

CHECK IT OUT!

One of the most important decisions you will make as a parent is choosing a child care provider. You want your children to participate in programs that encourage creative exploration and discovery, lessons that prepare them for a lifetime of learning, and above all, you want your children to be safe and happy. To help you narrow down your choices and make an informed decision, we've compiled a checklist for you to use as you visit each child care location. Take your time and review your options carefully.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

YES

NO

- Warm and inviting atmosphere YES NO
- Staff is patient, loving and responsive..... YES NO
- Overall environment is pleasant YES NO
- Positive communication with children YES NO
- Person conducting tour is knowledgeable of age-appropriate learning practices..... YES NO
- Person conducting tour acknowledged child YES NO

SAFETY

- Adult supervision at all times YES NO
- Age-appropriate learning materials YES NO
- Hand washing techniques followed by caregivers YES NO
- All dangerous products, such as medications and chemicals, are kept out of reach of children ... YES NO
- Security cameras YES NO
- Current licenses and permits posted YES NO
- Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers YES NO
- Teachers are First Aid and CPR certified..... YES NO
- Instant access to medical information and arrival/departure times..... YES NO
- Immunizations required YES NO
- Locked entrances prevent unauthorized access to the lobby area and building YES NO

FAMILY COMMUNICATION

- Emergency weather/evacuation plans are provided YES NO
- On-going school event notices available YES NO
- Regular verbal and written communication YES NO

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Provides fun environment for learning YES NO
- Prepares students to meet or exceed the latest Kindergarten Readiness standards..... YES NO
- Skill development through small/large and individual/group activities daily..... YES NO
- Teachers treat each child as an individual; encourages them to explore and discover through their own ways YES NO
- Teachers follow age-appropriate practices/guidelines YES NO
- Daily outdoor play (weather permitting)..... YES NO
- Teachers receive professional development YES NO
- Advanced curriculum planning and child assessment technologies YES NO
- Classroom learning centers include quiet, dramatic play, problem solving, creative, construction, reading and math areas..... YES NO

FACILITY

- Separate diaper changing areas YES NO
- No signs of needed repair or maintenance YES NO



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