

Childhood Treasures



February 2010

Welcome, Regina.

Many of you have already met Regina. She stepped into the role of office coordinator a couple of weeks after Casey decided to go to school full-time.

At the time she was a blessing in disguise. I had no idea that the childcare committee would work an Assistant Director position into our budget for the year when she came on to "just help out in the office."

Regina brings a new aspect to the child care. She has a Master's in Social Work and a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling and has served in Cardinal Valley and most recently Covington Independent as a

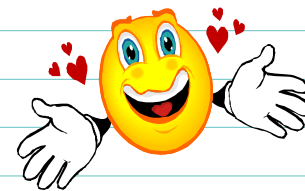
school counselor.

In addition to her professional life, Regina is mom to Ian Spencer in Kim McGaha's Twos class. As with all of our employees who are also clients, she helps us cover both worlds as educators and parents.

With this unique combination, we feel confident as we move into a higher quality of child care. In March the raters are coming to use an environmental rating scale to assign a STARS level 2 to our center. STARS is a quality rating scale administered by the state to acknowledge the above and beyond efforts of child cares across the state. The scale ranges

from level 1 to 4.

In addition to helping us achieve a higher STAR rating, Regina is our connection to Fayette County. Through her experience in the school system, she is a great

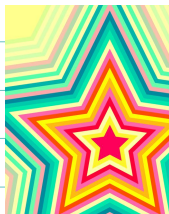


resource for fine-tuning our curriculum to make the transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten as smooth as possible.

I am looking forward to this year holding more good changes than I can imagine. Stop by and say hello to Regina.

Guests in March:

Between the weeks of March 15-26th the raters will be here to look at our center and evaluate our learning environment. Their choice of rooms is random so we are preparing the children in all classrooms to have guests in the room with them during their daily activities. Please join us in preparing each class. Hopefully if they hear it from all of us it will keep the children from getting nervous.



Headed to Higher Stars

We have gotten our dates for our STARS rater's visit.

They will be visiting us at a random times and in random classrooms during the weeks of March 15-26th. The raters will be using an environmental rating scale to determine the

level of care being given in each classroom.

By using this style of teaching our teacher's will increase the quality of their own environment as well as the quality for the children.

Each classroom will be putting together prop boxes for pretend play and science. We will be posting request lists for items that will

help us create multiple boxes in order for the classrooms to switch and vary their contents. Most of the items we need can be found around the house. We are working on hair salons, barbershops, doctor's office, camping, restaurants, geologist, and ocean biologists boxes to be finished by March. We will have our lists up soon if you would like to help