

Mountain View Explorers
South Lake Tahoe CA 96150
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Monday-Friday from 800-430

☺ Hello and welcome to my family home daycare & preschool! I have owned my home-based daycare business since January 2007 and have been in the child care field since 1995. I became interested in the childcare field when my children, Tanner and Jake, were little and attending preschool here in South Lake Tahoe. They both graduated college and have returned to Tahoe! I know how precious these years are to parents and how important it is to find someone who will love and teach and guide your child in a positive environment☺ In addition to Mountain View Childcare, I have worked for the Lake Tahoe Unified School District, Lake Tahoe Community College Child Development Center and was Director for the Sierra at Tahoe Daycare. I have also worked/volunteered for two home daycares and a preschool in South Lake Tahoe when my children were little. I have completed over 40 units in Early Childhood Education at LTCC. I have taken a little of each experience from all classes and situations and have combined them to run my own family based daycare and preschool. I believe that mixed age group care is the best for your child from infancy to age 5. I absolutely love what I do and enjoy watching children grow and learn in a loving family environment. ☺

☺ My philosophy is that children learn through play, imagination, exploration, and experimentation. We are an outdoor centered preschool program with a curriculum offered during the school year. Summers are spent mostly outside with weekly themes picked by the children enrolled. Children will have age-appropriate activities and will be given freedom and time to enjoy the learning process and will have expectations and consequences within these parameters:

- Children will be exposed to the following: play time, quiet time, sensory activities, toys that encourage a child to be social and emotional, manipulatives that promote gross and small motor development, story time, music, dance, dramatic play and art activities. During art we will focus on the creative process; not the product.
- Children will spend time outside year round!
- Children will be responsible for their own actions and consequences of their choices. We use a Love and Logic approach in guiding your child. We will re-direct your child and/or have them take a short break.

- Children will be encouraged to be independent and try new things.
- Children will learn how to be polite to others and have respect for their toys and my home.
- Children will be encouraged to share and also how to be patient.
- Children will participate in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, including independent and small group time.

_____ Infants: Infants will be entertained with music, books, songs and finger plays, sensory toys and manipulatives. They will be introduced to both interactive and independent activities that encourage and stimulate their senses and promote their gross and fine motor skills and muscle control. Infants will be encouraged to try new things, develop independence and learn self-comforting skills. Infants will also participate in the daily outside time as well as rest periods. Infants under age 1 will sleep and eat on demand as needed. As they grow we will gradually work them into our routine and schedule with the other children including napping and meals. Parents will provide breast milk, formula and all food until age one. We will then slowly transition them to our meal plan. Parents will provide diapers.

_____ Trial Period: Each family will participate in a two-week trial period, at the end of which the provider or family can terminate services. There are many choices and options when it comes to childcare and I want to ensure you and your child get the proper environment for your child to be successful! Your child must be emotionally, socially and physically ready for the group environment of my home childcare. Your child must fit into the routines of the children already successful with my program.

_____ Fees: Infants 0-2 \$10 per hour. Children 2- \$8 per hour

Drop-In Extra Day \$15/hour

All families will be required to pick a schedule and will be charged based on age and hours of attendance per day. Any additional days or hours will be based on availability and must be scheduled in advance. **Monthly fees will be calculated and a flat fee each month will be due regardless of attendance or daycare closures including vacation weeks; you are reserving a spot in the daycare and**

not billed for attendance. All fees for child care are to be paid in full at the beginning of each month for the entire month. Payment must be received by the last day of the month billed for the next month of service in order to avoid a late charge of \$50. If the first falls on a weekend, your payment is due the Friday prior and will be deposited then. If you are not scheduled to come on the last day of the month, payment must be received on your last day of care that month.

_____ Attendance: All clients will pick a schedule and hours of attendance in advance. You will be charged by the hour for the hours you choose. We will figure an average weekly rate and times that by 4.3 (average number of weeks per month) and figure a flat monthly rate. If your schedule is 9-4; you may not drop off at 8 and pick up after 5! (this happens all the time). Employee schedules and plans are made based on the hours you schedule so you must be on time! If you need a late pick up occasionally please ask a week in advance. Continual late pickups will result in termination of childcare services.

_____ You will be charged the full monthly rate listed in your contract, including closures for Covid19 and quarantine or pandemic closures. Additional days will be charged at the rate of \$60 per day. Once a contract is signed, it can be terminated by the client by giving a 30 day notice, so that I may have time to fill the spot with a new client. No refunds will be given for unused days or for a month that has been prepaid.

