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PLAYGROUND

Playground construction is going strong-but as with all construction, it is taking longer than anticipated. We are watching the changes through the windows and getting more and more excited each day! The latest update is the sod will be here this week and then a couple more weeks for it to set. In the meantime, we will continue to get our gross motor movement through walks, dancing and gross motor play.

CLASSROOM AND STAFF

March saw us expand our enrollment by 8 children and one more teacher! Please welcome Chloe Bernard to our team! Chloe will be assisting Breeann in the 3-5 classroom.

Kristen Hunt (Child Care Centre Manager)	Hours: 7:30-4:30 (Everywhere ☺)
Lisa Morgan (I/T ECE Educator)	Hours: 9:00-6:00 (I/T Room)
Breeann May (ECE Educator)	Hours: 8:00-5:00 (3-5 Room)
Chloe Bernard (ECEA Educator)	Hours 10:00-2:00 (3-5 Room)
Brianne Crow (ECE Educator)	Hours: 8:30-5:30 (I/T Room)

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LANGUAGE NEST FOR PARENTS

We hosted our first Language Nest Parent Night on Wednesday, March 15th where parents had the opportunity to ask questions, learn from the Elders and participate in the teachings. We provided child minding and offered a light meal.☺ If you would like to join us for our next Parent Language Nest Night, please sign up for Wednesday, April 26th from 5:00-6:00 PM.

SPECIAL REQUESTS FROM YOUR TEACHERS ☺

If you have not already done so, please send a water bottle/cup with a lid/sippy cup for your child that can stay at the Centre. We wash the cups each night and refill them with fresh water for the children each morning. The cups are then left in an accessible location so the children and the teachers can be reminded to drink water and stay hydrated!

TRADITIONAL BANNOCK RECIPE

We have made bannock with the children at the Childcare Centre and would like to share our recipe with you!

INGREDIENTS:
6 cups flour
6 tbsp baking powder
3.5 cups warmed milk
¼ cup vegetable oil

DIRECTIONS:
In a large bowl, mix together flour, baking powder, milk and oil. Stir until dough comes together in a ball. Do not over mix. Shape into a rough oval, place on baking sheet and bake for about 30 minutes at 400 degrees (until golden brown). Serve warmed or cooled, excellent with Blackberry Jam!

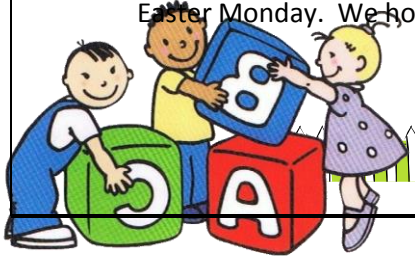
STAFF DEVELOPMENT, CLOSURES OR LATE OPENING

Thank you so much for your patience with the late opening on March 29th so the teachers could attend a full Staff Meeting – These meeting happen every 4 months on the last Wednesday of the month .

Please note, we also close for up to 4 days every year so that Staff can attend professional development days. We will always give you plenty of notice of these closures.

On April 19th, the entire Teaching Team will be attending Moe The Mouse Training. This is training designed specifically to help children with speech development. Upon completion, the teachers will be able to start using this curriculum in the Centre with the children.

Please note we will be closed on Friday, April 14th for Good Friday and also on Monday, April 17th for Easter Monday. We hope you all enjoy your long weekend!



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SICK CHILD POLICY

As we have had many sick children and staff, we thought it would be a great idea to re-post the sick child policy form the parent handbook here for review ;-)

"Under no circumstances may a parent bring a sick child to the Childcare Centre, if the child shows any signs of illness (see Symptoms Requiring Removal of Child from Childcare), or is unable to participate in the normal routine and regular childcare program. Sick children will expose all children and staff members who they come in contact with. These people can in turn expose the other children. Sick children want care from their parents in the comfort of their own homes. If other children become ill due to exposure to your sick child, either because he/she was returned to day care before full recovery or because he/she was not picked up promptly upon notice of becoming ill, other parents will be unnecessarily inconvenienced. Because this is disruptive to other children and their families, your cooperation on this issue is extremely important.

Every effort is taken to reduce the spread of illness by encouraging hand washing and other sanitary practices.

If your child is unable to participate in the normal activities of the Childcare Centre (including being able to play outside), then your child MUST stay home.

In the event a child becomes ill and needs to be picked up, the parent(s) will be called and are expected to come pick the child up within one hour (60 minutes). If the parent(s) cannot be reached, or have not arrived within an hour, the emergency contact person will be called and asked to come pick the child up.

For the benefit of our staff and other children in our care, a sick child will not be permitted to return to care for 24 hours after condition has returned to normal. The child may return 24 - 48 hours (depending upon the illness) after they have received the first dose of an antibiotic. If a child receives an antibiotic for an ear infection, he/she may return to Childcare Centre immediately if he/she has been free of other symptoms mentioned for at least 24 hours. If you aren't sure about whether or not to bring your child to care, please call the manager to discuss it. Allergy related symptoms, and non-communicable illnesses do not require exclusion if you have a note from your doctor. "

SYMPTOMS REQUIRING REMOVAL OF CHILD FROM CENTRE

-Fever: Fever is defined as having a temperature of 100°F or higher taken under the arm, 101°F taken orally, or 102°F taken rectally. For children 4 months or younger, the lower rectal temperature of 101°F is considered a fever threshold; (a child needs to be fever free for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to Child care Centre, that means the child is fever free without the aid of Tylenol®, or any other fever reducing substance.)

-Fever AND sore throat, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, irritability, or confusion.

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-Diarrhea: runny, watery, bloody stools, or ***2 or more loose stools within last 4 hours***.
-Vomiting: ***2 or more times in a 24 hour period. Note: please do not bring your child if they have vomited in the night.***
-Breathing trouble, sore throat, swollen glands, loss of voice, hacking or continuous coughing.
-Runny nose (other than clear), draining eyes or ears.
-Frequent scratching of body or scalp, lice, rash, or any other spots that resemble childhood diseases, including ring worm.
-Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than we can provide without hurting the health, safety or well-being of the other children in our care.

DONATIONS

We are still seeking donations of gently used toys and art supplies! We are also in search of children's CD's—anything from naptime music to get up and dance music. Spring is here, isn't time to do a little Spring Cleaning? ☺

SIGN IN

Please remember to sign your child in and out every day and initial the time. This includes if you take your child out of the Centre for groups or an outing and return later in the day. Thank you so much!

ACTIVITIES

In March we had a lot of fun stuff going on ☺

In the 3-5 room, Our practicum student presented the children with a science and art activity. Our Language Nest team helped us translate some new songs to sing with the children, Bree made super soft playdough and magic mud and we made bannock ☺ The children have been doing a lot of chalk artwork outside the Centre and have been enjoying exploring nature on our walks.

In the Infant/Toddler room we have introduced easel painting and some new toys and materials. The children have been enjoying the slide and we have provided them with some pretty fun dress up clothing—there is nothing cuter than 7 toddlers in scarves, hats and sequins! We have been out enjoying daily walks and the children have been exploring the neighborhood from the comfort of our 4 person strollers.

OUR LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH (APRIL 29th) WILL BE PYJAMA DAY!! WEAR YOUR JAMMIES TO SCHOOL!