



December 2006

Central South Dakota EVEN START

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New Even Start Coordinator

Hello, my name is Lisa Blake. I am the new Even Start Coordinator. My background for the past approximate 14 years has been in the Early Childhood field. I previously owned Children's Castle and previously instructed for the Early Childhood Training Network/PARS training child care providers and parents for the last 1 1/2 years.

I am thrilled to be with The Right Turn and have met some wonderful parents/students and teachers. If there is anything that I can assist anyone with I would certainly be happy to help. Any new ideas are always welcome; and please feel free to stop by and visit anytime! Thanks to everyone for making me feel welcome.



Welcome Jessica

My name is Jessica Paxton, daughter of Kim and Doug Paxton. I was born and raised here in Pierre. I have recently graduated from the University of South Dakota with a degree in Nursing. I am currently the Early Childhood Assistant at Even Start. At this moment, I am preparing to take my state board exams to become licensed in South Dakota. I am very excited to be working in the Early Childhood classroom along side my sister-in-law!! I enjoy working with children and watching them discover and learn new things.



December Family Event:

Splashing & Dashing

At the YMCA Aquatic Center

Tuesday, December 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

The Right Turn, Inc.

GED Testing :

First Friday of each month

Writing 8:30 a.m.

Math 11:30 a.m.

Reading, Science, Social Studies
1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

Third Saturday of each month

Writing 1:00 pm.

Math 2:30 p.m.

Students must pre-register
for GED tests.

For information or to schedule test
please call The Right Turn, Inc. at
773 -4755.

Monthly Quotes:

A child's life is like a piece of paper, where
every passerby leaves a mark.

It is easier to build a child than repair an adult.

FUN WINTER ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ Rolled up sock bowling, basket throwing
- ⇒ Indoor snowball fight—using crumpled paper as snowballs
- ⇒ Mitten Matching—put in a pile and match pairs
- ⇒ Music—stop and start music, giving cues such as when music stops “put your head on something blue”.
- ⇒ Pillowcase bop—with your child, take a pillowcase with each of you hanging onto an end and put a rolled up sock, popcorn, softball, and pretend it is like a parachute—try to keep it on the pillowcase or bop it off!!!
- ⇒ Make a collage by only using white things such as cotton balls, paper, white paint.
- ⇒ Pretend to be things of winter—the wind, a snowflake, act out a snowman, a goose, etc.

BE CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!

Home Visits:

Check with Danae or Jessica

Congratulations to:



Bethany Curtis and Cheyenne Fast
Wolf who each completed an Ad-
vanced High Class.

Dawn Fernandez who just obtained
a job starting 11/29/06.

Casimir Fast Wolf on crawling! You're moving
along!

Thanks to all parents who have been attending Interactive
Literacy, Parenting classes, and our Family Events—we
appreciate your time and involvement!

Weekly Classroom Themes:

Gingerbread Week

Kids Around the World

Happy Holly-Days!

The Ways I Love My Son

By: Cheyenne Fast Wolf

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love the way my son smiles so beautiful and
bright.
When I see this it makes everything all right.
The way he laughs brings joy to my heart.
I know I'd miss it if we were ever apart.
The way he babbles and talks.
Oh, it will be wonderful when he starts to
walk.
I love to watch him sleep.
That's a memory I love to keep.
The way he puts his head on my shoulder.
The way he tries to stand up shows me he's get-
ting older.
I love everything about him.
Oh, I can't believe he's almost one!*