

# **DreamKare Parent Handbook**

#### **ENROLLMENT:**

Enrollment is open to all children from 30 weeks (7 months) of age through 3 years old. The following enrollment criteria are required for admittance to the Daycare:

- 1. Record of your child's immunizations or signed waivers.
- 2. Current emergency card information.
- 3. List of any allergies to food, medication, pets, or foliage.
- 4. Completed informational survey on your child.
- Signed agreement of policies and procedures.

It is important to update any and all forms and paperwork, especially emergency card information.

## **DreamKare Tuition Rates**

We are happy to provide full-time care, 5 days a week.

# **Hours of Operation:**

We operate Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm

# Program age

INFANT - TODDLER (7 months - 2 1/2 yrs old) \$370 PER WK

2 1/2 - 3 years old (Grad at 4 yrs old) \$350 PER WK

Part-time is offered however, limited. Please inquire. \$80 PER DAY

\*\*Diaper, wipes, breakfast, lunch and snacks included. Parents provide formula\*\*

#### Summer Camp Schools closed, DreamKare's open!

We operate Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm; This program is offered to school age children ages 3 yrs old - 6 year old.

Mid-Winter break in February
Spring Break in March/April
Summer Break June 1st - Septemb

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**\$80 PER DAY or \$325 PER WK** 

\*\*Breakfast, lunch and snacks included.\*\*

DreamKare does not offers sibling discounts at this time.

Once your schedule is set, tuition is expected for the days stated in your contract whether or not your child attends those days.

In order to reserve your child's place in the program, a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$100.00 must be made upon registration. (A week before attending)

You may reserve your child's spot for a maximum of 2 weeks (\$200.00 fee)

Tuition payments are enrollment based not attendance based.



- Payments must start no later than the day of enrollment whether or not the child has started care. In the event that a child enrolls before a spot is open, tuition payments will be due on the first day the spot is available whether or not the child attends.
- Payment is due regardless of attendance.
- · Credit may be given for pre-paid tuition if the daycare closes unexpectedly due to emergency or another reason deemed appropriate by the facility.

# Withdraw Policy

We offer equal opportunity for every individual family. DreamKare reserves the right to withdraw a child for the reason of nonpayment of tuition/fees. Parents may request withdrawal of their child for any reason. Both parties agree to provide 2 weeks written notice.

A **4 weeks written notice** is required to withdraw before the major holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. In the event a parent decides to pull their child 2 weeks before these holidays, tuition will be expected for the holiday.

A registration fee of \$100 is due once a child attends daycare. If a child is withdrawn then reenrolls at a later date, a second enrollment fee will be expected.

# **Payment**

Tuition payments are always due no later than Friday the week before care for your child. Families may pay weekly or biweekly by cash, check or through the payment system. If you prefer to pay monthly, you may do so but must do this manually via check or cash. All families must prepay for care.

Prompt payment of tuition is required to continue care. Tuition fees that are not paid in full on the Friday the week before care for your child; are considered past due. A charge of \$10.00 per day, including weekends, will be added to your account until fees are paid in full.

- · If tuition fees are underpaid and/or overdue for two consecutive weeks' childcare may be suspended until full payment is received.
- A fee of \$20.00 will be charged for any payment returned due to non-sufficient funds (NSF). In addition to the NSF fee, parents are responsible for all charges assessed due to NSF payments.

# **Brightwheel Billing**

DreamKare utilizes the "Brightwheel billing" payment system.

"Brightwheel" offers your ability to better manage your payments and taxes by viewing payments that pertain only to your child's care program. Sign into "brightwheel" and setup your payment options through the app and view previous, current and/or future scheduled payments.

\*\*.60 cents per transaction processing fee is waived and paid by DreamKare if you pay by ACH (Personal debit or checking account.) If you pay by credit card, a 2.92% fee is added to your payment and will not be covered by DreamKare \*\*

Sign In/Out

Students are checked by staff through our attendance sheet on Brightwheel.

#### Closing Dates and observed holidays for DreamKare

The center will be closed on the following days. If they fall on your child's regularly scheduled days, tuition is required. The center will provide all parents with a full year of closures at the time of enrollment.



- Friday before Memorial Day and Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- · Independence Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- President's Day
- · Friday before Labor Day and Labor Day
- Day before Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following Thanksgiving
- · Christmas Eve, the week between Christmas and New Year
- Good Friday
- Easter

If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the daycare will be closed the Friday before. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the daycare will be closed the Monday after.

