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As co-founder of The Learning Experience® Academy of Early Education, I take such pride in the accomplishments of all our dedicated teams. From corporate staff to Center owners and operators, it takes a village to create such a unique company. It also takes the cooperation from all of our families that enhance our curriculum by following up at home in order to reinforce the learning process.

TLE® will continue to work diligently to create unique programs designed to enhance learning at home. The parent-child-school triangle has helped bring the tools of learning home for reinforcement. Learning at home is an important part of the process because it helps our parents to better understand what their children are learning at school.

School comes home in many ways. It starts with parent newsletters and continues with phonics books, stickers, music CD’s, sign language instruction sheets, enrichment kits packed with learning tools, and L.E.A.P.® journals and books. As part of each component of our curriculum, TLE® has produced sing-a-long CD’s that will soon be available through our new Bubbles U programs online. Sing along with your child as you play the songs in the car. Learn the American Sign Language signs that our infant is learning at TLE® so that you can communicate with your infant before your infant can speak. For those of you with older children, communicate through signing just for fun. If you have a preschooler, participate in our phonics activities together.

There are so many components to our proprietary phonics program. This early literacy program has over thirty mascots. Each mascot has a song. My favorite phonics character is Larry Lobster™, and his song and dance “Do the Lobster Limbo.” Have your child read the phonics books to you as each book comes home. Be sure to have the Sound Safari hanging on your refrigerator so that your child can proudly adhere each character to the appropriate spot on the Sound Safari. See how many characters you and your child can name. What’s that canary’s name? See if you can sing her song. There are many ways to participate with your child in the process of learning.
Another way you can enjoy learning with your child is through our enrichment programs. As your child completes a twelve week session in each of TLE®'s proprietary enrichment programs, their personal enrichment kit is sent home for you and your child to enjoy together. Programs such as Yippee 4 Yoga®, Talent Sprouts®, Super Soccer®, and the other wonderful enrichments are designed to be just as much fun as they are educational.

Manners Matters®, a component of our curriculum, is designed to teach your child appropriate behavior and politeness. You should already be enjoying the results of that program at home as your child learns from the Manners Matters® mascot, Penny Polite®.

Are you aware that TLE® has over ninety proprietary characters designed to enhance your child’s learning experience? Have you met my personal favorite? His name is Lionstein® and he is our Suddenly Science® mascot. All our programs and mascots theme songs to make learning even more enjoyable and vibrant.

Do you know Ping the Panda? Ping is one of our most recent family members as he joined our children last year when L.E.A.P. into Mandarin was launched at TLE® centers.

When your child brings home his or her soccer ball with the colorful TLE® logos on it, take it outside or into your playroom and have a family game. Don’t be surprised when your child scores a winning goal, as he or she has been practicing with Soccer Sam on our Super Soccer® program.

Have your child lay his or her TLE® yoga mat on the floor beside yours and let them shares the Yippee 4 Yoga® moves that they have learned at school. Be sure to play the yoga CD from your child’s Yippee 4 Yoga® enrichment kit for the complete experience.

Our devoted Learning Experience staff and our talented curriculum team have worked diligently over the last three decades to create a curriculum that is tons of fun, highly imaginative, high tech, and comprehensive. It has been our passion to continuously cultivate exciting curriculum, and remain light-years ahead of other preschools.

While TLE® never buys a canned program, we do provide every teacher in every classroom with our proprietary lessons, music, and enrichment programs on a monthly basis. After your child has completed an enrichment program, the enrichment kit is sent home so that you can enjoy the hands-on games and activities, with your child.

Our methodology is not only for our children but for our parents to enjoy as well. So please jump in and get involved with all the wonders of learning at TLE®.
Dear TLE Parents,

As children, we grew up idolizing characters such as the Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, and Superman. We were mesmerized as we watched in awe while they swooped in to “save the day.” We did not know yet that there was a difference between reality and fiction. To us, it was understood that the Green Lantern possessed a special power to channel pure willpower in the form of green energy; we thought it was realistic that Wonder Woman had extraordinary skills that allowed her to make invisible vehicles appear; and we never questioned how it was possible that Superman had superhuman strength to lift cars with one hand. To us, these superheroes were the ones we looked up to, the ones we emulated. We would dress up as them, reenact scenes with our friends, and always shout out their special catch phrases.

