

## **Substitute care**

**Should I need to be away from the daycare for a short time due to unforeseen circumstances or in the event of an emergency, substitute care will be provided by my assistants Billie Butler or Marie Lawrence.. These two are both people I would leave my own child with. In the event of an emergency if a backup caregiver can not be located parents will be called to pick up their children.**

**Please note: parents are responsible for providing their own back up care for illness, holidays, provider's vacations, provider's illnesses, emergency and personal days. I will not be responsible for providing back up caregivers.**

## **Parent involvement**

**Parents are encouraged to participate in their child's experiences at Merri's Home Daycare. As you are leaving your child with me while you are working I understand that direct involvement is not always possible. there are other ways you can contribute to our program such as: sharing interests and skill, Perhaps associated with cultural traditions, careers or hobbies, taking responsibility for repairing toys and equipment, assisting in field trips, donating craft supplies, etc. Any other ways you can think of to be involved I would be happy to discuss with you.**

## **Birthdays and celebrations**

**at Merri's Home Daycare we will observe special days with activities, treats and possibly outings. You are welcome to bring treats, decorations, games, etc to help celebrate as long as there is enough for everyone. please discuss this with me in advance so we can plan accordingly.**

## **Proper dress**

**Clothing worn to child care should be appropriate for the day's weather and play. Please do not send your child to care wearing anything special or new. I teach the children creativity, problem solving, and pride in their skills. Sometimes these values get a little messy. Please dress your child for real success! Onesies or shirts that snap at the crotch, too tight shoes the child cannot slip on themselves (i have no problem with tying) and tight jeans with belts, buttons and snaps that the children can't handle alone are not appropriate in the daycare situation. It has proven to be a source of frustration to all involved. Children take pride in being able to care for themselves. If there is a special occasion that calls for special clothing (a visit or party right after child care or a trip to the photographer), Please send the special clothing with your child and I will help them clean up and get dressed prior to your arrival.**

## **supplies**

**The following items are not furnished by Merri's Home Daycare and must be provided by the parents:**