

The Growing Times

November 2022



A message from the Board President

My name is Erin Joslin and I am your ICDC President for the 2022-2023 year. My son Cade is in Room 5 and my daughter Shae is in Room 3. My education is in Architecture and I currently work as a Planner for Rocky View Schools. I have also spent the last 7 years on the Ramsay Community Association Board as both a Director, as well as the Vice President External (Chair of the Planning Committee). If you reside in Ramsay or Inglewood there is a good chance you have come across my name at some point as I am an active advocate for the communities, and also admin a selection of community Facebook pages.

We held our AGM on October 20. Thank you all who attended. We want to welcome our new and returning Board members. We bid farewell to a couple of Board members and thank them for all their hard work over the last year. The Board is busy getting ready for the upcoming Casino in March. Families please remember it is a requirement of being a part of ICDC that each family take on 1 shift. Please stay tuned for the volunteer link.

News from the Rooms

Room 1

We are now in the colder season. Just a gentle reminder to please check your children's clothing EVERYDAY. We need their outdoor clothing from toques, mittens or gloves, boots, and winter coats/pants. If weather permits, we are at the playground everyday in the morning and afternoon. Children loves playing in the snow!

This month, we encouraged children to learn how to share spaces. As a mixed- age group, some of the toddlers are keeping things and spaces to themselves. This is their "mine" stage of growth. Sharing spaces lets them experience that both of them, if not everyone, can enjoy activities. We are also learning how to put back our toys after playing with the song from Barney, " Clean up". Through this, children learns the name of things around the room. We love Sleeping Bunnies and Itsy Bitsy Spider book.

Fundraising FYI

Families are able to pay their fundraising fee in installments throughout the year rather than a lump sum in December. Please talk to Tami to arrange what works best for your family. Also, did you know that ICDC is a Registered Charity? Many companies will match charitable donations so check with your company today!

Dates & Reminders

November 11 - ICDC
CLOSED, Remembrance Day

November - Board Meeting



2022/23 Board of Directors

At this years AGM we welcomed new and returning members to the Board of Directors. The ICDC Board of Directors is comprised of parent volunteers who act as a governance Board to the centre. To contact the board please email :
icdcbordsecretary@gmail.com

President: Erin Joslin

- Son Cade Room 5, daughter Shae Room 3

Vice President: Erin Standen

- Daughter Ada Room 4

Treasurer: Justine

- Sons Cash Room 5 and Austin Room 1

Secretary: Pamela

- Son Gunnar Room 5, son Slade, Room 3

Director at large:

- Angie, daughter Sadie Room 5, daughter Faith Room 2

- Steph, daughter Marin Room 4

- Caleb, daughter Rosalyn Room 4

- Lindsay, daughter Stevie Room 2

News from the Rooms

Room 5

In October our children were so excited to learn about Halloween and Thanksgiving. First, we learned about why we celebrate Thanksgiving and shared what kind of foods we ate on this day. We also took time to recognize and appreciate the farmers and parents who support us.

Second, we talked about our children's favorite interest, Halloween. We adorned the room with Halloween decorations, including the children's own Halloween art, and learned about bats, rats, and ghosts during circle time.

Our children loved all the new Halloween books in their library and there was often a pile of books given to the teachers to be read. Some of these titles include, "Skeleton meets the mummy", "Halloween Hustle" and "We are going on a ghost hunt". They also enjoyed a variety of art projects including black paper spiders, apple print pumpkins, and painted hand ghosts. We would hardly finish one project before the children would eagerly start another. Some children took their art projects home but others put them on display on the block corner wall. They also made taped up paper mummies with their pictures pasted on top. This led to a discussion about where mummies are located, why they existed, and the present day people who discover them.



Room 3

Wow! November is here and we can't believe how fast October has flown by! The children explored the fall season by doing some outdoor activities and using their senses to see the changes in the surroundings. We did art activities related to their interests and their creativity could be seen in their work.

Picture day was a hit & Halloween brought lots of smiles on their faces while talking about their costumes, Jack o'lanterns, ghosts and the pumpkins. The songs they enjoyed singing were "five little pumpkins" and "I saw a pumpkin grow." Their favourite book was "Boo!" by Robert Munsch. They could relate the story to Halloween and talked about what they could see (scary masks, costume, candies to name a few).

We are trying to encourage independence and develop self-help skills. Children can learn so much from doing things themselves. This keeps giving confidence and builds their self esteem and pride in their independence. Please continue to encourage them at home to do things for themselves.

We have a very exciting and full month ahead of us filled with fun activities and learning, Slade turned 3! We wish him good wishes and playful exploring and learning in the room.

If any concerns or requests please don't hesitate to be in touch with us and we will try our best. Thanks, Anita and Bibi.

Room 4

Welcome Fall! We are working on the children's ability to be independent and have strong self help skills. We will help them to be able to put on their own shoes and outdoor wear and putting their bedsheets on their cots. We also continue to practice good hygiene by washing out hands when we come in in the morning, before meals, after using the toilet and when we come in from outside. If you find your child's hands are becoming chapped please bring in some hand lotion (labelled) and we will offer it to them after they have washed.

We have embraced the season change with our art, using the leaves. We have also done some different sensory play like mud slime. Many children also made some bracelets with beads and worked on their cutting skills. These activities strengthen their hand muscles and develop their fine motor skills. We have been introducing loose parts of recycled materials into the classroom to enhance their children's exploration.

A special thanks to Hazel for sharing a wonderful book with the class, the children learned many things from the book "What works at Hannah's School?"

We are working on making the children's learning more visible within the classroom. We welcome all parents to come and check the classroom displays and see your child's learning environment.

Room 2

The month of October was very interesting and spooky. We enjoyed Halloween with our costumes, candies, activities and crafts. As the weather gets colder please be sure to send warmer coats, hats and mitts so we can continue to enjoy our outdoor time. Please remember to label everything as things get easily mixed up.

We wish a very happy birthday to our star children Gigi, Nestor and Eden, as their birthdays are this month.