During the week of May 5th -9th please join us in celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week as we honor our real life superheroes who have special powers, extraordinary skills, and superhuman strengths. Although we thank them each and every day this is a special week to truly make them feel appreciated! If you would like to donate breakfast items, lunch items, or a special daily treat towards the week-long celebration please speak with a member of our administrative team. In addition to the sweets, treats, and gifts we would like to ask each family to help us create an unforgettable display. We will have cape cut-outs available at the reception area; we encourage you to take as many as you wish and share your appreciation for your child’s teacher(s). We ask that all capes are returned by Friday, May 2nd.

While our teachers do not wear capes and do not fly, they do have special powers. A teacher has the power to teach, has the power to inspire, and has the power to motivate young learners. In the classroom they display their extraordinary skills as they can make a story come to life, find a solution to a problem, or help make a new friend happy. They too are able to “save the day” each and every day with their superhuman strengths. In one quick swoop they can prevent an accident as though they can pause time, clean up spilt milk as though they can make things disappear, and engage an entire class with an activity as though they have a special gaze. To our children, their teachers are their real-life superheroes. Many of us have stumbled upon a dramatic play scenario where children are pretending to be their teachers by displaying their mannerisms even using their teachers’ catch phrases as we once did with our fictional superheroes.

Thank you for your help and support. We look forward to hosting a week-long celebration that would make even Batman jealous!
Each and every Charlie Choo Choo® Enrichment Kit program has gone through the process of a beta test. Since early 2011, over 30 TLE® centers have contributed their experiences, expertise, and ideas to these programs, making Charlie Choo Choo® Enrichment Kit the best that it can be.

Centers that participate in beta testing complete assessments on a weekly basis that detail:

- the quality of the materials provided,
- the cohesiveness of the program’s structure and the ease and efficiency of its implementation into current school routines,
- the comprehensiveness of the concepts covered in the program,
- the overall effectiveness of the program.

After receipt and review of the assessments, we meet as a group to discuss which suggestion to implement so that any modifications to the enrichment kit can be made before it is rolled out to the system.

Movin’ N Groovin’® was just launched this month for the 3rd session of the 2013-2014 school year. TLE® Centers have worked together to create the most up-beat and interactive physical fitness program that Charlie Choo Choo® has ever offered. These Centers started beta testing the program back in late October of 2013. Each week they evaluated the 48 lessons of the Movin’ N Groovin’® Enrichment Kit program.

Dancing Feet® is currently being beta tested. The TLE® Centers working on this program are evaluating 7 different teacher manuals, one for each and every age group.

This beta test is particularly exciting because for the first time, even the tiniest of our babies are hopping and bopping to the music along with the Dancing Feet® mascot Baby Taps.

Be on the lookout for the newest Charlie Choo Choo® Enrichment Kit program that will be available to the TLE® system in September 2014, Dancing Feet®!
...you will notice that TLE® has gotten into the spirit of using hashtags and we want you to get into the spirit of using them as well!

There are so many wonderful experiences that TLE® parents in Centers across the country are sharing on social media. Your fellow TLE® family members enjoy seeing all of the fun, exciting activities and experiences that children are having in other centers. So, if you’re like one of the thousands of parents who have contacted us about sharing their experiences at TLE® centers, you can now easily do that! Here are some of the hashtags that are the most widely used when posting about TLE®:

#TheLearningExperience  |  #TLE  |  #LearnPlayGrow  |  #BubblesTheElephant  
#LEAPCurriculum  |  #LEAPInteractive  |  #FunWithPhonics  |  #CharlieChooChoo

The next time you use social media to post message or photograph about a special TLE® experience, make sure you use a #TLE hashtag or two. Your extended TLE® family will be thrilled to share your experiences!

#HappyHashtagging
Giving Back In A Big Way!

It doesn’t matter how big or small you are, it’s the size of your heart that matters. His TLE® philanthropy slogan has never been truer of our children, families, and staff as it was this past February. Teaching our children about giving back is a big part of our Philanthropy Program. One of our busiest events at our TLE® centers happens in conjunction with February’s Philanthropy theme “cause.” This past February we held our second annual BeCause our Hearts Beat event. The children got involved by making artwork to sell at the art auction where they learned the reasoning behind why we were trying to raise money. They were taught that giving is a small part of something that makes a big difference in the lives of so many people. Parents were invited to attend the art auction held at their Center to purchase artworks created by children their children’s! This event is something even our corporate office gets involved in. The Centers were asked to send one piece of artwork to the World Headquarters in Boca Raton, FL and our regional office in Whippany, NJ. All corporate personnel spent Valentine’s Day bidding on artworks at the close of the day a special piece of artwork was awarded to the highest bidder. All money raised was donated to the Make A Wish Foundation.