# <u>Unexpected Closings due to Weather</u>

The daycare will be open all other days except in extreme emergencies such as lack of power/water, or in the event of extreme weather conditions. Parents will be notified via email and text for closings.

DreamKare determines whether "snow days" are to be in effect based on snow fall levels and plowers. In some cases, the news will state that there will be heavy snowfalls, but phone calls are made to the school in the morning to verify a "true" snow day. Group texts are sent out to all parents by 6:00AM to announce whether or not the daycare will be open. Please be aware of our ratio. If for any reason, staff cannot make it to the daycare, we will only be allowed to accommodate 1 staff: 6 children (Please read page 25 in the licensing rule book or read ratio section below to see this ratio.)

We may be open late if necessary on snow days. In rare cases, DreamKare may be forced to closed temporarily due to a situation beyond our control (e.g., snow days, ice storm, electrical outage, no water service) In the event we are closed due to these rare situations, tuition is still due.

#### Drop-off

Drop offs are made at the front door. Parents with infants are able to leave car seats near the daycare entrance and free to walk down their child. For the safety of the children, we keep the doors locked at all times unless a staff member is monitoring arrivals (Typically, 8:00am -9:00am). In the event the door is closed/locked, we ask that parents Brightwheel message staff informing us you are outside or ring the doorbell. In the event we are outside during drop off/pick up, we will put a sign on the door indicating we are on the playground.

Morning drop-off times are from **8:00am-10:30am**. If for any reason you are unable to drop off your child between those times due to a scheduled appointment, Pre-school, etc. please plan to drop off your child fed and **no earlier than 12:00pm and/or no later than 12:30pm**. Lunch time falls between 11:00am-12:00pm and nap time from 12:30pm-1:00pm which makes it disruptive and extremely difficult to get children up to the daycare's routine during those times. We ask to please consider these times and plan drop-offs accordingly.

## **Late Pick-Up:**

• If you are unable to pick up your child by the designated time, please arrange for someone else to pick up your child.



- Please take weather conditions and traffic delays into account in order to assure that you make it to the daycare on time.
- Any time, that any parent arrives after 5:00PM, will be charged \$1 per minute.
- Any parent that arrives 10 minutes after 5:00PM will be charged a \$20 fee plus a \$1 per minute after exceeding 15 minutes.
- On the 2nd offense, in which a parent arrives 10 minutes late, we will have to discuss other options for pick up arrangements.
- These charges will be added to your child's tuition payments immediately via brightwheel.
- We feel strongly that every family should adhere to the business hours of the daycare. This will allow the caregivers to have the personal time they need.
- At 5:15 PM calls are made to work, cell and home of parents. At 5:30 PM calls are made to listed emergency numbers.

# **Pick-Up Other Than Parent**

A valid driver's license must be shown and the name must appear on the child's emergency card. Parents should provide written or verbal notice to the daycare if an adult other than a parent will be picking up.

# Notice of Schedule change

Occasionally work or family schedules change. If you will be reducing your days of care we ask that you provide as much notice as possible. A minimum of 2 weeks' notice must be given for any permanent schedule change in order to avoid being charged for those days.

#### **Communication with Parents**

We make every effort to keep parents informed and involved. We are connected with "**Brightwheel**" an app which also allows us to log in your child's activities and things of parent interests like your child's naps, pictures, videos, health checks, incidents, ect.

Brightwheel messaging is the preferred contact to reach Zahra Canine or any staff member in our center. There is an ability to contact Ms. Zahra directly or to the entire staff group. For any emergencies, please call Zahra Canine directly at **248.703.0957**.

We post up to 3 pics/videos a week. For worrisome, new parents, we post more than usual for the first few days to reassure your child's transition. We do not post diapers or food intake unless a child is having constipation issues and/or has had very little to no food.

If you'd like to view your child's "footprints" throughout the day, download "Brightwheel" through your app store on your phone and look up our daycare under "DreamKare." You will be provided a parent unique code to access your child's profile via email at the time of enrollment. Enjoy!

Our email is Dreamkarehills@gmail.com

# Nap Policy

Infants will sleep on demand in cribs. They will have their own crib and sheet. Toddlers and preschoolers will nap during rest time (after lunch) on their own cots and also have their own sheet and blanket provided by the daycare. We ask the parents to bring a "comfort item" for their child if necessary. We feel it gives the children a sense of home in the daycare. A pillow isn't required, but can be brought as well. Linens are washed in Free and Clear laundry soap on a weekly basis unless needed sooner. Children are not required to sleep. They do however need to remain on their cots so as not to disturb other children.



