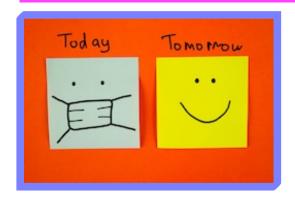
## DCC Newsletter

**Enduring This Pandemic with Tomorrow's Bright Promise** 



## **DCC's Plans**

#### **ENDURING THIS PANDEMIC:**

As I create this newsletter, the governor hasn't yet disclosed Covid-19 distancing updates. As a result, we can't (in good conscious) plan or advertise any normal training events

until all potential harm is lifted for our dear caregivers! Please do watch for DCC emails & see our great upcoming events as they unfold.

**TOMORROW'S BRIGHT PROMISE**: This issue will be devoted to beautiful things to do with the children either outside or projects to promote this wonderful season.

#### Painted Rocks

Help your kiddos find & paint smooth rocks to decorate their gardens. If using water-soluble paint, seal finished products with varnish or shellac. (NOTE: Don't varnish/shellac indoors or with kids present due to strong odor & safety concerns.)



## Flower Forks & Fingers

Use finger paints, plastic forks & fingers to create a spring garden. Use forks to stamp/print flower buds, then have kids add stems & leaves with their fingers.

So colorful & cute!



## **Growing Grass**

In small plastic cups or eggshells, help plant some inexpensive grass seeds. Kids can put a silly face on cup/shell with craft scraps or marker before planting, & when it grows, they can give it a silly "haircut".



#### Welcome these Providers to Our DCC "Family"!

Teresa Loving-Ashley ScovilleClear Creek Nike

#### CPR/1st AID @DCC

SAT, JUN 6, 8:30AM

(RSVP by 5/27)

Course is excellently given by Tiffany Saturday, EMT.



Send \$70 check to DCC, 8853 Long, Lenexa, KS 66215, with preferred date on memo line OR call & use credit card, 529-1200.

• 6 hrs licensing (please bring lunch) • non-refundable fee

#### Calendar Reminders

5/5 4:30PM, MENUS DUE DCC closed in eveningNO video training5/25 Memorial Day-DCC closed6/2 DCC's b'day-opened our doors in1982!



We don't "babysit"!

USDA is an equal opportunity provider.

-DCC is committed to making workshop activities available to all. Locations are handicap-accessible. Please contact us 2 weeks before events for any special assistance.-

# Gifts don't have to cost money to be from the heart... especially on Mother's Day.

With your little ones gathered, try talking about ideas they could give as Mother's Day gifts which don't come from a store. Suggest giving simple things; a big hug & kiss, making an original card or doing a special chore. Teach them gifts don't have to cost to be from the heart. Tell them Momma truly likes these things best.



### Cereal Rainbow Craft with Color Matching



Rainbows are a fun way for kids to practice their colors. Use whatever colored cereal you have to make this colorful rainbow!

Draw a rainbow with markers, matching colors of your cereal. You can use a plate to start it, then space other lines to fit approximate size of a Cheerio piece. Have kids match up colors of the Cheerios to rainbow outline. They can put glue on rainbow little by little.

Try not to let them eat any of their artwork. You'd be surprised how this spring activity can keep toddlers/preschoolers engrossed for quite some time!

#### MORE \$ TO YOU??

If your income has gone down in the last 2 months, you may want to see if you now qualify for higher Tier 1 meal reimbursement rates. Email <a href="mailto:kay@daycaerconnection.org">kay@daycaerconnection.org</a> or call 529-1200, for particulars.



In the midst of this pandemic, DCC almost forgot to pay tribute to 1 of our own. Join us in congratulating Olathe provider, Vickie Mitchell! She was voted a Top 20 Winner in the Kindest Kansas Citian Contest. A high schooler (past little one in her care) wrote the powerful winning essay which propelled her to the top nominees list. Vickie, what an honor to not only receive such an award, but to be fondly remembered by a child you touched long ago!

## **GRATEFUL**

DCC Home Visitors extend yet, another wonderful reason to humbly be thankful for all of you. We exist because of each & every one of you. The majority of our funding comes from sponsoring CACFP. Every menu we process monthly brings us the support to provide all our caregiver services.

Needless to say, your entire DCC staff is very grateful for all the potential providers you steer our way. Whether it's a neighbor, a church friend, a relative or a complete stranger; the overwhelming calls we get from someone interested in starting family day care comes to us because of YOU!

