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CURIOUS KIDS Child Care – Where quality meets FUN!

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How do children learn through play?

Learning takes place every moment of every day if children have access to the right tools. Children can be told that when you mix green and red you get brown but when they actually get to prove it to themselves by mixing the colors and seeing the results they learn it.

VALUING ENVIRONMENTS means...

Educators understand the potential of the environment as “third teacher.” They take into account the strengths, interests and desires of all children in their care as they select and organize space, equipment and materials, both indoors and

- ✓ The local community, landscape and cultural experience are evident in the material provisions that the center makes and the documentation of learning it displays.
- ✓ Environments are beautiful, joyful and rich in opportunities for sensory learning, social interaction, language, exploration, manipulation, and representation. They are purposefully designed, planned to enhance children’s healthy development and learning.
- ✓ There are dedicated areas for individual, small group, and whole group activity and playful exploration.
- ✓ A dramatic play area equipped with props for domestic play and/or other scenarios such as store, hospital, library, superhero play, etc.
- ✓ A scientific/mathematical area equipped with tools and materials for investigation and measurement such as scales, tape measures, measuring cups, magnifying glasses, magnets, and materials and games that prompt sorting, matching, sizing, ordering, counting, and classifying.
- ✓ Space/equipment for large motor play, indoors and out, that allows for vigorous physical play either at the center or in close proximity.
- ✓ Provision for play with natural materials such as sand, water, mud, clay and snow, both indoors and out.



Look I know the letters in my name! Wow that is amazing! Can you show me? Here are the letters in my name. Do we have any of the same letters in our names? How many letters are in each of our names? Let’s count them. 123456789

All educators benefit from ongoing opportunities for professional growth. There is always something new to learn and there are always new strategies to incorporate to ensure that children have the best opportunities possible to learn through play.

CURIOUS KIDS Educators Are Valued



- We believe in hiring qualified staff who have experience working with children.
- We believe in the value of investing in staff training and continued education.
- We support our staff in their training by providing them with work time to complete their training requirements.
- We meet with our staff regularly, conduct employee satisfaction surveys, and perform yearly written performance reviews.



Our early childhood educators have their ECE Certificate, are working towards getting their ECE Certificate, or have a University Degree.



VALUING CHILDREN means >>>

Nurturing and caring for children

Respecting children's relationships

Learning is purposefully planned

Learning is purposely planned for children by:

- Setting up a variety of accessible, well organized, and open-ended materials
- Bringing outside materials in, and inside materials out
- Exploring a variety of topics initiated by children, families, educators, and community and world events
- Using a wide repertoire of texts: songs, poems, chants, picture/wordless books, stories, oral histories, games, graphs, pictures, posters...
- Engaging in teachable moments
- Extending learning by planning next steps, new materials and activities
- Talking with children about their learning, using open-ended questions, and offering specific feedback
- Making children's contributions and thinking visible through displays, cultural artifacts, webs, documentation, portfolios, photos, projects, artwork, community and family connections



Giovani's SMILE!

Giovani is 3 years old with such amazing energy and zest for conquering new things.

We have no doubt that she can keep up with her older siblings. 😊

Be sure to like us on Facebook to get the latest information and see amazing photos of your kids in action. Also check out our new and improved website at curiouskidsplay.com

NB Designated Child Care Center – That’s US!

ECERS-R which stands for Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale Revised is designed for preschool child care classrooms serving children 2 1/2 through 5 years of age as a program quality assessment tool.



At CURIOUS KIDS we want to be a QUALITY center providing our families with the best possible service!

On our last EC Environmental Assessment Report we received a rating of 5.37 at Lincoln and a 5.07 at Townsview out of a possible score of 7.

Areas of improvement include items such as using various types of music with the children, providing props for active dramatic play outdoors, having more than one space available for child privacy, and more! There will always be areas we can improve in and we will continue to work on making all aspects of our services the highest level possible.

As parents you can help us by being involved and providing feedback. During these Covid times we know that it has been difficult to be an active part of our child care center. We have to be creative in coming up with ways to share with each other. We are committed to doing just that!



Open Communication with Parents is Crucial for a Quality Child Care Program.

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STAFF Highlight

Jenn Carpenter-Gleim **After School Educator**

Jenn is a wonderful, beautiful new addition to our employee family this year. In addition to her role as a child care educator, Jenn is a mother, a Reiki Master, and a wedding officiate. Jenn is kind, compassionate, caring, and always has a positive outlook on life. The children at curious kids love to hang out with her and learn from her gentle ways.

STAFF Highlight

Autumn Oglivie **After School Educator**

Autumn came on board with us this past summer and we are thrilled that she is able to come hang out with our after schoolers on MWF each week during this school year. Autumn is currently completing her University Degree at STU. Autumn is energetic, always positive, a team player, and loves sports. She is a favorite with the kids because of her athletic abilities and her firm but kind approach to helping them make good choices.

ask the experts >>>

Q: *Why Licensed Child Care?*

A: **LICENSED CHILD CARE IS REGULATED**

The Early Childhood Services Act and the Licensing Regulation:

- Exist to ensure the safety, well-being and healthy development of all young children receiving licensed early learning and childcare services.
- Prescribe the requirements that operators must follow when operating an early learning and child care facility.

Our New Location – Meduxnekeag Consolidated School

We are thrilled to be offering a new licensed child care program at the MCS in Woodstock for full time 3 & 4 year-olds, preschool children ages 3 & 4, and after school children K-5.



STAFF Highlight

Erin Griffiths
Early Childhood Educator

Erin has moved back to her home town to work at our new site at the Meduxnekeag Consolidate School. She has her ECE Diploma and has worked in the child care field since 2013. In addition to working full time, Erins a mom to two boys ages 4 & 5. We are thankful to have Erin as our early childhood educator at MCS. Her experience working with children, her love of children, her knowledge of child development, and her commitment to provide them with the best learning opportunities possible make her a wonderful addition to CURIOUS KIS Child Care.

STAFF Highlight

Sabrina Lutwick
Early Childhood Educator

Sabrina drives up from Nackawic each day to share her knowledge and skills with the children at Meduxnekeag CURIOUS KIDS. Sabrina has her ECE Certificate and experience working in the child care field. Sabrina also has family in the Woodstock area and is thankful for the opportunity to be closer to them. We are thrilled to have Sabrina as part of our CURIOUS KIDS family and we know the children will benefit from her experience, knowledge, and love of working with children.

Parents have responsibilities to ensure that their child has a SUPER DUPER day at CURIOUS KIDS each day!

- **Send in the following items each day with your child: a waterbottle, a nutritional lunch and ample snacks, a complete change of clothes, indoor sneakers, and dress your children according to the weather.**
- **Respect drop off and pick up times. 7:30-5:30 each day**

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