

March 2020 Newsletter



It's starting to feel a lot like Spring outside☺ The yard has turned into a mud pit which is really fun for the children but not always appreciated by all at pick up time. It's not a bad idea to have a garbage bag to throw the muddy stuff in before climbing in the car.

The children have been enjoying the addition of a class pet. "Super Cricket Catcher" is a leopard gecko who eats live crickets and meal worms. It's fun to watch her to try to catch her snacks.

Melissa has stepped up into Alexis' full time position in the Infant and Toddler program. It's great to see Melissa every day!! We have a new casual named Brittany who will be working in all the programs as needed. Brittany has her Early Childhood Educator Certificate and a number of years of experience in the field. Welcome Brittany.

We have been noticing an increase in the amount of toys from home that the children are bringing. We would like to ask your help with this. A stuffie or blanket for rest time is great. Other toys tend to cause issues in regards to sharing, getting lost, going home with the wrong child, etc. Please try to limit what gets brought to daycare to rest time items only. Thank you.

We do not have any stats or closure days coming up in March. The next scheduled closure days will be April 10th and 13th for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

For those of you heading off for Spring Break, enjoy your holidays!!

Infant Toddler News



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We have been having beautiful sunny weather. With the sun we have been seeing the snow in our yard melting away and revealing some toys hidden underneath as well as creating great big puddles for playing in. Children have been using the puddles for jumping in, driving their cars through and for scooping up the water with various objects to transfer the water. With puddles comes mud and the children have been creating mud pies in their mud or using the mud for filling and dumping containers found in the sandbox.

Inside we have been using water colour paints as a new art material and the children have been experimenting with mixing colours seeing what new colours appear. The children have been doing their watercolour painting as collaborative art, working on art projects together. This is a great social way of doing art that builds community and fosters cooperation as they work together to make beautiful creations. With the interest in water exploration the children have also been doing lots of water play in our bathroom using our sensory bins and sink where children can fill and dump containers and transfer the water from the sink to the bins.



Thank you & Reminders:

~With the yard changing from snow to mud we ask your child has mud gear for outdoor play such as rubber boots and muddy Buddies.

~Thank you for labeling your child's belongings including lunch containers. This helps us to make sure all the right belongings are going into the right cubbies and lunch boxes.

3-5 & Multi-age News

Another month leapt by and all of us are ready to welcome the spring. During the last month which is also a leap year we had so many celebrations. We started off the month by celebrating the Chinese New Year. We made sushi and Kathleen brought us amazing books about dragons and also made a dragon pen for the children to explore.

In the middle of the month we celebrated Valentine's Day by having a tea party. Hopefully Family Day gave time for everyone to catch up with each other during the long weekend.

This past month we made little Piney (Pine cone people) for our forestry felt mat. A lot of changes have been made in and around the daycare to facilitate open exploration and learning. I would like to ask all the parents to help their children treat all the books and toys respectfully as it is very hard to replace or collect some of the toys and books that we use at the daycare.

Nicola brought a new guest to the daycare, a gecko, which goes by the name Super Cricket Catcher. Children have been highly interested in participating with her feeding and general caring activities.

In the month of March we are hoping to do activities that would help the children be aware of several occasions such as the arrival of spring season and St. Patrick's Day and so on.

Reminders:

I would like to remind all the parents to pack muddy buddies along with their usual winter apparel as it still gets chilly at times. Also some spare clothes as it has been muddy and wet lately. It will also be helpful if you could keep a spare bag (Plastic or cloth) to take the soiled clothes back home. This way we can be more environmentally aware reduce the use of plastic bags.

Please label all belongings of your children as it makes it easier to identify. We also strongly advise to bring only one stuffy or toy, if required, for the naptimes. I would also like to remind the parents that the toys from home stay at home.

Donations:

As always we are grateful for the donations that we have received and we are still looking for any loose parts such as bottle caps, acorns, acorn heads and so on. We welcome most donations wholeheartedly and greatly appreciate those that are as naturalistic as possible.

Loose parts Definition: **Loose parts** are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. They are materials with no specific set of directions that can be used alone or combined with other materials

Happy Spring season everyone ☺

You will also find an attachment with your newsletter this month. It is just a one pager on Guiding Your Child's Behavior that we thought might interest some.

