

Provider's Corner

Rana Jamison has dedicated three years to the children of Hamilton County as a home child care provider and cared for children since she was the age of twelve. She became a provider in order to stay home with her two children, Jalen and Morgen, so she could give them the attention they need to grow into responsible people. The love she held for children eventually grew into a very rewarding career. She offers a safe, fun learning environment for the children in our community.

She believes that keeping a sound, safe, and secure environment that relishes happiness and making learning fun is the key for making kids ready for school and ready for life. She believes in maintaining the trust of families in the community by caring for their children as if they were her own. One way that she does this is by celebrating each child's birthday with a party.

She strives to increase her knowledge of child development by taking part in the 4C program and attending child care workshops. She promotes education through a variety of learning opportunities such as computer based learning, sensory activities, story time, puzzles, writing skills, math, dramatic play, listening and responding activities, sound identification, manipulative, large-muscle activities, phonics, and foreign language.

In her free time, she enjoys trips to the libraries, bookstores, parks, zoo(s), museums, aquariums, and traveling with family and friends. It is her goal to complete her CDA and turn her basement into a Type A childcare center.

Michelle Baggett has worked as a professional child care provider for eight years. She began working with children at the age of sixteen when she was employed by the Cincinnati Youth Service Bureau. It is through her positive experiences working at the bureau that she developed a love and appreciation for children.

Michelle believes that children should have the proper foundation to succeed from the time they are born until they become mature adults. She has realized the best way for children to learn is by play, imitation, and making sure they have access to materials that help stimulate their creative minds.

She has committed herself to making sure that children in her care will be self-sufficient and independent thinkers, by providing a safe, loving and nurturing environment where they can create, and imagine whatever they desire.

Michelle attended Xavier University where she received a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice. In November 2007, she completed her CDA through 4C for Children.

But with her busy schedule she still finds time to enjoy the things that she likes: Traveling, reading, visiting parks and amusement parks, music, and some quiet time meditating.

Fall & Winter Crafts for the Children

Thankful Tree

Children can make a beautiful tree of handprint leaves that displays what the children are thankful for. This tree makes a great Thanksgiving decoration or a nice bulletin board.

Instructions:

1. Have children trace their hands on construction paper. Then cut out the tracings. These will be the leaves.
2. Have the children write their names and what they're thankful for on each of the handprints.
3. Using brown construction paper cut out a tree trunk and branches.
4. Glue or staple the tree trunk on a large piece of construction paper (or onto a bulletin board). Then glue or staple the handprint leaves to the tree.

For variations on this tree:

Instead of using handprints, use:

- cut-out leaves,
- tissue paper ,
- baking cups, or
- torn-up scraps of paper.



Snowman Garland

Your kids can have fun rounding up these decorative little snowmen. String them together, and they look great as a doorway or banister adornment. Or you can hang them as tree ornaments.

Craft Materials:

- 2 different size jar lids (one with a 2 inch diameter and one with a 3 inch diameter)
- Cardboard
- Pencil
- 4 or more 9- by 12-inch sheets of white craft foam
- Puffy Paints
- Ribbon, Fleece, and Felt
- Small pom-poms
- Tacky glue
- 3 yards or more of thin ribbon

Instructions:

1. Create a template by tracing the jar lids (the smaller one above the larger one, their rims touching) onto the cardboard and cutting out the snowman shape. Use the template to draw snowmen on the craft foam (6 should be able to fit on one sheet) and cut them out.
2. Now the children can use puffy paints to add facial features and buttons. While the paint dries, the children can cut out ribbon or fleece scarves (about 12 inches long) to tie around the snowmen's necks, as well as brimmed felt hats or stocking caps – complete with a small pom-pom glued to the end – to glue on their heads.
3. To string the snowmen into a garland, loop the ribbon once around the back of each of their scarves. Keep the loops loose enough that you can slide the snowmen into place along the strand.

