Date: January 24, 2005

To: Parents

From: Denise

RE: Illness Policy Reminder

This policy has been established for both the children and the staff, since special care must be taken to prevent the spread of disease in any group situation. For the health and the safety of all children, we cannot accept any child who is suffering from any kind of contagious illness or disease. In most cases, a doctor's note is required before a child can be readmitted to day care. In all cases, the Center Director or designated staff person will make the decision about a child being excluded from care.

Other situations when a child should not attend day care include: fever, vomiting, and diarrhea. Fever is defined as any temperature of 101°F or more; this would require a parent to pick up their child from the center. Diarrhea which occurs twice within the child's day at the center will also necessitate the removal of the child from the center until the diarrhea has ended. When a child vomits one time, the parent will be called and the child may return to the center when the vomiting has stopped.

While we realize the difficulties that arise when you need to find alternate care or miss work because of a sick child, we feel we must consistently enforce these policies for the benefit of all concerned. With this in mind, we reserve the right not to admit any child who we feel is too ill to attend child care on any particular day.

Thank you for your cooperation.