

Sample Letter to Parents

Dear Parents,

We believe part of caring for your children is caring for the world they are growing up in, so we are excited to announce that our program is making changes to our child care environment! While becoming more “green” is a new effort for us, protecting the well-being of your children and their environment is not- that has been a priority since our program’s beginning.

We are working on an Eco-Healthy Child Care® national endorsement with the help of Child Care Council (Rochester, NY) and Clean and Healthy NY (Albany, NY) to help us improve the environmental health of our program. They will be assisting and assessing us with the following areas of our facility:

- Pesticides- managing how we control occasional pest problems indoors and outdoors in ways that protect children from both pests and pesticides.
- Recycling and Garbage Storage- safely storing all garbage and reducing the amount of garbage we produce, reusing what we can, and recycling the rest (specifically electronics waste).
- Air Quality- reducing asthma triggers and cleaning the air for everyone.
- Toys and Plastics- avoiding plastics made with chemicals that can be harmful to children’s bodies.
- Art Supplies- making sure art materials are free from hazardous or toxic ingredients.
- Playground Equipment- monitoring our equipment to make sure it is free of arsenic and other harmful chemicals.
- Cleaning Products - cleaning and disinfecting with products and processes that are healthiest for children.
- Furniture and Carpets- making sure these items are free of toxic flame retardants.
- Lead, Mercury & Radon - ensuring that children are not exposed to these toxics while in care.

As we become make changes in each of these areas, expect further communication. We look forward to sharing our process and progress with you and welcome your feedback at anytime. We encourage you to consider supporting our efforts through at-home participation.

Thank you for the privilege of caring for your children!

Sincerely,