# **Children With Special Needs Policy**

All children will be assessed at enrollment for special needs and/or any other chronicle health conditions. DreamKare shall, for children with special needs, work with the parents, medical personnel, and/or other relevant professionals to provide care in accordance with the child's identified needs and learning supports.

If DreamKare is unable to accommodate a child with special needs, we will give written documentation stating the reason(s). The reason(s) for excluding a child with special needs from daycare will include, but are not limited to:

- · Unable to finding the necessary help/qualified personnel to assist the child
- · Child poses a threat or causes harm to themselves and/or other children in care.

#### **DreamKare RULES:**

- You may not hurt yourself or others physically, emotionally or mentally.
- · You may not throw toys.
- ·. You may not run inside the daycare.

# **GENERAL DISCIPLINE POLICY:**

Several positive techniques will be used when disciplining your child.

- We will attempt to redirect them to something more appropriate.
- · We will give them the words to use in stressful situations.
- · We will explain the reason for a rule in age appropriate terms.
- · We will show empathy and understanding when correcting behavior.
- · As a last resort the child will be removed from the situation and sat down for "self reflection time" in order to calm and reassure them.
- At no time will children be humiliated, threatened, shamed or deprived of meals, sleep or snacks as a means of discipline. Nor will children be confined in an enclosed area or subjected to any physical punishment. A child may be temporarily restrained to prevent him/her from harming him/herself or others. If after exhausting all of these techniques, the child is unable to follow the rules of the daycare and is a constant disruption, DreamKare reserves the right to withdraw the child from the program.

# **Problem Solving/Conflict Resolution**

DreamKare uses the 6 step conflict resolution like most daycares:

- 1. Approach calmly, stopping any hurtful actions.
- 2. Acknowledge children's feelings.
- Gather information.
- 4. Restate the problem.
- 5. Ask for ideas for solutions and choose one together.
- Be prepared to give follow up support.

Over time, children develop the ability to solve conflicts independently.

# **Biting Policy**

Biting is unfortunately not unexpected behavior for toddlers. Some children and many toddlers communicate through this behavior. However, biting can be harmful to other children and to staff. This biting policy has been developed with both of these ideas in mind. As a day care, we understand that biting, unfortunately, is a part of a day care setting. Our goal is to help identify what is causing the biting and resolve these issues. If the issue cannot be resolved, this policy serves to protect the children that



are bitten. If a biting incident occurs, state regulations require that the parent of the child biting and the parent of the child who was bitten be contacted. Names of the children are not shared with either parent.

# When Biting Does Occur:

Our staff strongly disapproves of biting. The staff's job is to keep the children safe and help a child that bites learn different, more appropriate behavior.

#### For the child that was bitten:

- 1. First aid is given to the bite. It is cleaned with soap and water. If the skin is broken, the bite is covered with a bandage.
- 2. Parents are notified.
- 3. The "Injury Occurring at School" form is filled out documenting the incident.

#### For the child that bit:

- 1. The teacher will firmly tell the child "DO NOT BITE!"
- 2. The child will be placed in time out for no longer than the child's age (one year old, one minute).
- 3. The parents are notified.
- 4. The "Parent Contact Form" is filled out documenting the incident.

# **When Biting Continues:**

The child will be shadowed to help prevent any biting incidents.

The child will be observed by the classroom staff to determine what is causing the child to bite (teething, communication, frustration, etc.) The administrative staff may also observe the child if the classroom staff is unable to determine the cause. The child will be given positive attention and approval for positive behavior.

# When biting becomes excessive:

- 1. If a child inflicts 3 bites in a one week period (5 weekdays) in which the skin of another child or staff member is broken or bruised or the bite leaves a significant mark, a conference will be held with the parents to discuss the child's behavior and how the behavior may be modified.
- 2. If the child again inflicts 3 bites in a one week period (5 weekdays) in which the skin of another child or staff member is broken or bruised or the bite leaves a significant mark, the child will be suspended for **2** business days.
- 3. If a child once again inflicts 3 bites in a one week period (5 weekdays) in which the skin of another child or staff member is broken or bruised or the bite leaves a significant mark, the parents will be asked to make other day care arrangements.
- 4. If a child, who has been through steps 1 and/or 2, goes 3 weeks (15 business days) without biting, we will go back to step one if the child bites again.

