

November 2018 Newsletter



Hoping everyone was able to enjoy some trick or treating fun with the family yesterday. There were a lot of great costumes and everyone was super excited to get out and get candy!

I wanted to let everyone know that Alexis and Maddy will be taking turns in the 3-5 program during Kathleen's absence. They will do three weeks on 3-5 and then switch back to infant/toddler for three weeks on a rotating basis.

Hopefully everyone got the notice that we will be closing over the Christmas holidays from Dec. 22nd to Jan. 1st. We will be open again on Jan. 2nd.

The Remembrance Day Stat falls on Monday, Nov. 12th and we will be closed on that day as well.

We will be hosting our annual Winter Potluck sometime in December. We will let you know the date as soon as we have it all organized.

We have a new cook in the kitchen these days. Taranjit has been whipping up some amazing snacks for the children and staff alike. We are super happy to have her on board to take over this role and allow the educators to focus on the children.

If you have not already applied for the Affordable Childcare Benefit, it is worth looking into. Feel free to email or come talk to me about it.



Infant and Toddler Room News

Hi Everyone!



What a glorious fall season we all enjoyed! What it meant for the infants and toddlers was a lot of outside play and awareness of the change in nature. We watched the leaves change color and fall to the ground. We gathered leaves and swished in them, we sang about them and some even tasted them. We painted with fall colors on paper and pumpkins. Talking of pumpkins we also hammered golf tees into them and tried out some slime with the inside flesh and seeds.



Thank you to everyone for sending awesome clothing choices for your children. With the cold mornings it was nice to have the option to bundle up a bit and then have something lighter for the afternoon. Please label your items as best you can as it really helps the staff to put clothes on the right kid and to get things back into the right cubby!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new friends Maeve and Elliot and their families. We look forward to getting to know you and are looking forward to playing with you and also learning and growing together.

We have been enjoying our CD/Song books by Barefoot Books so much. Ray-Ann brought those in at the end of July and the children listen to them daily. They are definitely a hit!

For those of you who would like to order some books through Scholastic we want you to know you can send a cheque if you like but there is an online ordering option if that is easier for you.

Some of the children's key areas of interest and learning this fall have been:

-using cars and trains on the shelving unit and experimenting with different sensory surfaces. Expanding that play to include creating ramps.

-Reading books and listening to CD song books, also enjoying listen to music CD's and singing along.

-digging outside and creating cakes complete with stick candles and rock decorations and then singing happy birthday over and over.

-playing with bears and making a bear cave. Using Brown Bear, Brown Bear book and flannel story

Your children are a delight! Curious and intelligent, capable and finding ways to challenge themselves with lots of movement, climbing, running and jumping.



3-5 and Multi-age News



Where did October go? We went from sun and blue skies to clouds & cold. Now it's time to get those gloves, boots and warmer clothing for outside play.

This month the children explored the farmers market, fall, Thanksgiving and Halloween.

On the 3-5 we enjoyed finding special rocks and leaves to bring home and we had fun with our bike ramp and using wood and larger rocks to make up an obstacle course. On MA we did a lot of heavy work cleaning up our yard in preparation for the change in weather. We played "BASKET Ball" and when it rained our slide became a waterslide.

What a fun day we had on the 31st with pumpkins, costumes and treats. The children all looked great in their costumes.



This month we will be changing things up a bit and gearing up for winter. We will be transforming our market to a winter wonderland. If you have any items at home that you think would fit into this new play zone, please let us know. As always we are grateful for the donations we receive from the families so if anyone has indoor lights, and fabrics that are sparkly or blue toned it would be great. As well we are still in need of teaspoons and spare pants. It can't be said enough but LABELING all those new outside clothes as well as inside items is important.

Important date to remember this month is November 12th. We will be closed for the Remembrance Day Stat.

