

North Edmonton Family Day Home Agency

PARENT E-NEWS

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Ways to Connect With Us

- Provider Newsletter
- Provider E-News found on our website
- Provider Facebook Page
- Agency Facebook Page
- NEFDHA Website
- Workshops
- Contact your consultant
- Contact the office
- Come into the office

How We Promote Providers

- We feature homes on our website
- Map location of available homes on our website
- Signage for your window stating you have a day home with NEFDHA and how to contact us.
- Referrals for parents seeking care in your area

How We Advertise

- NEFDHA website
- Government Website
- Google
- Kijiji
- Facebook - search @nefdha
- Twitter -@nefhakids
- Signage visible at office - Walk-ins
- Flyers available for providers to distribute
- Provider & Agency business cards
- TELUS online advertisement

Website nefdha.com



2016 Statutory Holidays

Monday September 5 Labor Day
Monday October 10 Thanksgiving
Friday November 11 Remembrance Day

Providers are entitled to statutory holidays off with pay. If you will be taking additional days off before or after these holidays, as a courtesy, please inform your provider well in advance of your planned holidays.



NOVEMBER Workshop
For Parents and Providers



Awesome Environments

Presenter Laura Armstrong

DATE: November 5th, 2016

TIME: 10am - 12pm

LOCATION: St. Dominic Savio Parish, 14406-62 street

Let's take a 360-degree view of our childcare spaces and be invigorated with new ideas, as well as opportunities that can be found in our existing spaces. Filled with tons of engaging images, we will explore how all areas of the room, including ceiling, walls, windows, and floors, can be used to interact with each of the five senses.

Call the office to register 780-478-3376

SCHOOL AGE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



READ AROUND THE WORLD

Many day homes are participating in the independent reader summer challenge.

Challenge Rules

- 1) This contest is for independent readers only (providers own children are eligible)
- 2) Every page read equals 1 km travelled (1 page = 1 km)
- 3) Independent readers can read to younger children so that everyone can be involved. This is a great way to promote mentoring to the older children in care.

Prizes for:

- 1) The reader who reads the farthest distance.
- 2) The day home that travels the farthest as a combined group.
- 3) The independent reader who travels the farthest by reading to younger children in care.

***** Every child participating in the Summer Reading Challenge will receive a gift bag and 2 Providers will win a gift certificate to Chapters Book store*****
Reading Challenge closes August 31, 2016



Developing a love for reading in the early years is a lifelong lasting gift on so many levels. Not only in an imaginative sense and for pleasure but also in the development of important literacy skills. Reading provides a growth of knowledge, a pleasurable hobby to escape from our busy lives and the development of critical thinking. Developing a love for books in the early years will set your child up for reading readiness and help lay the basis for your child's success inside, outside and beyond school.

Parents can encourage their children to read and develop a love of reading.

Janice Davis
September 2011

Tips For Sharing Books With Your Child

Getting Started

1. Let your child choose a book. Share the book with your child, take your time.
2. Have your child close to you when you read.
3. Tell your child the name of the book and say what it is about.

Read Along

1. From time to time as you read move your finger along the words from left to right so your child sees how the words work on the page. Point out details in the pictures to help your child understand what is happening.
2. Use your voice to hold the child's attention. Children love it when you use expression.
3. Encourage children to repeat important phrases. This helps the child to be included as a reader.
4. You can try paired reading where you read together to help build your child's confidence in reading aloud.
5. Encourage your children to act out what is being read. For example, if a character is swimming pretend to swim.

Talking About it

1. Talk about the story with your child.
2. Help your child connect actions, themes or characters with other books they have read.
3. Encourage children to interact throughout the story by pointing to the pictures and by asking questions.

Making Observations

Providers are required to make regular observations of children in care. Observations are essential in order to begin to understand what children are experiencing and the meaning they bring to their experiences. Observations help the provider to create a more responsive program plan for each child in care and share with you, the parent, observations they have made through a variety documentation methods.

Providers document their observations by writing observations along with and keeping samples of your child's art, writing, as well as posting pictures of your child engaged in activities, called documentation panels. Observations can help to establish an active dialog with your child and you. Reflecting on these observations allows the provider to gain a deeper understanding of the ways in which your child interacts with their environment.

Providers are currently being introduced to a new written observation format that follows the Early Learning and Child Care Curriculum Framework for Alberta, which is slowly being introduced.

Observations can help to: ▪ Keep track of a child's emotional, social, cognitive and physical development over time. ▪ Identify a child's strengths and interests. ▪ Decide how best to respond in a certain situation. ▪ Improve the physical environment and materials. ▪ Modify curriculum/daily routine ▪ Share with parents.

