

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

Name of Center: Immanuel Little Lambs Preschool **Enrollment:** 49 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28430

Street: 505 NE Dodge **City:** Greenfield **Iowa Zip** 50849 **County:** Adair

Mailing Address: 505 NE Dodge, Greenfield, IA, 50849

Director's Name: Kristen Walker **Phone Number:** 641-745-5155

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kristenkwalker@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-18-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-06-2023

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

Date Inspected: 02-21-2023

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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	0	0	30	0	30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 04-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 04-23-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made on 4-18-2024. Immanuel Little Lambs Preschool is located in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Greenfield, IA. Preschool services are provided to three to five year olds. Kristen Walker is the director, she has her CDA, BA degree in Elementary Education and has several reading and prekindergarten endorsements. Kristen Walker is also the director of B-F Kindergarten located in Bridgewater, IA. Kristen has many years of experience in the child care and education fields.

The center is overseen by a Board.

There are 49 children enrolled.

I met with Kristen Walker during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:

The center looked very nice, two program rooms are used. The center uses a combination of the Creative Curriculum, the Owls Literacy Curriculum, as well as their own learning curriculum developed over the years. Kristen provides a monthly calendar. Twenty seven children and three staff were present. The children were having fun playing participating in a variety of activities. The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.

The center has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and supplies.

The program provides activities throughout the year i.e. guys night, gals night, grand parents day, Christmas program, zoo field trip (parents drive their children) and graduation.

Nutrition:

The center provides the daily snack. Make sure you follow the CACFP food program guidelines.

Health and safety:

Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.

The center is using Hillyard QT plus system for sanitizing toys and disinfecting the restrooms. They are using bleach/water for sanitizing the tables. Radon testing was done in February 2024 with a test result of 3.3. pCi/L the program has a radon mitigation system.

Environmental Hazards: Radon

Legal reference: 441 IAC 109.11(7)

Environmental hazards.

b. Within one year of being issued an initial or renewal license, centers operating in facilities that are at ground level, use a basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath the program area shall have radon testing performed as outlined in a nationally recognized radon measurement protocol.

If testing determines confirmed radon gas levels in excess of 4.0 picocuries per liter, radon mitigation procedures shall be developed. If radon mitigation is in place, retesting shall occur at least every two years from initial measurements to confirm radon gas levels are below 4.0 picocurie per liter is in place. If initial testing confirmed radon gas levels are below 4.0 picocurie per liter, retesting shall occur at least every five years from initial measurements.

If the center has fuel burning appliances an annual fuel burning inspection is required.

Playground:

The center has a playground area and monthly inspections were completed. Equipment is at ground level and doesn't require surfacing, there is a playhouse and a child size picnic table. The updated monthly playground safety inspection form was email to Kristen on 4-23-2024.

Transportation:

The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. In the past community agencies have come to the center for presentations to children. The center takes one field trip at the end of the year to the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation to this field trip.

Administrative records:

Three staff files were read, please make sure you maintain the required contact hours of training every year. Eight hours of approved training is required for the director and on-site supervisor.

Children's files were read and were in excellent order.

Kristen maintains excellent communication with parents and provides a monthly calendar/newsletter of events. Parent teacher conferences are held each year.

The center has a spring supper fundraiser.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kristen has been teaching preschool for over twenty five years at Immanuel Little Lambs Preschool, this is an amazing accomplishment. Your program is a wonderful resource for the community. Kristen has excellent relationships with the church and the community. The center receives grants and they have an annual fundraisers to help with purchasing new equipment, furniture, outdoor toys, etc.

Kristen is confident as the director and is very enthusiastic and proud of her centers. She is organized and maintains licensing documentation in a binder. Kristen is also the director at B-F Kindergarten located in Bridgewater, IA. She has many years of experience in preschool/child care and education fields. Kristen has her CDA and her Elementary Education degree with reading and Pre K endorsements.

Kristen maintains excellent communication with parents and uses Facebook for additional communication with parents. Teacher conferences are held each year. A monthly calendar/newsletter of events are provided to parents.

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

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training. Three staff files were read, please make sure you maintain the required contact hours of training every year. Eight hours of approved training is required for the director and on-site supervisor. For information regarding required contact hours for staff please refer to you licensing handbook.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 4-1-2023 to 4-1-2025.

Off year licensing visit.

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*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.