This year, between all corporate centers, managed centers and corporate and regional

$12,321.90

This is more than what we raised in 2013, so we expect our 2015 event to be even bigger. Thank you to all the children, teachers, parents and Centers that helped make this event possible!
TLE® has always prided itself on our proprietary curriculum and the many components available to children and families, regardless of the time of year it is offered. While many child care providers offer a set curriculum during the school year, often summer is a time for teachers and administrators to work together at the center level to plan their own curriculum themes and activities for summer. TLE® takes our obligation to consistency and education very seriously. We provide summer curriculum themes to centers throughout the system. In addition to the classroom curriculum L.E.A.P Interactive® will continue to provide the children at all our centers with challenging and fun activities throughout the summer months. The Curriculum Department provides the summer curriculum themes and programs to all schools. The L.E.A.P Interactive® activities and lessons provide children with a consistent experience regardless of whether their school is located in California or New Jersey. Additionally, our special Philanthropy Program continues throughout the summer with planned fundraisers and community activities so that our children continue to experience the joy of giving back to others.

Even though consistency in theme and tone is important, summer will also allow each center to take advantage of special activities available in their immediate area. Every school will plan for guest visitors to come in to entertain and inform the children on a variety of topics; from hands on experiences with reptiles to building marionette puppets and performing their own puppet show, each school has the opportunity to look within their community to draw out the very best it has to offer. Centers that have access to their own transportation will often plan weekly field trips to coincide with the summer camp themes offered throughout the system. Finally, the summer camp activities offered in classrooms throughout the system will be comparable, with the same projects and learning modalities being emphasized.

Why is it so important for TLE® to provide such consistency in the summer, a time synonymous with carefree fun? We have found that most parents prefer to have structure and learning taking place alongside with outdoor activities and summer fun throughout June, July and August. Parents feel more secure knowing that their child’s day is full of planned activities that provide opportunities for cognitive and emotional growth in addition to physical stimulation. Also, children need and secretly crave consistency and predictable boundaries in their day. Their behavior becomes more predictable and aligns with acceptable parameters, and they are more trusting when they know what to expect each day when they walk into their TLE® school. The education team and childcare providers at TLE® take our mission of “Learn. Play. Grow.” very seriously during the entire 12-months of the year!
LEAP Interactive™ during TLE’s Summertime Challenge will top the charts as the children get active and involved in various sports, movies, music, trivia, and games. Using tools like the Step Up and Down tools the children will reveal vowels in round of wheel of fortune, and later in the summer the children will zoom in on Van Gough’s brush strokes, and then the following week may take a tour of a construction site. Google Earth® will bring animals from around the world right into their classrooms. The children will also join the food festivities as they use the Marker and Select tools to create recipes and add ingredients. Through touch technology applications like the Fill tool and the use of Windows® Media Player the children will learn many of the special things that are found around their world. Check out your child’s L.E.A.P Interactive™ student workbook and their “I did this activity on the L.E.A.P Interactive™ board” sticker; have a conversation with them about how and what they learned throughout the summertime challenges.

Sssshhh! You have to be sure and keep your voice down while stepping into the TLE Museum of Art where some very rare and exquisite works of art can be found. Campers will be assembling their own portfolios during this week as they learn all about art forms like sculpting, abstract, cubism, and photography.

Get ready for a cookbook TLE style, and you know what that means...healthy foods! Campers will learn how to choose nutritious and healthy foods for their growing bodies. Throughout the course of the week campers will design and assemble a healthy eating TLE Cookbook. At the end of the week we are hoping all parents will be able to join in the food festivities and make a healthy snack with their child.

TLE Campers will be asked to use their brainpower this week as they work to solve some brain teasers. Children will work together in team challenges as well as individual activities that keep them guessing, developing hypotheses, and creating new ways to answer questions. Throughout the week riddles, puzzles, and trivia questions will be a buzz as the young thinkers challenge their minds.