If a child bites twice in a 4 hour period, the child will be required to be picked up from day care for the remainder of the day. This will not count towards the 2 day suspension.

#### Play Time

We have created a clean, fun, spacious and safe area for all ages to play in. Our R2-D2 shaped, mulched playground has playhouses, a slide, hop scotch, balls and many other toys to keep children occupied and adventurous.

Please refrain from bringing toys or accessories from home. All toys or accessories brought to daycare must be placed in your child's cubby or "kept safe in the car" until your child returns home. All toys or



accessories brought to daycare are subject to being lost. DreamKare is not responsible for lost toys or accessories.

# Play Clothes

Natural play can be extremely messy. For this reason, we ask that you dress your child every day to get dirty! Please try to provide infants with zip up outfits. The less buttons, the better. If your child wears a diaper and a skirt, please put shorts or underwear under them as well.

During the summer months when we are applying sunscreen and/or bug spray as well as doing active water play, we have found that having a set of play clothes and a bathing suit or swim diapers left at DreamKare, makes it much easier. \*Water activities start the day after Memorial Day and end Labor Day\*\* **Please label all clothing items** from home to ensure they make it back to their correct owner.

# **Potty Training**

We are committed to partnering with parents for this important milestone. Due to sanitation requirements, we ask that your child be accident free for at least a week before sending cloth underwear. We do not wash soiled clothing or underwear but will put them in a bag to be sent home. Parents are to provide pullups.

# **Birthday Celebrations**

Parents are welcome to send in a treat to share with their child's friends on birthdays or special occasions. We may have allergies in the classroom so please buy store bought treats with an ingredient label and inform your child's teacher what kind of treat you plan on bringing.

If a birthday lands on a weekend, we have pizza every Friday and will plan to have it that day. Otherwise, we will move our weekly pizza day to your child's birthday.

#### **Food Policy:**

DreamKare is PEANUT FREE and provides breakfast, lunch and snacks to all children, with the exception of infants who are on breastmilk/formula or baby food which will be provided by parents. Allergies and special dietary needs will be taken into account provided they are stated in writing. Food served by the daycare will be of sufficient quantity and nutritional quality.

Infants will be offered table food from our menu once they have teeth. Infants will not be given anything nut based until their parents have allowed them to try it at home with no allergic reaction.

We value family-style dining and encourage children to assist in setting the table, using utensils and putting the dishes in the sink. Assistance will be provided as needed. Caregivers will join in meal times and socialize as you would at home.

#### **INFANT BOTTLES:**

If mothers decide to leave their breast-pumped milk for baby, all breast milk bottles MUST be labelled with the NAME, DATE and CONTENT per licensing rules.

ALL formula bottles MUST be <u>made</u> in individual bottles and placed in a bag/tote with your child's name on it.

**NOTE:** Please train your baby to drink from a bottle <u>prior</u> to attending daycare. Please bring the bottle they most prefer as well. It is very difficult to ensure your baby eats while having latching issues to their bottle.



\*Wean babies off of their bottles starting at 1 year old and no later than 1 1/2 years old.\*

#### Accidents

In the event a child needs emergency care, 911 is immediately called as well as parents. If we are unable to reach the parents, the child will be taken to the Royal Oak Beaumont hospital or a previously requested emergency facility. If a child has a life-threatening problem, emergency care will be provided even if DreamKare cannot reach the parents.

Parents will be immediately notified if their child sustains any sort of injury to the head, no matter how minor.

# Incident Report

In the event of an accident/injury, appropriate procedures will be followed, and parents will be notified via Brightwheel. Incident reports are kept on all accidents and copies are available to the parents at the end of the day when they pick-up their child. These incident report forms are competed by the staff at the time of the accident/incident and are reviewed and signed by the parent.

## **Sick Child Policy**

#### REASONS FOR EXCLUSION FROM THE DAYCARE

A child showing any of the following signs/symptoms MUST be excluded from DreamKare

Temperature of 100.4 degrees F or higher

# (Children must be fever free for <u>24 hours</u> without the assistance of drugs before returning to daycare)

- Undiagnosed skin rash
- Yellow/green nasal discharge accompanied by fever
- Diarrhea (more than twice)
- Vomiting
- Lethargy
- Coughing so that the child cannot play, cry, sleep or eat
- Ear ache
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye) this is generally a viral infection that is spread via the hands. It is highly contagious for the first 3 to 5 days after symptoms appear. Symptoms include red, draining or crusty eyes.
- Strep throat
- Lice
- Any communicable disease (ex// Chickenpox, Fifth Disease, Influenza, Norovirus, Ringworm, Scabies, etc.)

