Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Learning Center Preschool **Enrollment:** 19 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39324

Street: 612 Rice Ave **City:** Doon Iowa **Zip** 51235 **County:** Lyon

Mailing Address: PO Box 58, Doon, IA, 51235

Director's Name: Amy Zevenburger **Phone Number:** 712-449-5109

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** doonlearningcenter@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-29-2024

X **Licensing Visit** **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 09-16-2024

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 08-16-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			24		24
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2024 to 11-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-08-2024

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 10--29-24 and spoke with Amy Zevenburger, now director as Sarah Hofland, director/owner stepped down and handed the program to Ms. Zevenburger. Ms Zevenburger has been with the preschool program for several years. The Learning Center Preschool is located on the second floor of the Doon Christian School. Ms. Zevenburger modified her PS hours with this school year. They offer a morning and afternoon program Monday 8:30am to 11:30am, and Tuesday/Thursday a morning and afternoon program 8:30am 11:30am and 12:30pm to 3:00pm. The program uses two adjacent rooms at the Doon Christian School. The program serves child ages 3-5years old. The town library is also located in the same building. The program started on 09-05-24 for this school year.

Program was going to be a temporary site at the old Doon Christian School which moved into the building in the spring of 2023, for one year, due to the building they were in was being torn down and a new community center is being built in it place. However, the Fire Marshall has now approved the site for the preschool program only to be long term.

There are 19 children enrolled in the program. There are only 11-4 year old children enrolled in the morning and 8-3 year olds in the afternoon sessions. At the time of the visit there were 11 children present. The center continues cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, five senses, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, and engaging the children in activities. The center utilizes Creative Curriculum. The center uses the Bright Wheel app to communicate with families and also signs children and staff in. The restrooms are located on the lower level of the school building, however the program over this last summer added a bathroom in a corner of one of the preschool room as well as another hand washing sink at the childrens level. At times when the program is doing large motor in the lower lever they will use the bathrooms in the lower level.

The parents are responsible for providing nutritious snacks for their own child. The program is not currently on the food program, however, encourage families to follow healthy snacks that meet the CACFP guidelines. If there is a snack that a parent provided that does not follow the food program the center has a healthy snack that they will provide for a child. If food that is brought by the children and are cold snacks they put into a refrigerator.

Center does not have any children that require meds. Therefore does not administer medication at this time. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Monthly fire/tornado drills are documented. Annual heating inspection needs to be completed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place. Radon test were completed and exceeds the normal range. The program is looking at adding a mitigation system to correct and will need to retest. Center has a grassy area at the school for the children to go out and play. There is playground equipment that is old and not recommended for the children to play on. Playground is also next to a busy road and would need to be fenced in if the program stays at the building or has a longer program. Monthly playground inspections were completed. The program also has a large room in the lower level to use for large

motor as well.

The center does not transport children. The center does bring in a variety of guest speakers for the children.

Goals of the center is to look at fencing apart of the playground, put in a mitigation system and use a room on the same level as the preschool room as a large motor area when the library moves out of the building. Program plans to stay at this location at this time.

Strengths of the program is that program is small in numbers. They also have a good relationship with their kids/families and the community. Program is on the IQ4K program level 1.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Center is well organized

Very positive interaction with the children as well as good communication with the parents.

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Display children’s art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center needs to email licensing consultant by 11-30-24 confirming that all aspects below licensing standards have been corrected..

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.