Mammals, Reptiles, and Amphibians - Oh My! Campers will explore the geographical locations, habitats, and socialization of different types of animals. Children will learn why some insects have so many eyes, how long some animals stay under water, and which like to sleep all winter long. TLE® campers will create animal themed art projects, act out different actions, and complete hands-on activities that bring animals from all over the world right into their classrooms.

As the song goes “Philanthropy, doing a good deed” and the children, staff, and parents have throughout the course of the last year proven that they know just how to do this. This week we will invite any and all TLE members to get involved as we get ready to Give Back in a Big Way. Each day the campers will strive towards becoming TLE Philanthropists, as they narrow in on a cause, work together to create a charity, and decide how they can best give back to others.

We hope campers are ready for our physical challenges! Think you can jump the highest or the furthest? We’ll see as the campers physical skills are put to the test this week. Each day campers will gear up as they start each day off with Flexi Flamingo and a round of light exercises to get their heart rates up. Children will be decorating class banners and wearing their favorite sports jersey as they engage in such activities as flag football and basketball. Don’t worry the teachers will not be left out…all will be invited to participate in the TLE field day.

All children should be sure to dress their best as we roll out the red carpet and they strike a pose for the paparazzi!! During this week campers will discuss traits needed to be a superstar and create their very own spot on the TLE Walk of Fame. Campers will work as a class to brainstorm a performance for the big TLE Talent Show at the end of the week. It will be all hands on deck as the campers create posters, programs, and design costumes, and paint a set.

We’re calling all mini Vanna Whites’ and Pat Sajacks’ this week. Campers will be participating in such classic board games as Twister and Clue all with a TLE twist! Even our littlest of learners will participate as they use blue paint and create a Jeopardy board. Twaddlers and Preppers will search for hidden objects in a tub of oatmeal. At your participating TLE’s come be an audience member as they host their very own Are You Smarter than a TLE Preschooler? Game Show.

Get your graphing paper and tools ready as this week each classroom will be challenged to build their own version of a distinctive part of a TLE® building; will they build a new playground, add a shop to Make Believe Boulevard®, or create something completely new. Construction safety will start campers off on the right track so they learn the “tools” of the trade. Children will see how construction projects start with an idea and a blue print, and slowly develop into a sky scraping masterpiece.
On March 3rd, The Learning Experience® was excited to unveil the Curriculum Department’s newest initiative of Bubbles U™, Bubbles Reading Corner™. Inspired by our most popular curriculum theme, Read to Me which takes place during the month of March, our preschoolers will enjoy watching everyone’s favorite Big, Blue Elephant read a different book each week via our L.E.A.P. Interactive® Starboards. Every week children will watch Bubbles come to life as he makes reading so much fun by reading books that are part of our curriculum. It is wonderful to see the excitement on the children’s faces when it is time for L.E.A.P. Interactive®. They are overjoyed when they hear their teacher say it’s time for LEAP Interactive because they know this is the time they get to explore the curriculum through applications such as Google Earth, real time videos, and interactive activities. Now, it is also the time the children get to hear Bubbles® read them a story.

Bubbles Reading Corner™ is just the beginning of Bubbles U. Coming soon, we will have a variety of new features that will be streamed via the L.E.A.P. Interactive® Starboards, such as educational games and interactive videos that tie back to the curriculum. We all know how busy life can be, but try to read to your child at least once a day to encourage the importance of reading. Taking the time to read with your child on a regular basis sends an important message that reading is worthwhile.
Another new initiative, in all of our centers is Bubbles and Friends Pen Pals™. What could be more fun than your child being able to communicate with their favorite TLE® character by exchanging letters? With over 90 characters as part of our family, we’re sure your child will enjoy sharing a story with their new pen pal about a special part of their day, their favorite cartoon, and more.

When submitting your letters to Administration, please be sure to include your child’s full name and age. Bubbles & his friends are looking forward to becoming your child’s pen pal real soon!
Parenting Information & Tips
Choosing the best infant toys for your children

Children love almost any toy you give them. They would gladly accept it and then name them because they know that the toy is theirs. Infant Toys could be that fair share when it comes to toy production. There are companies that have been able to go with the flow and be able to set it themselves apart from the other toy makers. Although competition is tough when it comes to toys, no company gives up easily because they want children to love their products distributed and manufactured all over the globe.

