Accreditation

We are very pleased to announce the Accreditation of our Center by the <u>National Association for the Education of Young Children</u>.

What is NAEYC Program Accreditation?

Accreditation is the status given to an early childhood program reviewed by a national commission composed of recognized experts in child care and early childhood education. The program must be judged to be in substantial compliance with the NAEYC Academy criteria for high quality early childhood program. Accreditation is granted for a five-year period.

An early childhood program – child care center, preschool, kindergarten, or before- and/or after-school program – voluntarily applies for accreditation by the NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation. The program then engages in an extensive self-study based on the Academy's criteria for high quality early childhood programs. The accuracy of the program's self-study is verified during a site visit to the program by volunteer validators. The validated self-study, including the program director's responses to the validation visit, is reviewed by a national commission.

<u>NAEYC Accredited</u> early childhood programs are committed to ongoing program evaluation and continuous improvement. They agree to act upon the commission's suggestions regarding areas needing improvement and to submit annual written reports documenting improvements and continued compliance.