



Coddington Learning Center

May 2022



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Our annual Mother's Day Snack will be on May 6th. The Toddlers will begin at 2:00, the Jellyfish will be at 2:20, the snails will be at 2:40, and the school-agers will be at 3:00. Please sign up at the front counter if you would like to attend—happy Mother's Day to all moms on the 9th. The annual review of rates was completed. To continue updating the center, to stay competitive with the job market costs and staff wages, and because of inflation, we have decided that we will need to increase tuition this year. The new rates are as follows:

Infants 6 weeks-18 months \$229
Toddlers 18 Months-3 Years \$209
Preschool 3 years until their first-day kindergarten \$199
School-age summer rate \$169
 Before and aftercare \$139
 After \$99
 Per day \$39

Your new contracts are attached to your timecard; please sign and return them. The new rates are effective May 30th. If you have any questions, please let me know. We try to keep our fees competitive and at the lowest possible rate while compensating our teachers at a competitive wage and providing a quality education for the children. We do realize the impact of childcare on your family's budget, so that is why it is our goal to provide the best value for your money. This is just a reminder that State Subsidy has increased its income guidelines, and we also participate in the Lincoln Littles Tuition Assistance program. If you are interested in applying to see if you qualify, you can go to <https://dhhs.ne.gov/pages/accessnebraska.aspx> for state subsidy.

If you are a family of four and make less than \$53,000 annually, you may be eligible to participate in the Lincoln Littles Program. Please let me know if you would like an application for the 2022/2023 year.

This year we would like to celebrate all our teachers during teacher appreciation week, May 1st - May 7th. We want to thank all our teachers for all the extra work they have put in over the past year. They have gone above and beyond to keep the center a safe environment for the children and families while keeping up with all the typical day-to-day activities they plan. I am very thankful for everyone's dedication and efforts this last year. I am hopeful that the parents will help me in showing our appreciation for all their hard work. I have come up with some themes for the days if you would like to participate in showering our teachers with love.

Monday: You couldn't have "Picked" a better teacher to draw or bring a flower for your teacher.

Tuesday: You are the "Write" teacher for me! Write a letter, homemade card, or share a favorite memory.

Wednesday: Thanks for being so "Sweet." Bring something sweet for your teachers.

Thursday: You're the "Star" day; tell your teacher why they are so great!

Friday: Thanks for a "Latte," bring a \$5 gift card, favorite (store-bought) snack, or small gift.

All children's suggestions are optional.

We will be closed on the 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

We have hired a new infant teacher, Ashleigh. She has two semesters left, and she will have her associate degree in Early Childhood Education. Kenzie will be moving to the Senior. Snail room as the headteacher while Jamie continues to learn and help me around the center.

Jennifer

Baby Bees

Welcome to May! The baby bees had a very eventful month. We worked a lot on mealtime sign language and learning about bugs. This month we will continue working on



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mealtime sign language and about some fruits and other plants. The older infants will work on soft/nice touches and large motor skills. Bryton is doing awesome rolling over; we will introduce sitting up with support this month. Avynn is scooting now! This month we will work on getting more comfortable and confident with our crawling. We will also work on pulling ourselves up. Charlotte has the sitting thing down! This month she will work on crawling and using her hands to support herself when she is sitting. The baby bee room also has a new teacher joining us! Miss. Ashleigh will be our new headteacher; make sure to say hi when you see her! Kenzie will be moving to the snail room to be the head teacher. We are very excited about the warm sunny days ahead!

Kenzi, Regan, Trystyn & Ashleigh

Toddler Turtles

Hello May!! This month the toddler turtles will learn about zoo animals and weather. We will also be talking about all the holidays in May, like May Day, Cinco De Mayo, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day! All the turtles are doing amazing with potty training; please remember to have extra clothes in case of accidents or spills! Also, with the weather warming up, we will hopefully be spending a lot more time outside; we have sunscreen at the daycare we use, but if you would like your child to use a different sunscreen, feel free to bring it in!! We hope everyone has a great May!!

Amanda, Rachael & Trystyn

Junior Jellyfish

Hello and Welcome to May! I can't believe how fast we have got here! This month we will be working on weather, trees, ocean and starting a MyPlate unit; this will focus on healthy eating and how our plate should look. We will still be working on using our voice to identify our

feelings and emotions and working on solutions for conflicts. We will be spending as much time outside as possible, so please remember to send your child in clothes that they can learn and play in that are ok getting dirty. Also, please take a look at your child's extra clothes and make sure we have weather-appropriate clothing! Also, remember, we have parent-teacher conferences on May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; I would love to talk to you about all the growth your child has been making!

Catlyn

Senior Snails

Welcome to May! We are excited for warmer days and playing outside more! Please remember to bring warmer coats for the cooler mornings and a light jacket for the afternoons. This month we are going to talk about how to be a good friend; this unit is going to help us learn how to recognize emotions, what characteristics they like in a friend as well as what activities they enjoy doing with their friends. We will also work on matching printed words with pictures and completing simple graphs. We will have a week about Mother's Day, during this week we are going to talk about our Mother's and all for the wonderful things they do for us daily as well as work on a special gifts. We are also going to have a unit on the sun; during this week, we will cover basic scientific information about the importance of the sun as well as working on recognizing some letters and numbers and hearing phonetic sounds. Our last unit this month will be about our sense of sight. During this unit we will talk about using our bodies to learn about our environments.

We will also talk about the importance of taking care of our eyes.

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Conferences are scheduled from May 9th through the 11th; if you have not signed up,



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there is a sheet with available times on the front counter. I look forward to sharing your child's progress with you!

Happy Mother's Day! *Jamie & Kenzie*

School Agers

Wow-it's hard to believe we only have a few more weeks of school before summer vacation. We are all looking forward to summer! We will have a list of field trips and the cost as soon as possible.

This month we will begin our summer schedule starting Wednesday, May 25th. I plan to have a theme for the whole week and one social and emotional skill we will work on all week. The social and emotional skills include: positive self-talk, seeing others' perspectives, coping skills, problem-solving, social cues, staying calm in challenging situations, dealing with anger and frustration, self-advocating, accepting the consequences, self-regulation, and accepting differences.

I have all the field trips tentatively planned. You will get weekly notes to sign so your child can attend them. There will again be a weekly fee for field trips, but you can pay for the whole summer in May if you would like. Details to come about paying for field trips.

Happy 11th Birthday to Cynthia on the 23rd and Stephen on the 13th! Happy 6th birthday to Blakely on the 4th!

Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms!

Jeana