Toys! A childhood is all about playing. Without baby toys can one imagine a childhood to be complete? Do we imagine kids to be smiling without these infant toys? On a rather honest note, toys are something not just for the kids to enjoy, but parents to get a selfish feel with toys. They hand toys to kids and get time enough for themselves while the baby is busy with its toys. Toys not only are a source of entertainment, but also train the developing mind of the kids. Toys are not just for playing, they can as well help in mental and physical developments. The best toys will be the ones that would keep the baby entertained and also help them grow. Have also been a wonderful medium to educate the babies.

In the modern world, toys are available as per the age. For new born babies, we bring in different types of infant toys like gyms, learning homes, trucks, ring rattles, etc. which produce different kind of sounds as the kids usually get attracted to the sound, so they keep them busy. Baby gyms, learning home, etc. Infant Toys help in the physical and mental development of the baby. They use the drag toys to drive them which help in making their leg bones strong, in learning homes they learn about the simple shapes, and also learn some alphabets which would help them when they would start going to school.

Infant Toys indeed are the best of your choice. They keep the children youthful and the parents young at heart. They are able to make toys that children of all ages love playing with and tag along when they go out of the house. With toys, they learn to share with other kids and be able to be acquainted with them. Toys definitely bring laughter and people together no matter which part of the world they come from. In addition, because some individuals love their toys too much, they keep it even though they have outgrown it. Occasionally they look at it and reminisce their childhood years that still brings smiles to their faces.

Finding the right toy for your baby need not be very hard as majority of toys today already come with age labels indicating which age the concerned toy is most appropriate for. Find out the best Infant Toys for your baby @ http://tomybabytoys.com/

Arye Cope
When you look back at your childhood, what are some of the fondest memories that come to mind? More than likely, you think about some of your favorite toys and how you spent your time as a youngster. It is much the same today. The toys that we provide for our children are going to do more than simply provide them with a lifelong memory. Choosing the right toys can have an active role in the development of our child and their ability to have a fulfilling life in later years. How can toys make such a difference in the lives of our children?

When our children are playing in their younger years, they are doing more than simply passing the time. Much of the early development of our children is directly related to their ability to play and may be directly associated with the toys that we choose. If you choose toys that are able to help them to develop the skills necessary for life, it is more likely that they will succeed as they continue to grow. It is not only important for providing for the educational needs of our children, it also helps them to develop social skills and other behavioral skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Choosing the right toys for your child is not something that begins when they are a toddler. When a child is very young, it will begin to play with toys and to respond to external stimuli, such as color, sound and touch. Choosing the right educational toys for a baby can help to foster their curiosity and make it easier for them to learn, as they grow older. In addition, you can start to introduce more complex baby toys as they continue to develop. Do not underestimate the role of choosing proper toys for a baby; it will make a difference in their later life.

Along with choosing educational toys for the child, it is also important to consider their safety and their development. There are many toys that are considered educational which are also enjoyable. Allowing your child to get an education from the toys that they use should go hand-in-hand with teaching them that learning is enjoyable. When you simply purchase toys because of their educational value, you may not choose something that will keep their attention. Make sure that they toy doesn’t end up on the shelf because it is lacking in entertainment value.

There is much research to back up the claim that toys play a vital role in the development of the child. They help them to develop the necessary language, math, and reading skills that will benefit them throughout their schooling and their lifetime. They also help to give them the ability to troubleshoot problems, both large and small. One other factor that is often overlooked is the social benefit of choosing educational toys. They will help your child to do well from the start of their scholastic career. In doing so, it will help to give the child confidence, and that is something that will also do well for them throughout their lifetime.

Dina Shipley
How Many More Shapes?

Add shapes to each group to make 10. Write the number of shapes that you drew to complete the number sentences.

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Saving while shopping for baby care items

If you have become a new mother and need some tips of how to care for your new child, then you can get information through your family doctor. This article also provides you with some handy tips to save money while shopping for baby care items.

Feeding elements
Another important aspect to be kept in mind while breast feeding the baby is the way of handling the baby while breastfeeding him or her. A mother can understand when the baby is hungry or being fussy about not having more. If you are breast feeding then it is fine, but if opting for formula milk then go for products in bulk only after keeping in mind the expiry date.

Bathing products
Keep your baby wrapped in a soft towel and clean one by one part of the baby’s body at a time and prevent the baby from getting chilled. Bathing items that the baby requires can be brought all together from the baby products store and not some high end malls to cut down the cost a bit.

