



**AALC NEWSLETTER**  
**FEBRUARY 2015**

*Dear Parents,*

*Wow! Already February. The time is just flying by! If you would like a child care tax statement for 2014, please request this from Ms. Teresa. You can leave her a note or call or stop by the office.*

*Well, we have recently had some teacher changes. Ms. Nicole (Infant teacher) has left. We are sad to see her go and wish her the best of luck! Ms. Lindsay is now in the infant room with Ms. Debbie and Ms. Angela will help out in there too, once Ms. Keshia is gone. She is leaving to pursue a different career. We wish her the best of luck also. We don't want you to worry about who will be with your infants because it will be someone they already know. We know how important it is to keep consistent teachers with the children, especially the infants.*

*Another change we have made is to hire Ms. Lisa Glenn back as an assistant in the three-year old room. She was here in Toddlers for a short period of time before. She has been working with the Head Start Program for the past couple years. She has obtained some wonderful work experience and is an asset to our program. Please welcome her aboard!*

**"The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery."  
Mark Van Doren**



# INFORMATION ABOUT ACCREDITATION

## WHY ACCREDITATION?

- **PROMOTING OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE**

Your children are your legacy and our future. We recognize our partnership in ensuring that the future-theirs and ours-is brighter than the present

Child care and educational programs that have achieved Missouri Accreditation provide a developmentally appropriate and sound program with suitable equipment and supplies and well trained teachers, striving to provide children the best experiences possible. In an accredited care and education program, a child will learn to interact with other children, be exposed to developmentally appropriate materials and experiences, and most importantly acquire the tools to go out in the world and succeed.

- **AS UNIQUE AS EACH CHILD WE SERVE**

Research shows that a higher level of quality in child care and educational setting is associated with children having enhanced social skills, reduced behavioral problems, increased cooperation and improved language skills.

Parents who select a program accredited by Missouri Accreditation for their children know that the program's staff are committed to providing a good, safe educational setting in an environment that fosters social, intellectual and physical growth.



For your convenience, the next page is a copy of our sick policy. Please read it and become familiar with it. Being prepared is much better than receiving a call at work to pick up a sick child. Also, please make us aware if your child was sick over the weekend or is on antibiotics for something. If they are on antibiotics, they are probably not contagious and most likely won't be sent home for a mild illness.



## **SICK POLICY**

Please DO NOT bring a child when he/she:

- ❖ Has had a fever (100 degrees) within the last 25 hours (*without the use of fever reducing medications*)
- ❖ **Has more than 1 diarrhea within the last 24 hours**
- ❖ Vomiting within the last 24 hours.
- ❖ Has been taking an antibiotic for less than 24 hours.
- ❖ Has a colored or heavy nasal discharge, **accompanied by a fever or lasting longer than 10 days.**
- ❖ Is unusually cranky or tired even after plenty of sleep or appears to feel ill, is showing signs of dehydration, (refusing liquids, lack of urination), **or requires more care than staff are able to provide, therefore, compromising the health and safety of the other children.**
- ❖ Has a sore throat, **trouble swallowing,** chest congestion, constant raspy cough, **or difficult or rapid breathing.**
- ❖ Did not sleep well the night before due to unusual circumstances.
- ❖ Has an unexplained rash, **with drainage or severe itching.**
- ❖ Has matted eyes with green and/or yellow drainage, which could be pink eye or another infection. (regardless of if the eye is red or pink), they get matted and green and/or yellow before turning red or pink. (If sent home may not return until condition has been treated with medication or drops for 24 hours).
- ❖ **Has a headache or stiff neck.**
- ❖ Children diagnosed with Hand, Foot, and Mouth (coxsackie virus infection) will be required to be excluded from care for a minimum of 5 days and maximum of 10 days. Children will then have to be approved to return to childcare by the staff or Director of AALC.
- ❖ Children diagnosed with the Influenza Type A or B will be required to be excluded for a minimum of 5 and maximum of 10 days and will be required to have a note from a Doctor to return to childcare.

Please phone the center to let us know if your child will not attend due to sickness. Make us aware if your child has been exposed to a contagious disease.

If a child becomes ill after arrival, the All Aboard staff will call you. You must pick up the child in a timely manner or have a designated person do so. If the parent cannot be reached, the first name on the enrollment form will be contacted and each name following until we find an alternate person to release your child to. (If no emergency contact is available on more than one occasion, you risk having your child's position at AALC terminated).

If your child is sent home with any of the symptoms above, he/she will not be able to return to the center for 24 hours after the symptoms have subsided (**without the use of fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or Motrin.**) (**NO EXCEPTIONS**)

The center must charge the same rate each week; therefore, we cannot make allowances for sickness. A prolonged illness, which requires hospitalization, will be taken into account and the center will work with you if needed.

Weather permitting, we go outside every day and parents need to understand that if a child is too ill to be outside, he/she may be too ill to be at the center. The center will not deprive other children of outside play to keep one child inside.

# Preschool News

- **MAKE SURE YOU WASH YOUR CHILD'S HANDS UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING EVERYDAY! THIS IS THE #1 WAY TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS.**
- We collect Mace receipts and Box Tops for Education for classroom supplies
- If you have not filled out a new Income Eligibility Form for our food program, please ask for one and return as soon as possible.
- Make sure you bring us a copy of your child's shot records every time they receive a new shot
- Valentine's Day Parties-Friday, February 13. Please check with your child's teacher for needed supplies and times
- Make sure your child has weather and age appropriate clothing here. We don't want to call anyone at work to bring clothes.
- Ms. Teresa's hours are 8-4:30. If you need to speak with her please don't hesitate to call. If you would like to meet in person just let her know and she will be here at your convenience.
- Please call by 9 am if your child will be late or absent for the day. We ask this because our cook takes a lunch count at 9 and we need to know at that time how many children to cook for.
- Breakfast is over at 8:15. If you want your child to eat breakfast, please get them here by at least 10 after so they have plenty of time to eat.





THE CENTER' S MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, STRUCTURED AND SUPPORTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE PARTICIPATING CHILDREN; WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING AND FUNCTIONING HAPPILY IN AN ENVIRONMENT WITH OTHERS THEIR OWN AGE.



**AALC CLOSINGS TO BE BROADCAST ON RESULTS RADIO**

**KTTR-99.7  
KZNN-105.3  
KXMO-95.3  
KDAY-103.1**

**IN THE EVENT THAT AALC HAS TO CLOSE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, YOU WILL NOT BE CHARGED FOR CHILDCARE THAT DAY.**



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