

# The Growing Times



June 2023



## Dates & Reminders

June 13 - Board meeting 5:30 @ICDC

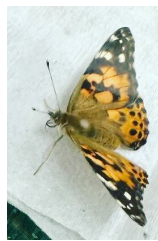
June 20 & 21 - Parent meetings 6:00 - 8:00pm

## News from the Rooms

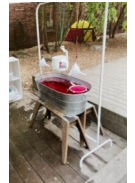
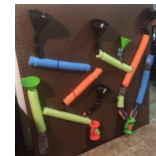
### Atelier

May was all about caterpillars and butterflies, as well as keeping cool. We purchased Painted Lady Larvae for the rooms. The female butterflies lay pale green eggs the size of a pin head singly on leaves of many different food plants. The spiny caterpillars, which hatch after 3 to 5 days, are greyish brown or purple-black with yellow side stripes. They feed on the food at the bottom of the container. They eat continually for 5 to 10 days, while living in a loosely woven silk nest. They grow to an ultimate size of about 1.25 inches, before pupating on the host plant (paper towel). The caterpillar hangs upside down, attached with a single silken string, and forms a naked chrysalis, from which the adult butterfly will emerge 7 to 10 days later.

It was an amazing experience! On the first non-smoke and warm day the butterflies were released into the community.



June, I will be focusing on building a water wall and creating fun outdoor experiences for the children with the materials donated to ICDC. Here are some of my ideas:



### Room 2

Due to the warm and beautiful weather we are enjoying more outdoor time. We go for a walk to the river side and get to see ants, birds, squirrels, new leaves and green grass. We had so much fun in the month of May by making moms happy. We made cards and planted flowers. In the month of June we are going to have more fun and fun activities both outside and inside. Now it is dad's turn to make him happy and proud by doing something special for him on Father's Day. We have added some pulling toys in our room, which are a great favourite for the children. We welcome our new friends from Room 1 and are going to miss the old friends who have moved up to Room 3. We are excited to reconnect with them outside and to see them experience new things and a bright future ahead.



### Room 4

The children are enjoying the new Science centre we created. They are learning about the solar system. We are now working on our multicultural centre. If you want to share any pictures or artifacts within your home culture please bring it in. We are looking for donations of dishes, cups, and baskets for our housekeeping centre.

### Room 3

The month of May was a busy month as our children have been exploring and learning through their minds and bodies. The children watched the caterpillars as they turned into butterflies. They helped the educators in releasing the butterflies. Zumbini class was introduced, this brought a lot of excitement and interest among the children. The children planted seeds and watched how they grew into seedlings. Their experience enlightened their learning with curiosity about living things and what they need to grow. The children were provided with different materials for hands-on activities and process art. Materials like weaving, bread dough, and shape stencils. We celebrated a few birthdays this month as our children continue to turn 3!

### Room 5

This past month we dove into a dinosaur inquiry exploring the different types of dinosaurs and what they eat. We created a dinosaur land in our dramatic play for the children to feel they were really playing around the dinosaurs! Part way through the month the children started to find lots of lady bugs outdoor and were initiating creating habitats for the ladybugs outside, showing their respect and care for the nature around them. As the dinosaur conversations changed into bug conversations and I wonder questions we decided to jump into a bug inquiry. Within the same week of switching over the inquiry we had a delivery of caterpillars. Class 5 has observed the caterpillars eat, move, and turn themselves into beautiful butterflies.

We have been diving into lots of good bug books during our group time covering variety of bugs, their anatomy and how they live and survive. The children have been sharing their ideas, observations and questions about bugs which lead to great conversations between each other. There has been lots of bug provocations set up to invite the children to explore bugs in different ways, we have had some nature materials to create a class group caterpillar project, they have used the small world table with flowers and insects to create little bug worlds. They have used big blocks in our dramatic play to make bugs in the garden using stepping stones and fabric. We will continue this inquiry as long as the children express interest and look forward to see where the learning and development goes!

This past month we have shared we are looking for plants and we thank you for all the donations they have really brightened up room 5 and have been a great addition! This month we have two birthdays; Sadie on June 18<sup>th</sup> and Tyson on June 19<sup>th</sup>!



### Room 1

We are so excited that the warm weather has arrived. We have been able to enjoy more outdoor time which has led to some new interests for the children. Just a friendly reminder, please check your child's backpack and drawer for a change in attire and our classroom is quite hot in the summer months, so please dress your child in comfortable clothes and bring a lightweight blanket or sleeping sack for nap time. Thank you!

We had so much fun during the month of May. We have spent a lot of time with familiar songs. Their current favourite songs are "Wheels on the Bus", "Old MacDonald Had a Farm", and of course "Sleeping Bunnies". We love singing and dance parties. Also the children enjoy looking at the books called "Baby Animals Touch and Feel", "First 100 Animals", and "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?".

The children have been enjoying the beautiful nice weather while playing outside. We go outside twice daily as weather allows us. Stroller walks in the community and along the river path in the morning and playground time in the afternoon. It is exciting to see the children are noticing the changes outside. They have been interested in seeing the flowers on the trees and hearing the birds singing. We also enjoyed all the geese and ducks walking around. On days that we were not able to go outside due to the weather conditions, we have been enjoying a lot of indoor activities such as water play, sensory bags, and sensory bottles.

We wish all our children that are moving up to Room2 well, they will have lots of fun, new experiences and be reunited with some old friends. Plus we welcome two new little guys to Room 1. We are so excited:)

