child Care related Magazines, Online Assistance, Books, Clipart and Grant Information
- Website links for hundreds of Theme Ideas, Holiday Fun and Ideas. Kid friendly websites that are fun and safe to visit
- Nutrition suggestions including Menus and Recipes, Links to Food Program Sponsors and Agencies, and Nutrition Trainings.

All this for only \$25.00 per year! Download you're membership form from our website today.

www.childcareshare.net

If you're not a member yet, attend our February in-service and see if this is what you've been looking for!

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Happy Birthday to You!!!

Celebrate with the following
Childcare Share members who
have birthdays this month!!

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| 6 | Samantha Wolz |
| 7 | Judy Salmon |
| 12 | Vanessa Johnson |
| 17 | Shelia Wolz |
| 20 | Kathy Nowak |

