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| School/Center: | First Friends |
| Contact Information: | Address: 194 Wompatuck Rd, Hingham |
| Email: | firstfriendsfamilychildcare@yahoo.com |
| Contact: | Linnea Marks |
| Website: | First Friends Family Childcare Facebook Group |
| Please provide a description of your program: | First Friends is a toddler morning enrichment program that operates on the belief that children learn best through exploration and hands-on experience.  The program offers an environment that is saturated with activities  that strengthen all areas of development by providing opportunities to use fine motor and gross motor skills as well as language, pre-math and sensory awareness skills. |
| Please provide a description of your facilities | The program provides an open environment that encourages exploration and self-choice.  The space is divided into two parts, one area encourages imaginative play, as well as offering activities that encourage large motor play.  The second area allows for the children to work with materials/equipment that require the use of fine motor skills and sensory awareness. Time spent outside in our play area focuses primarily on the use of gross motor skills; however, it is also a terrific opportunity for the children put his/her imagination to use.  First Friends uses all play areas to work on language and to provide opportunity for socialization. |
| Please provide a schedule of your offered classes. | Program hours: 8:30-11:30 or 12 Days:  2-3 day options Monday-Thursday |
| Do you have an extended day option? | No |
| If yes, please provide details of your options. |  |
| Do you offer a Kindergarten option? | No |
| Anticipated Tuition for 2017/2018 | Contact for more info. |
| Is there financial aid available? | No |
| Class Size | 6 Children per group |
| # of Teachers | 1 |
| Minimum Age by Sept 1 | 18 months |
| What is your toilet training policy? | Not required |
| What is your food allergy policy? | Food provided by the program will reflect the dietary/allergy restrictions of all children in the program. |
| Are you licensed and/or accredited? Please provide details. | I am licensed by the state of Massachusetts.  The program meets or exceeds all family childcare regulations. |
| Please describe the application process for your school. | The program begins enrolling for the upcoming school year on March 1st; however, during the current school calendar a rolling admission is available whenever vacant spaces exist. |
| What are the dates that applications are due for your program? | No date. |
| What is the application fee? | $25 |
| Do specialists visit the classroom? Do students go on field trips? | Varies year to year. |
| Please give a sample schedule for a typical day in your program. | 8:30-8:45 Arrivals 8:45-9:15 Free Play 9:15 Clean up 9:30 Snack Time 9:45 Table Activities/Sensory Activities 10:15 CircleTime 10:30 Group Activities 10:45 Diapering/Toileting 11:00 Gross Motor/Outside Play 11:30 Departures 11:40 Lunch Bunch 12:00 Departures |
| How do you encourage/discourage certain behaviors in the classroom? | In most cases, redirection is used to deter unwanted behavior. |