_____ A registration fee of \$100 per family will be required to hold a spot in advance for your child or children. You will be asked to verbally confirm a start date and fill out a contract with days and hours. All state paperwork including immunizations must be completed before first day of attendance. Trial days before starting are encouraged and will be at no charge! This is so parents and children are comfortable and slowly transition to group daycare.

_____ Closures: You will need to find back-up care for your child during my vacation or any days child care is closed. This includes closures due to teacher illness or snow days, covid quarantine or power outage.

Holidays that daycare will be closed include: New Years Eve, New Years Day, Martin Luther King, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and the day after and Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Daycare is usually closed during Christmas Day and New Year's. We will also close for another week or two during the year. Plenty of notice will be given for these closures. Your monthly flat rate will still apply during ALL closures.

Please feed your child breakfast at home ☺ If you've had a busy or hectic morning and your child needs breakfast just let me know!

DAILY SCHEDULE:

800 OPEN

830-900 INFANTS MORNING NAP and QUIET INSIDE PLAY

900: FREE PLAY/ MUSIC/ PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1000: CIRCLE TIME; PLANNED ACTIVITY

1015 : SNACK

10:30: OUTSIDE PLAY

12:00: LUNCH

1:00: NAP OR REST TIME

3:00 SNACK

330: MUSIC, DANCE, FREE PLAY

345: OUTSIDE TIME; WEATHER AND DAYLIGHT PERMITTING

430: PICK UP!

____SCHEDULE: All children enrolled will follow the schedule as a group. All children will participate in outside play (summer and winter), nap or rest time, and

meals provided by the childcare. As required by the state, all infants will sleep in a bed. Older children will rest or nap on a nap mat. You are welcome to bring a blanket or comfort item from home for naptime. All state regulations will be followed.

_____CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES: Parents will provide all diapers. Wipes will be provided. Diapers will be checked/changed every 2 hours unless otherwise needed. Children being potty trained will need to bring several changes of underwear and extra clothes. Pull-ups are not recommended. This should be a happy positive experience for your child. If they are not ready for this transition in a group environment we will inform you immediately. Children must be ready and willing ☺ Please dress your child appropriately for weather, art and sensory activities. ALWAYS pack extra clothes!

_____ For winter play it is required that your child has all waterproof clothing including gloves. Dress your child for snow play as you would dress yourself for a day of skiing! Fleece is not recommended. Layers seem to work great! Please keep in mind that toddlers new to the snow and wearing bulky snow clothes will go through a transition period ☺ With lots of patience and parents having a positive attitude toward winter in Tahoe will help this transition! Please label all items. You are welcome to keep a set of snow clothes here if that is easier.

_____For summer, please keep in mind we have a very sunny lot ☺ Please send your child with sunscreen already applied, along with a sunhat and layers for cold mornings. We will re-apply sunscreen every 2 hours. Keeping a swimsuit and towel here for the summer is best! I will wash items every Friday.

_____Sick policy: It is a priority to keep myself, my employees and my home healthy and germ free ☺ Please call before drop off if your child has ANY symptoms! Please keep your child home if they are sick with a fever, vomiting, or other highly contagious symptoms such as a rash or cough. I am also not a big fan of medicine for little ones. A child who is not able to participate in the normal daily routine and just not handling being in group care will be sent home. We will use preventive measures to keep kids healthy including: washing hands frequently, eating healthy and drinking lots of water and getting plenty of down/rest time. Outside time helps as well as getting plenty of fresh air and out of the house in the winter ☺ Please do not give your child medicine to "help them through the day". Medicine only masks the fever and they are still contagious.

_____ Owner absences: I have back-up personnel that are fingerprinted and qualified to fill in during my absence. If there is a day or week that I will need off due to illness or vacation, daycare will be covered. Advance notice will be given if time allows.

_____ Hours of attendance: Please be respectful of my business hours. I am sharing my home with you and your little ones and appreciate you being on time to pick-up. If you are in need of early drop off times or a later pick up time please ask in advance. It is also extremely important to your child to spend time with you ☺ A late fee of \$25 will be charged for every 15 min late.

I have read the admissions agreement including, rates, hours, philosophy and policies. I agree to these terms.

X _____ Date _____