

time. Krista B denied that any children in the prekindergarten room have hand, food, and mouth illness or any other current illnesses. She indicated staff would refrain from using the wading pools for at least 1 week if any communicable disease were reported in the classroom. Emily E is also a staff in the prekindergarten room. Emily E verified what Krista B reported regarding wading pool usage. Ms. Winker reported Krista B is extremely responsible with the use of the wading pools and lesson plans incorporating their use. Ms. Winker described mini-water, outdoor centers set up using each wading pool. Ms. Winker also talked about how the complaint may have been the result of a disgruntled staff. Ms. Winker reported that yesterday Krista B told her that two staff were not supervising their assigned children on the playground which resulted in children fighting and displaying some behaviors. Ms. Winker stated she talked with the two staff who later expressed some frustration with Krista B reporting this to management.

109.12(2)a-d. Discipline does not allow - corporal punishment; punishment that causes humiliation, fear, pain, or discomfort; locking children in an area using mechanical restraints; associating with illness, toilet training, food, or rest; or the use of verbal abuse, threats, or derogatory remarks about a child's family. COMPLAINT IS NOT VALID. RULE WAS NOT VIOLATED. Krista B and Emily E both reported being the staff in the prekindergarten room on 7/22/2014 at 9:00am. Both denied that they yelled at any child and/or held any child's arms. Both also denied seeing each other and/or any other staff doing this. Staff talked about how they were applying sunscreen to the children at that time as they were preparing for a field trip. Ms. Winker reported she had received any concerns or complaints about Krista B and/or Emily E including complaints about them yelling at children or holding children when yelling at them.

Special Notes and Action Required:

It is important to note, licensing did talk with Ms. Winker, Krista B, and Emily E about the concerns related to wading pool usage. Licensing strongly encourages staff talk with the program's insurance and/or legal person about the use of wading pools in a child care center. Licensing recommends wading pools or standing bodies of water not be used around young children. When large groups of children access standing water, it is difficult to ensure sufficient sanitation. Also, standing water can lead to drowning and non-fatal submersion. Licensing does encourage water play through the use of sprinklers and/or sensory tables on-site.

Based upon the above, no further response is needed.

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Consultant's Signature:



Date:

07/24/2014