

# The Story Behind Children's Garden

My name is Rachel Mårtensson, and I have been active in childcare for the past eight years. In addition to holding a Master's Degree in education, I also have an AA in Child Development. I have a daughter who will be turning five this summer and will be attending PACT School starting in the fall of 2007.

I am currently preparing my family child care for the fall of 2007. For updates on how my facility is developing, visit my blog:

<http://childrensgarden-rachel.blogspot.com/>



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before and after school care

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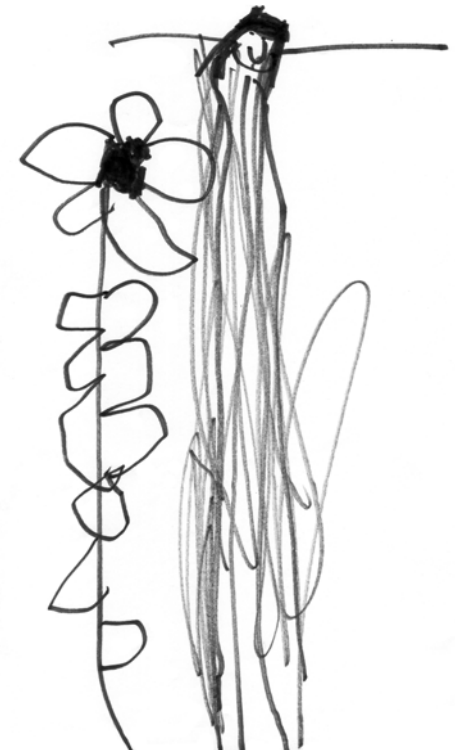
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Feel free to call me with any questions  
and to come by to visit my home.

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family child care  
for school aged children



# Hours of Operation

(for the school year)

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- \* I will drop off kindergartners at PACT School at 10:20 and pick them up at 2:30 (Mon., Tue, Wed., Fri.), and at 12:10 on Thursdays, which are minimum days.
- \* First graders on up will be picked up at 2:30 (Mon., Tue, Wed., Fri.), and at 12:10 on Thursdays, which are minimum days.
- \* Full-day care will be available during some school holiday periods. Prices and dates TBD.

## Philosophy

I believe that each child is special and develops in his or her own way. Children are innate learners, and will learn naturally through the exploration of a stimulating environment. Though children's play should for the most part be child-initiated, adults can expand upon opportunities for learning by contributing though gentle guidance, understanding assistance, and encouragement. Autonomy is especially important for children and helps them develop self-confidence. A primary component of autonomy is problem solving. Children are encouraged to think for themselves by being asked open-ended questions, given choices, and allowed to make decisions.



## Fees

Kindergarten before/after school:  
\$180 / week

Before school only: \$100

After school only: \$135