



PETER PAN CHILD CARE CENTRE AND OUT OF SCHOOL CARE TOWER 1

September 6th, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

OSC SUMMER PROGRAM 2016

We here at Peter Pan Out of School Care send out a big welcome to our new and returning families and children.

With the Summer officially over, it marks the start of the new school year. Some of the children have graduated from their respective rooms and we have new faces joining us. Let's all make sure we feel welcome and treat others how we want to be treated. We have a Zero tolerance policy for bullying. If your child is being bullied, here at the daycare, please let one of the staff know. Your child/ren safety and care is our main priority.

This summer saw a lot of new changes. Our goal this past summer was to strike a balance between indoor and outdoor activities, learning and playing. We had visits from our local Librarian; Taekwondo, UGOT gymnastic team; Zoo2U and a Magician.

The children participated in a fundraising event in selling Lemon cake and lemonade. We raised \$70 which was used to buy pizza for the children.

The children also visited All Star Playland and Jackie Parker Park which provided the children with gross motor skills.

We also had a parent workshop on nutrition "How to Pack a Powerful Lunch". Thank you to the parents who attended with their children.

The children were involved in many other activities such as Carnival Day, Multicultural Day, Aboriginal Crafts, Camping Day, Chemistry Day and a Talent Show.

We learned how to bake and take measurements. We practiced our math skills and had a fun Spelling Bee Contest. We encouraged our VIPS to teach the younger children how to read. We recognized leaders in our various rooms. And the list goes on and on.

We look forward to next Summer, we hope to add more activities and events, based on the feedback we received from parents, children and the staff. We welcome any feedback, please talk to Sam in the office or one of the Room Supervisors.

POLICIES

As the new school year gets underway, Peter Pan Out of School Care and Child Care is committed to providing the best child care practices that will allow your child to grow in a fun, nurturing environment that fosters and promotes the overall well being of your children. If you would like to see any policies that the daycare has or would like to suggest any policies that you would like to see, please feel free to talk with the Director. We have an open door policy. Any and all suggestions are welcomed.

GOOD STUDY HABITS

As we are gearing up to the new school year, we are encouraging our children to develop positive and good study habits by taking time to work on their subjects that their having a hard time with. As this will keep them abreast of the necessary skills that they need to develop while they are still young making them smarter and brighter and always be at the cutting edge.

CLEANLINESS AND HYGIENE

This is a time for children to catch lice, during the next few weeks, I would advise to check your children's hair. If your child has contracted lice, please do not send them to the daycare until they have been treated. All household members should also be checked and treated if necessary. All household items should also be washed and disinfected.

As the school year starts, we would like to partner with you with your children in promoting good habits that will keep them clean and healthy. For great tips and practical advice, please follow the link below:

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/180225-cleanliness-personal-hygiene/>
http://www.ehow.com/info_8025786_activities-personal-hygiene-kids.html

Resources

Parents can find lots of useful tips under the following web page: www.myhealth.alberta.ca such as Adjusting to your child Starting School; Help make first day of school a happy one; Back to School health checklist. If you would like a copy of any of these items, please talk to Sam or Shannon.

Subsidy

Any Parents and/or Guardians on subsidy, if your child is on the Castle or Kinder Room, please make sure your child/ren are here for a minimum of 100 hours and if your child is in the Tiger or VIP Rooms please make sure they are here for a minimum of 50 hours per month. Anything less than these hours could result in not being qualified for subsidy. It would be then your responsibility to pay the remaining amount.

It is also your responsibility that you reapply for subsidy before it expires. You may receive a friendly reminder to reapply, please do so as soon as you can.

If you have any questions about your subsidy, please call 780-644-9992 opt 2 or speak with Sam or Shannon.

Reminder:

Please have your child/ren dressed in appropriate clothing. This also includes an extra set of clothes and socks; in case they were to get wet. The Daycare Centre **is not** responsible if these items were to get lost or stolen.

Dates to Remember

Monday, October 10th, 2016	-	Thanksgiving Day DAYCARE WILL BE CLOSED
Friday November 11th, 2016		Remembrance Day DAYCARE WILL BE CLOSED
December 23rd to January 1st		Christmas Break – DAYCARE WILL BE CLOSED

Peanut Free Centre

We would like to remind parents that we are a peanut free centre due to allergies. If your child would an alternative, you can purchase a peanut free replacement, it is called WOW Butter.



Daycare Time

7:00 AM to 5:45 PM – Monday thru Friday

Late fees will be charged. We also ask that you arrive at a reasonable time so that your child can enjoy morning activities.

Illness

If your child is ill or has an appointment, please contact our Centre at 780-463-2004. This helps us to schedule our staff. Please note sick children must be kept at home, if they come to the center with a fever or diarrhea, you will be called to pick up your child.

Medication

Please note that all medication must be labelled and in its original pharmacy container.

Newsletter

Each month you will receive your child rooms' newsletter. It will contain information about what is happening in the Centre. Please be sure to read these items when you receive it and write down important dates on your home calendar.

Emails

Parents wishing to communicate with via email are more than welcome to do so. My e-mail address is peterpanosctower1@gmail.com Alternatively, you can leave me with your e-mail address.

Sam and Shannon