**NEW CHILD ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST**

Storybook Early Learning Center contract filled out and initialed, and an enrollment fee to be turned in promptly to ensure spot is held. Parent's manual is for you to keep. **The contract and non-refundable enrollment fee must be turned in before your child is allowed to start childcare.**

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**ENROLLMENT FEE:**

* 20% of the monthly tuition total. The enrollment fee is non-refundable.

**PAPERWORK:**

* Emergency Contact Information
* Over the Counter Form
* Certificate of Immunizations can be a copy of the original.
* Pediatric Health Statement for children under the age of 2 (*to be signed by your doctor).*
* Pet and Animal Participation Waiver
* Emergency Transportation Agreement

**SUPPLIES:**

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* Diapers, diaper cream or pull ups if needed.
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* Complete change of clothing.
* Appropriate outdoor wear.
* Water bottle that has a protective cover over drinking area. Ex:
* Nap mat that rolls up, preferably lightweight. Ex:

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* Crayons
* Markers (optional)
* Pencil box
* Box of glue sticks
* Pack of erasable fine or medium tip markers

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**OUR PHILISOPHY**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Story Book Early Learning Center! Your child is precious to us, and we strive to offer an environment where we get to know and care for your child one on one. We are early childhood professionals committed to giving your child quality care and education while you are at work. To provide a loving, healthy, stimulating, and safe environment for your child, we stay current in the child development and early childhood education fields. Our curriculum will nurture your child and allow him or her to explore, discover new experiences, and learn every day. We use a wide range of indoor and outdoor toys, equipment, and activities to encourage your child's social, physical, and cognitive growth. We value each of the children we serve for their individuality and diverse abilities.

I want you to be as involved as possible with your child's experience here. You are welcome to visit anytime. We are happy to speak with you at any time concerning your child's progress. Please ask us any questions about your child's care and education and share with us any information or concerns that can help make this a better experience for you and your child.

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Sincerely,

 Maren Griswold: Owner- Story Book

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**GENERAL**

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This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving thirty days’ written notice if the child or children are to be permanently withdrawn from daycare. Thirty days’ pay will be accepted in lieu of the thirty-day’s written notice. The provider will also give the client/parent thirty day’s written notice of intent to cancel this agreement except in cases of family emergency (providers) or gross misconduct on the part of the parent or child. Failure to follow the agreement rules in this contract may be cause for immediate termination with no notice. Best Beginning Scholarship users are required to give thirty days’ notice and payment for termination of services. The provider will give the family a minimum of thirty days’ written notice of any increase in fees or significant changes to this agreement.

**GENERAL**

* Parents are required to notify Story Book if their child will not be coming for the day.
* Parents are required to inform the provider of any change in addresses, telephone numbers, and other pertinent information.
* Parents are required to inform the provider if they are at any other location or phone number than what is listed on their enrollment record and to provide a telephone number for that place.
* Provider maintains an open-door policy for parents during daycare hours.
* Parents are encouraged to call at any time during the day or evening. If no one can get to the phone please leave a message, and your phone call will be returned as soon as possible.

**INITIAL\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

STORY BOOK EARLY LEARNING CENTER CONTRACT

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, handicaps, or special needs (which needs to be discussed with provider prior to starting): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Potty Trained (please circle) **YES / NO**

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sibling’s names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Child lives with: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Type of Discipline used at home: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Child's security objects: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Child's Favorite Activities: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Best way to settle the child when upset or afraid: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The provider has my permission to:** *(Please circle)*

* **YES NO:** Take photos of my child/children for in school purposes (e.g., our Facebook page, special occasions, arts and crafts) and medical information forms.
* **YES NO:** Allow my child to participate in safe fun water activities.
* **YES NO:** Allow my child to participate in field trips with sufficient notice.

**I WILL BE SIGNING MY CHILD UP FOR:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY** |
| **FULL DAY**  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **HALF DAY**  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **MORNING**  |  |  |  |  |  |

**TO BEGIN ON THIS DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Invoices will be received by *(please circle preference)* **PAPER** OR **EMAIL**
* Please provide email if preferred choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We have read and are aware of the policies of **Story Book Preschool and Childcare** and have agreed to the policy and above arrangement. The signature below will constitute a binding contract.

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**Print Name Date**

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**WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned(s) (“You”), being the lawful parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the above Child, hereby consent to the Child’s participation in all activities conducted by Storybook Early Learning Center (“Storybook”) involving animals owned by Storybook in accordance with the permitted levels of contact that You specify below.

In addition, by your signature below:

1. You acknowledge reading a letter from Storybook dated April 9, 2014 describing the animals owned by Storybook and the possibility of injury, accident, or illness relating to the animals, and you agree to promptly notify Storybook if the Child has or develops an allergy or sensitivity to any of the animals owned by Storybook.
2. You consent for the Child to receive any medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of an injury, accident, or illness related to the animals owned by Storybook.
3. You agree to save, hold harmless and indemnify Storybook and its owners, employees and agents (the “Storybook Parties”) from any loss, liability, damage, or cost (each a “Claim”) arising out of or relating to the animals owned by Storybook, and You agree to indemnify and hold the Storybook Parties harmless against the costs of defending Claims filed by the Child or any other parent/guardian.
4. You understand and agree that this Waiver & Release of Liability shall be construed broadly to provide a waiver and release of liability to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

Parent/Guardian(s)

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(Signature above)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Permitted Levels of Contact.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Physical Contact** | **Care & Feeding**  | **None (observing only)** |
| Fish  | *(not applicable)*  | 🗌 Yes 🗌 No  |  |
| Steve the Turtle  | *(not applicable)*  | 🗌 Yes 🗌 No  |  |
| Rocco, Louie and Reuben the pugs |  🗌 Yes 🗌 No  | 🗌 Yes 🗌 No  |  |

Please check the applicable boxes to indicate all levels of contact the Child may have with each type of animal at Storybook:

If the Child has an allergy or other sensitivity to any of the above-referenced animals, please describe it below:

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