

# The Growing Times



## Alexandra Centre Society Christmas Hampers

It's that time of year again where the ACS does their community Christmas Hampers. This year we are supporting this cause by collecting non-perishable food items, hats, mitts, socks, toys and/or gifts. You are also welcome to support the Christmas Hampers by making a monetary donation. Thank you for your support! For more details please visit: <https://alexandracentresociety.org/programs/christmas-hampers>



## Fundraising Fee

Reminder that Fundraising fees are due by closing on December 23, 2021. Each family is required to pay \$600. You can pay via cheque, e-transfer to [director@inglewoodchilddevelopment.ca](mailto:director@inglewoodchilddevelopment.ca), give written authorization for Tami to remove the funds through CAFT. If you have any questions or need to make an arrangement for paying your fundraising fee please contact Tami.

## Dates & Reminders

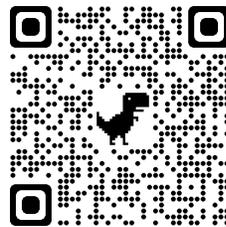
December 21 - Board Meeting, Microsoft Teams @ 8:30

December 24 - Jan 3, 2022

Centre closed for Winter Break

## ICDC Board Update

Last month the new Board met for the first time and are very excited about the year ahead. Quick reminder to sign up for the casino in March. This raises a significant amount of money for the Centre. Also, if anyone is interested in helping out, the Board has several committees: Finance, Communications/Marketing and Playground who would love some additional help. This would be less of a commitment than joining the Board but would be a big help! If you would like to learn more please email [icdcboardsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:icdcboardsecretary@gmail.com).  
Happy Holidays!



## News from the Rooms

### Room 2

We are close to the end of the year, and going to celebrate New YEAR 2023 with great hopes, wishes and happiness. We welcome our newcomers from Room 1 Maggie, Elias, Doug and Ollie in December. We will miss our star kids who are moving to Room 3 Faith, Arthur, Ada and Toby.

Our learning through play will continue to progress we throughout our monthly activities. Christmas is approaching so we have planned lots of activities, songs and stories for the little ones.



# News from the Rooms

## Room 1

Hello Room 1 parents! It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone! Holiday season will soon be here and we are so excited! Just a friendly reminder to check your child's clothing everyday. We go outside twice daily as weather allows us, so please make sure your child has a winter coat, snow pants/snow suits, toque, mittens, and waterproof boots. Please label all their belongings, this will help us to keep everything organized. Thank you!

Recently the children have been focusing on different kinds of the structures of all shapes and sizes. Due to this interest, we have added different type of materials to build their motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and cognitive skills. Some examples of these materials are: activity cube, stacking toys, buckle toys, etc... These activities can be hard for some children, however they keep trying and get a good brain workout. They are so proud of themselves after a couple of successful attempts.

Also they love music and having dance parties! Their favourite tunes include "If You're Happy and You Know It" and "Sleeping Bunnies"!

We wish you have a wonderful holiday and happy new year!

## Room 3

Here we are at the end of another year and what a year it had been! We have been working on the overall development of the children by creating a playful learning environment for them through songs, stories, outdoor play, art experiences, more focus on how to be social. Learning social skills does not develop naturally, they need to be learned. Each child is unique and therefore our munchkins will continue to learn about sharing and taking turns with each other (A BIG TASK for this age group!)

Their favourite story has been "The Gingerbread Man". They also enjoyed listening to "sneezy the Snowman". The children have been enjoying the music and yoga classes, all while their coordination and skills have been improving. This can be seen through their participation. We have also been singing songs to improve vocabulary. The children enjoy singing "Five Little Snowmen" and "Five little Snowflakes".

December is a month filled with excitement, laughter, cheer and holiday vibes! Lots of activities are planned and will be implemented as per children's interests. Happy Celebration!!! - Anita and Ms. Bibi

## Room 4

This past month we did lots of interactive activities. To work on our motor skills and patterns we worked with slime, playdough and beaded bracelets. We did and discussed many science demonstrations; snow storm in a jar, colour mixing, volcano, magic milk. We elaborated on the interests of the children. We started extending on the ideas of building houses and then things around the houses; garden roads, garage, train tracks and lastly people. The children made their parents and/or friends. The children were provided different materials to explore and expand their ideas. With Christmas approaching (or basically here according to the children) we have been creating different ornaments and decorations pertaining to the Christmas season. The children are very, very excited!



## Room 5

Room 5 has had a very busy November. With the changing weather, we discussed what that meant, not just for us, but for the environment also. The children learned about hibernation, including which animals hibernate and why. Outside we built snowmen, made snow angels, and brought out the sleds, which the children loved! Next, we talked about Christmas. The children began colouring and painting various Christmas pictures and are pretty excited for this month's festivities. The children also showed a strong interest in pirates recently, so we incorporated a pirate theme into our classroom. We added pirate decorations, a pirate flag, pirate ships, pirate hats, treasure maps, and of course, treasure! We also added some pirate themed art supplies and books as well. The children are really loving this topic and so we will see where it takes us. Regarding the children's social-emotional development, we learned to practice more empathy and kindness with one another. Instead of just forcing an apology, which is often not sincere anyways, the children have learned to focus less on the person who instigates conflict and more on the person who has been hurt. We are now asking children to first ask the other, "Are you ok?" and then "How can I fix this/help you?" The children are able to then choose what would help them feel better (a hug, help to fix what's broken, an apology, to be left alone, etc.). This lessens the chance that the children will simply apologize to get away with hurting others and helps repair any damage done. Finally, some of the children showed an interest in learning some academic skills, so we began teaching them about simple addition, using counters and CVC words, using a variety of tools. They are doing great with them and are eager to learn more. We will continue these concepts for as long as the children show an interest in it. We will also review phonics and letter recognition regularly to help deepen their understanding of the English language. Last, but certainly not least, we would like to welcome our new student, Henry to our class. We are happy to have another friend join us and are excited to learn more about him and his family. Welcome Henry!