

The Growing Times



FUNDRAISING FEE DEADLINE!

Please be aware that the annual fundraising fee of \$600 a family is due December 22, 2023. Please contact Tami if you would like to arrange a payment plan.

Dates

November 10 - Centre Closed, PD Day

November 13 - Centre Closed, Day in Lieu Remembrance Day



Jessica wanted to express her thanks for all the kind words and support she has received in recognition of her being a team member for the past 25 years!

Happy 25th Anniversary!

Room 4

This month we have enjoyed everything that has to do with fall! We are starting to prepare for winter! As we learn, we are exploring different clothing options like gloves, hats, and cozy jackets. The children use their senses to determine what they need! During this time they observe if it is wet, cold, windy or sunny and choose accordingly. This month Room 4 has had many interests. To highlight a few; cars, trucks, trains, house stuff in dramatic play. We are currently going through an inquiry change to deepen our knowledge on dinosaurs! We have reopened our beloved dino box, dramatic play is turning into dino world with a mountain as its centre piece! We have been using loose parts (bottle caps, pennies, and pompoms) to create our very own dinosaurs. Our art centre has also gone through a bit of a change as we explore self-directed art. We have provided open ended materials such as watercolour paint, scissors, glue, paper, pipe cleaners, and crayons to allow the children to be artists in their own way. We have also explored many different sensory bin, such as water, sand, shaving cream, and a loose parts fall bin. These sensory bins are a come and go opportunity to allow the children to have control of what they do in a day. Lastly, our library has new books relating to dinosaurs, Halloween, and feel good books. For the month of October we had the opportunity to have a librarian come read to us, as well as leave us new books to discover! The children have also been very interested in letters and numbers. We have been discovering letters during meal times and table top activities.

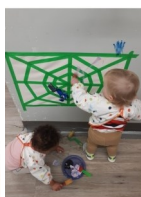
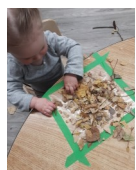
News from the Rooms

Room 1

Hello Room 1 families! November is here, the time seems to be flying by! Just a gentle reminder, please check your little one's clothing everyday. We need their outdoor clothing from toques, mittens, boots, warm jacket, and pants, so we can continue our learning outdoors. Labelling all outdoor clothing helps prevent items from getting lost or misplaced too, thank you!

The fall is here and Room 1 children have been seeing the signs while our morning stroller walks and afternoon outdoor play. They started notice some fall signs, some of the children were touching and collecting leaves that had fallen on the ground and playing with them. The children had the opportunity to participate in many fall related activities such as sorting natural loose parts by colour, making leaves collage, and fall theme sensory bins and boards. We will continue with many more fall activities as their interests continue to grow.

They enjoy music and Zumbini, as well as dance parties. Their current favourite songs are "Sleeping Bunnies", "Old MacDonald Had a Farm", and "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes" and we are going to introduce more tunes with actions. Many of the children love "Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?" book, they continually ask us to read that book everyday! We are looking forward to a new month and all the fun activities that will be planned based on their interests!



From the Atelier:

Hello, Fall!

At the end of October, we explored everything pumpkin. We played with orange pumpkins, used loose parts to create pumpkin faces, painted mini pumpkins, and even brought in huge pumpkins that we cut open to explore the seeds and pulp inside.

For November, I will be using lots of red (in recognition of Remembrance Day) and black loose parts. Please bring in any recycling materials from home. For sensory activities, we will be exploring water play.

As for the easels, I'll be introducing black paper and white paint. So we can explore shades. We will also share my favorite book about snowflakes and explore loose parts for the children to create their own snowflakes on mirrored trays.

Wishing everyone an amazing autumn!

Kim

Room 2

October is already past! It was so much fun having a Halloween party and lots of spooky activities to explore. Thanks to all the families who brought their children in different Halloween costumes. We experienced lots of summer opportunities, now it's time to explore the winter with snow. We remind families to bring their child's winter and waterproof items, all labelled clearly.



Room 5

This past month the children really enjoyed our new tuff tray table, we put Lego on it and it has been the center of attention in the room. The children have been enjoying creating with the LEGO and saving their projects to continue working on at a later time. We switched up our dramatic play, the children came up with a list of ideas and then voted on them, they chose to have a cleaning shop. We have added a variety of cleaning materials such as a mop, broom, cleaning gloves, scrubs, and a soapy water bin with a variety of cars, trucks to clean. Our dramatic play area has been great at supporting their social skills learning how to cooperate, share roles and make up their own rules and narratives. They specifically requested wanting to clean toilets so we brought in some potties to work on their toilet cleaning skills and to support and respond to their interest. We have created a new light table for them to explore properties of objects and add a new concept into their play, they have really been enjoying. We were working on name recognition this past month and we can officially say all the children in Room 5 can identify their own name!!! We have been working on fine motor skills through our play provocations, LEGO being a huge fine motor development activity, our scented cinnamon playdough, our cutting bin, and loose parts manipulation. We read some new problem solving books and had many conversations about how to solve problems ourselves and understanding our options but also how to help each other learning how to be responsible members in society. This past month library Wednesday's have started and the children have not only been enjoying this time but also been actively participating. They have been reading stories, learning rhymes, and helping tell stories through the felt board! Next month we don't have any birthday's to celebrate but we are excited to see where the children's interests lead us in our reflections and planning, lately they have shown a new interest in super hero's, stay tuned!!



Room 3

October was a fun and busy month! Our munchkins explored the changes in the surroundings with all their senses. They observed and talked about the cool weather, vibrant colours (leaves), fallen leaves, and of course Halloween! There is always something about Halloween that catches the imagination of all children. We did Halloween crafts, stories, songs, and celebrated Halloween in our classroom. Our children dressed up in their chosen costumes and Ms. Shari baked some yummy treats for us. Pumpkin carving and exploring it inside and out was a big hit!

Our munchkins enjoyed singing "five little hotdogs" and "five little pumpkins" songs. Currently their favourite is "A Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear". Reading, singing, sharing stories help in building social communication and emotional skills. Our munchkins are actively participating in music and Zumbini class and developing their language, listening and rhythm skills.

November will be full of playful exploration and our activities will be based on their interests. We will provide open ended materials and create provocations for them to explore and learn. Orlando celebrated his 3rd birthday with us in October. Any concerns please come talk to us. - Anita & Ms. Bibi