If we observe any of these symptoms in your child while they are in our care we will isolate them from the other children and will call you immediately so that you can make arrangements for early pick-up. Exclusion from DreamKare is required when the staff feels that a child is in a contagious phase of an illness, if they require more care and observation than can be offered at DreamKare, or if a child can no longer be comfortable at DreamKare.

# **Crying Policy**

Any child who is upset, crying or unable to participate in the day (for ANY reason) will be sent home after 2 hours, parents must pick up their child.



# Primary reasons for exclusion from child care are that the condition:

- -Prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities
- -Results in a need for care that is greater than staff members can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children
- -Poses a risk of spread of harmful disease to others

# DreamKare requests a doctor's note for any child that has been sick and returns to daycare 24 hours after being diagnosed.

#### **COVID-19 Precautions**

We are a trusted voice for the families we serve, therefore, we ask all parents to be responsible as well and report the following:

- 1. Has your child been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19? (If yes, the family is recommended to self-quarantine for 5 days.)
- 2. Has your child felt unwell in the last 3 days? (fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste of smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, rash, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea)
- 3. Visually check the child for signs of illness, including flushed cheeks, rapid or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness.
- We are to contact our local health department for guidance and best practices and to determine if the entire facility must close.

If a parent comes into contact with someone who has Covid-19, we ask that parents monitor both themselves and their children for symptoms aligning to Covid-19 and use "Test to Stay" precautions.

If a parent contracts Covid-19, their child **must** stay home for 5 days as they monitor symptoms and test their child day 1 and 5 after being exposed.

A negative test for Covid-19 test is required for any child, parent and/or staff member, to re-attend the daycare if they have contracted the virus.

#### Key points for a safe return are:

- 1. Your children MUST have been tested for COVID at least 3 days before attending daycare.
- 2. Anyone 2 years+ are to wear a mask while "testing to stay" after exposure from contact (Not including parent)
- 3. Children who do not attend DreamKare, can not enter the daycare.
- 4. All drop off and pick ups must be done outside of the entrance.
- 5. Please try to maintain a 6 ft distance from everyone.

#### Cleaning

All toys are sanitized at rotation. All surfaces are cleaned after every use.



#### Medication

DreamKare will only administer medications prescribed and signed by a physician (if over-the-counter) or with written consent and signed by a parent (if not). All medications must be in the original containers and must be clearly marked with the child's name and dosage to be given. To avoid forgetting your child's medication at school, it may be helpful to ask your pharmacist to put your child's prescription medication in two labeled containers, one for DreamKare and one for home.

All prescription medications will be administered by a staff member who has received Medication Administration Training (MAT).

If a child is to receive any type of medication while at DreamKare, a "**Medication Consent Form**" must be completed by the parent.

Please note: A separate form must be completed for each type of medication to be administered.

Emergency Medication (including Epi-Pen)

For an **Epi-Pen**, a "**Food Allergy Action Plan**" must be filled out in addition to the "**Medication Consent Form**".

Topical Medications (Sunscreens, Insect Repellent, Diaper Ointment, etc.)

The procedure for the application of sunscreen, diaper cream, moisturizer, or insect repellant is:

- 1. The parent must supply the daycare with the appropriate sunscreen, insect repellant, etc. labeled with your child's name.
- 2. Staff will only reapply sunscreen once during the day. Sunscreen for morning playground time must be applied prior to drop-off.

# **Separation Anxiety**

Separation anxiety is a normal experience for both children and parents. The difficulty is that it often starts about the time that families are starting child care. It will pass in its own time, and your child's educators will have plenty of ideas for supporting your child. Though often challenging and exciting, the growth toward independence can be challenging and scary for very young children. Parents and teachers working together, showing children they trust and believe in one another, offers a foundation of support in the separation process.

A confident arrival and gradual drop off will support your child in feeling comfortable and secure with their routine. Give a kiss/hug, say good-bye, tell your child you will be back and have a great day. Prolonging your departure can make matters worse. Tears at departure are normal, but can be difficult for parents, so please feel comfortable to call when you'd like to check on how your child's day is going. Typically, we send pictures as soon as they are doing well to ease this worry for parents as well.

