## Dear parent/guardian,

#### Welcome!

RENA Family Child Care wishes to thank you for considering RENA for your childcare needs. We offer a loving, safe, and educational environment for your child to grow, learn and play. RENA can understand how difficult it can be for working parents to balance all their commitments and responsibilities in their lives. For this reason, we strive to offer a program that will enrich your child's development while putting your mind at ease. We will do our best to assist your child in developing important values such as good manners, caring, sharing, patience, responsibility, as well as communication, and teamwork. RENA believes that children learn best through play, and we will implement these important values throughout our day.

Please feel free to openly discuss any problems or concerns you may have at any time. An open and honest relationship is the key to a happy childcare experience for everyone involved. Please help us operate our programs in a professional manner by carefully reading through the parent handbook and filling out all the necessary forms. It is very important that you are aware of all RENA policies, as we want you to make your decision about childcare based on the terms for which we will provide care.

Again, thank you for considering RENA Family Child Care Network. We look forward to providing your child with the best possible care!

Adra Pegues-Director

### RENA FCCN September Newsletter 2022

#### **Important Dates:**

- Friday, September 2
   Providers are Closed (PL)
- Monday, September 5
   Labor Day
   Providers are Closed
- Thursday, September 8, FIRST DAY of SCHOOL! (SDY)
- Monday & Tuesday
  September 26 & 27
  Rosh Hashanah
  NO SCHOOL (SDY)
- Monday, September 26
   Monthly Parent Meeting

#### Reminders:

• SDY: School Day Children 8am-2:20pm

Terms to Know:

• EDY: Extended Day Children

PL: Professional Learning

PRECERTIFICATIONS ARE due every 15th; please make sure to have all paperwork promptly to avoid disruptions. Come to Agency to fill out documentation.









For all children ages 6 weeks to 3 years old Come in and find out if you are eligible.
Tell a friend or neighbor to apply for childcare.

Daily Attendance: Please ensure children are at the provider's home no later than 9:30 am.

Contact us:
347-978-1850
Jennifer: 917-647-5379
Savina: 917-647-5245



"Influenza causes more hospitalizations among young children than any other vaccine-preventable disease. The single best way to protect against seasonal flu and its potential severe complications is for children to get a seasonal influenza vaccine each year. Flu vaccination is recommended for all children aged 6 months and older. Making healthy choices at school and at home can help prevent the flu and spreading flu to others." (CDC, 2021)

Information for Schools & Childcare Providers | CDC

#### **DOE Fall 2022 COVID-19 Guidance**

Vaccination: Vaccination is the best way to reduce COVID-19 risk.

• Stay home if sick: Students and staff should stay home if they show any symptoms of COVID-19 or other illnesses and get tested for COVID-19.

Isolate if COVID-19 positive. isolate for 5 days and can return to school on day 6 if they have no symptoms or symptoms are improving. They must wear mask until day 10 after symptom onset or date of positive test, whichever is earlier.

Masking- Face coverings are strongly recommended to be worn when indoors Cleaning:

\*\* Reporting incidents is essential since it raises the organization's awareness about the things that can go wrong so that corrective and preventative actions can be taken promptly. Please use form OCFS-4436 \*\*



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## **Education Corner**

Welcome to a New School Year!

Remember:

New School Year = New Adjustments and Transitions

Adjustment periods vary from child to child. Some children can adjust to new environments, people, and routines in a day. Others can take a month. It is all normal. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the RENA Education









#### \*All About Me\*

Help your provider get to know your child little better. Make an "All About Me" picture or book together. Draw a picture of your family and some if your child's favorites: Color, Place, Toy, Character, Activity, Food, etc.

#### Tips for an easier drop off:

- Bring something familiar: Family photo, blanket, comfort object.
- 2. Create a Good-bye ritual: high five and say "I love you"; 1 hug and a kiss on both cheeks
- 3. Talk about it: "Tomorrow I will take you to daycare. You will see \_\_\_. You will do \_\_\_. I will come get you after\_\_." this can be done with infants as well.-
- 4. Gradual Start: Talk with your provider. On the first day, drop off for only a few hours. On day 2, stay through nap.

  Day 3, do a full day
- 5. Create a Night-Before Checklist: sheets, diapers, wipes, change of cloths, bibs, pacifier, etc.
  - a. Have your child help pack their things!
- 6.Expect Tears! (from you and your child)
- \*\*\*Tears are a normal part of the transition process, \*\*\*









# Spotlight

#### Belkis Castillo



#### Tunnel Crawl

Children in Belkis' home are crawling through a tunnel. Not only are they having fun, they are also strengthening their core and bilateral coordination skills (using both sides of the body together).

They are also learning to take turns.





#### Obstacle Course

Children in Ana's home are working through a simple obstacle course,
They are working on their balance,
coordination, memory and problem solving!



Ana Kery