There is an APP for that!!

By Bonnie Dani, March 18, 2016 - Wouldn't it be great if there was an app that provided us with some of the best ideas to help our kids gain literacy skills, so we could easily find what we wanted?

Now there is! The new *Flit* app by the Centre for Family Literacy is not just another literacy app to put in front of your kids. This app is for parents and caregivers of children from birth to 5 years. The *Flit* (Families Learning and Interacting Together) app offers a curated resource of some of the best activities to connect and do with your child to boost and build key literacy skills.

Here is how it works: First, scroll across the top to choose from 8 categories: Books, Rhymes, Games, Crafts, Writing, Numbers, Cooking, or Reading. Once you choose a category, you will see the activities in that category. Simply choose an activity and you will be taken to that activity screen.

For example: Once you click on an activity you will be taken to that activity screen.

There you will find:

- What you need
- What to do
- How to do it together with your child

At the end of each activity you will find:

- What concepts can be learned from the activity
- Additional resources or ideas
- Related activities

Currently *Flit* is only available to Apple users, however the Centre for Family Literacy is working on securing funding for an Android version.



Download from itunes

<http://www.familit.ca/blog/?cat=7>

"I continue to believe that if children are given the necessary tools to succeed, they will succeed beyond their wildest dreams!"

— David Vitter, U.S. senator



North Edmonton Family Day Home Agency is proud to announce our participation in a community service project, supporting the Edmonton Food Bank.

The Edmonton Food Bank's Mission is to be stewards in the collection of surplus and donated food for the effective distribution, free of charge, to people in need in our community while seeking solutions to the causes of hunger.

The service project will continue through, **June, July, August, and will wrap up September**
The success of this community service project depends on your participation.

Donations can be dropped off at the office, or taken to your providers home to be picked up by your consultant and taken to the office on your behalf.

Please check the expiry dates of food the items you are donating to ensure they will not expire before November 2016, to ensure donations can be used by Edmonton's Food Bank.

*** Up date: We have received \$300.00 in monetary donations this month and will continue to **accept monetary donations.**

Beans with or without pork, Canned meat, Canned fish, Canned fruit or vegetables, Peanut butter, Macaroni and cheese dinners, Pasta and pasta sauce, Cereal and oatmeal, School snack items such as juice boxes, Fruit cups and granola bars, Rice, Lentils

As an aside, toiletries such as deodorant and shampoo or diapers are accepted (*please ensure that these items are identified and sealed separately from food donations to limit breakage or contamination*).



COMMUNITY EVENTS

August 5-7 Cariwest

The festival includes a colourful costume extravaganza and calypso competition **FREE** parade on Saturday, Aug 6 The Cariwest Caribbean Village is open on Saturday and Sunday with **FREE** live entertainment
www.cariwest.ca



August 11-21: Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival — More than 200 indoor and outdoor acts Admission to the grounds and street performances is **FREE** (donations accepted) KidsFringe is **FREE** entertainment aimed at ages 0-12
www.fringetheatre.ca

August 21: Open Farm Day — Come see an urban farm and a honey harvest at this **FREE** family-friendly event

Northlands
7515-118 Ave
www.northlands.com/alberta-open-farm-days

August 28: Viva Italia Day — Check out live entertainment, cooking demos, kid's corner and more at this **FREE** family-friendly event

Giovanni Caboto Park
95 Street and 109 Avenue <http://www.agie.ca>

August 19-21: Dragon Boat Festival

— This **FREE** family-friendly festival features dragon boat races on the river

Louise McKinney
Park 9999
Grierson Hill
Road
www.edbfa.com





**ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES &
NORTH EDMONTON FAMILY DAY HOME AGENCY**

Will be holding a

FREE

DENTAL CHECK UP
AND FLORIDE TREATMENT CLINIC

**Children 12 months to 4 years are eligible to attend
and must be accompanied by a parent.**

Wednesday September 21, 2016

First appointment at 4:00pm and
last appointment at 6:45pm

At the office

12704 - 101 Street

TO REGISTER AND BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TIME
CALL the office at 780-478-3376

There will be two Dental Hygienists available who will be able to see 18 children.

Each Session is 20 minutes in length. Children can sit on a parent's lap during the checkup and fluoride treatment if they are uncomfortable sitting alone during the session.

Register early, as space is limited. If you are unable to make your scheduled time please notify us at least 3 days in advance, so we are able give parents on the wait list enough time to make plans to attend.

This service is available to both parents and providers.