At the end of the day, a gradual transition is also the best approach. If outside, take time to sit down for a moment next to your child to show interest in his/her activity and allow for its natural closure. Have small talk with teachers while in excitement for your child's new activities away from home.

#### Ratio

DreamKare's ratio is 7:1 (7 children to 1 staff member) The 7th child is above the age of 29+ months.

However, we usually have an assistant when there are 6+ children. Please see below our ratio abilities.

#### About the Staff

We understand that leaving your child with another person can be some times scary. For a peace of mind, all of our staff members are CPR, first aid and blood-borne pathogen trained. We ensure all members on duty are up to date with these certifications. (Licensing comes once a year to verify these certificates as



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	Children less than		Children 18-29		Children 30 months		
Caregiving Staff	18 mo. old	+	months old	1	and older	=	TOTAL
Each caregiver	0	+	0	+	6	=	6
may supervise	0	+	1	+	5	=	6
up to 6 children	0	+	2	+	4	-	6
at any one time	0	1	3	+	3	=	6
in any of the	0	+	4	1	2	=	6
following	1	+	0	+	5	-	6
combinations of	1	+	1	+	4	-	6
age groups of	1	+	2	+	3		6
children	1	- 1	3	+	2	_	6
	2	+	0	1	4	=	6
	2	+	1	+	3	_	6
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well) Each staff member has on file a sworn disclosure statement, a national fingerprint-based national criminal background check, and current health screenings. Parents may request to view this information at anytime.

Most importantly, Staff is specially handpicked with a parent's best interest in mind. We look for loving, patient and fun individuals who can, without a doubt, understand our unique and curious little humans.

We have animals! Fiesta, our cat, is the sweetest fur baby ever and our kiddos can't leave her alone. Marsle, our dog, is a puppy at heart and a toddler in mind. He never interacts with the children unless with permission by parents, is allowed to say hello. If there are any allergies, we would have Fiesta and Marsle confined to their space upstairs.

## **Babysitting**

DreamKare has wonderful staff to hire as babysitters. Please feel free to set up dates and have a peace of mind when hiring our staff. However, DreamKare is not responsible for care outside of its' premise. Please be mindful of their existing work schedules as well.

All you have to do is send a message on Brightwheel and all our staff members will be able to see your request for babysitting and someone will reply as soon as they can!

#### **Our Home Policy**

Please respect our home. We ask that all parents guide their children to the front door and text us via Brightwheel when you are ready for pick up. We have an exciting daycare built in our basement, a sunroom to hang out during wet days and an enormous backyard to run around in. However, our upstairs is off limits to children as it is not licensed approved and our escape and personal space at the end of the day.



#### **OVERALL EXPECTATIONS:**

#### Infants

Parents can depend on our dedicated, warm, and loving staff.

Your baby will have a personal crib with nursery rhymes and white noises to put them to sleep. Play is based on exploration, stimulation and sensory experience. Classical music, tummy time and story time are a large part of the day.

For optimal health and safety, toys are sterilized and the changing table is sterilized after each diaper change. It's always nice for baby to wake up to a parent's face, but street shoes are not allowed in the room, otherwise we bring baby to you. Your baby's schedule is on demand as dictated by you. We welcome infants 30 weeks and older.

#### **Toddlers**

When you are a toddler, investigating the world around you is what life is all about! At DreamKare, our caring, energetic staff encourages and gently guide each child through discovery and exploration. Their day is filled with art, music, movement, toys, and equipment that are age-appropriate and that stimulate learning. Indoor and outdoor play areas allow plenty of opportunity for running, jumping and moving. Soothing music and gentle back rubs during naptime on toddler-sized cots give just the right ambiance for a peaceful rest time.

# Preschool (Three year olds)

At DreamKare, preschoolers have endless opportunities to enjoy classrooms filled with fun and challenging toys and manipulatives that offer a colorful and stimulating environment. In this setting children learn to be independent and to exercise a variety of personal, social and emotional skills. Problem solving, cognitive learning, critical thinking and math concepts are encouraged. Art is used to promote self-expression and creativity. Music helps preschoolers learn concepts through finger-play, songs, games, rhythm and instruments. Movement and playground time promote fitness and coordination.

#### WELCOME TO DREAMKARE!!!

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