Cloth diapers and swaddling
Opt for baby cloth diapers at early stages of the newborn for better result. Unnecessary usage of nappies from marked brands can be avoided as they may lead to nappy rashes and itching on the baby’s fragile skin. Cloth diapers are not only perfect for newborns but also help in saving money. The need for a constant temperature is quite vital and swaddling is something which can help in this very easily. Along with it, keeping them securely wrapped has lesser risk of flailing their arms and legs which can hurt the baby if the hands or fingers get stuck somewhere in the crib. After you put your baby into cotton diapers you can stock more in the inserts available at various baby products store. You can buy inserts for cloth diapers from a medical store or a specialized store keeping quality baby products for the best of your child’s hygiene.

Always skip extras
Why spend much when the function can be equally served by a less expensive element. Diaper holders are handy but it can also be arranged in the closet just perfectly. When a regular towel can be just fine to handle and cover your child, what is the use of buying a specially hooded towel for your child, that also in such an early stage. You can cut out on too many fancy crib toys as the child will be absorbed checking the world around them.

Come up with a garage sale
Small babies outgrow everything very quickly and holding up a garage sale can be a willing choice for many parents of the barely used baby items, if not planning for another child later.

Avoid themed nurseries
The newborn would hardly understand or even notice what the pattern of his room is like. Try to stay away from themed nurseries to cut out certain amount of expenditure. Either ways you will be redecorating the room as your child grows.

Kate Austen
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CHECK YOUR HOUSE FOR SAFETY

- Be sure that all the medications in the bathroom or on a nightstand are moved to a safe place.
- Check your laundry room, kitchen, garage and basement for any cleaning products, paints and other chemicals that are within the reach of your child. Remember, children love to climb, so anything with potential danger must be locked away or placed up high.
- If your sitter is giving your child snacks or meals, be sure the food is cut into bite-size portions and that the sitter knows not to feed a small child anything like grapes, watermelon seeds, etc. because they are choking hazards.
- Be sure the sitter knows where all your first-aid is kept.
- Talk to the sitter about dangers that lurk in your home. Identify these dangers and trouble spots to make them sensitive and attentive to potential trouble. These changes may include the cords used to raise and lower window shades. A crawling infant can easily reach up, pull a cord, and get the cord caught around their neck. Power cords can also be overlooked. The sitter must be made aware that a toddler or preschooler can pull on the cord causing an appliance, such a toaster or iron, to fall on them.
- Check all outlets and cabinet doors for child-proofing.
- Dad’s workshop is packed with dangers. This area should be completely sealed off from children.
- Windows and stairs are hazards as well. If you have a home that is in a high-rise or has two or more stories, be sure windows are kept closed and locked. If this is impossible, be sure the babysitter is told to keep out of those rooms and keep the door closed and locked so your child cannot enter on their own. Stairs can lead to accidents. They should be kept clear of hazards such as toys. Children and babysitters should know that horseplay on the stairs is not acceptable. Children should not be able to chase each other around on stairs. Be sure any gates you have installed are secure and tell the sitter to close the latch each time a gate has to be opened.
- Swimming pools should be a NO PLAY ZONE when children are left with sitters. Be sure your child and the sitter are perfectly clear about this.
- High chairs and cribs are potential hazards as well. High chairs can easily tip over, and babies who are not strapped in to them can slip out in a split second. When babies are old enough to climb, they can climb out of their crib for the very first time while under a sitter’s care.
- Baby walkers are great when monitored and used properly, but a baby who is scooting around too quickly poses a potential danger. Walkers can easily tip over or tumble down a flight of stairs.
- Toys of older siblings can cause a choking hazard for the little one. Make sure the sitter is aware of any toys that big sister or brother may be playing with.
- Diaper changing procedures should carefully be reviewed. If you have a baby girl, the sitter should know the appropriate way to change a diaper so as not to cause an infection.
- Potential dangers lurk in so many places. We have given just a few to get you started. If your child is a little older, it probably has been a while since you child-proofed your home. It is a good idea to do a thorough walk-through of your home, inside and outside. Make a practice of repeating this process of looking for potential hazards on a routine basis.
- Be sure the sitter knows where all exits are in case they need to evacuate quickly.
- Make it perfectly clear that babysitters should always know where your child is and what they are doing at all times. Ask them not to use their cell phones for socializing while they are responsible for your child and not to get distracted for any reason.