

# The Growing Times



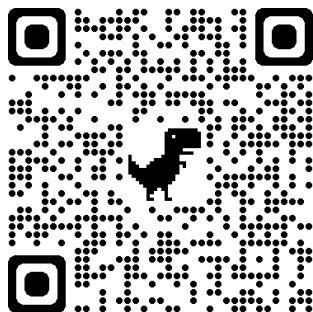
## Goodbye Deb

Our beloved Deb (Room 4) has decided to retire. After 42 years here at ICDC Deb is now ready to bid the world of early learning goodbye. She will be returning to Ontario. Deb's last day is March 1. We wish her the best and hope she enjoys her well earned retirement!

## Dates & Reminders

Feb 21, 2022 Centre closed, Family Day

Feb 23, 2022 Board Meeting  
@ 8:30pm on Microsoft Teams



## Fundraising Fee

Did you know? Many companies have programs to match their employee's donations to charitable causes.

As a not-for-profit childcare centre, ICDC relies on your donations through the Fundraising Fee to support our children and educators. Being a registered charity, these donations are tax-deductible, and are often eligible for corporate matching. Please consider checking with your employer to see if they have a donation matching program. ICDC appreciates your support!

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# News from the Rooms

## Room 1

The children took an interest crawling under tables more this month. So a tunnel was brought out so children could crawl and explore the tunnel.

We are currently having dance parties to Freeze Dance, Baby Shark and Hokey Pokey. Right now the kids love reading the books Old Macdonald had a Farm and The Foot Book (Dr. Seuss).



## Room 4

We have reintroduced large blocks for play. Building beds seem to be the “hot topic”. As a group we have gone over the safety rules with the blocks to keep everyone safe. The timer has also been set for time management. Also, they are making Bison calls! We added a winter scene to the top of our water table lid with snow people, moose and wolves. Great fun watching all of the m “Bounce”. With the added snow scene led to the discussions of where animals go, what do they eat? We will be drawing our favourite “snow animal”. We also added more winter animal books to book corner. We have been singing “If you’re happy and you know it” and “Polar bear”. Books we have been focusing on are “The Very Cranky Bear” by Nick Bland, “10 Ways to Hear Snow” by Cathy Camper (this book was a gift from Bay to Room 4), “The Way I Feel” by Janan Cain.



## Room 3

We hope that everyone had a great holiday season! The toddlers started the month of January with lots of talk about Santa Claus, the gifts they got and the time they spent with their parents. They showed lots of interest in pretend play and we let them explore their imagination and be creative. The children enjoyed the outside playtime and the Gym time (when weather didn’t permit us to go outside) and worked on their large motor and social skills. Their favorite books in January were “Llama Llama red pajama” and “Goldilocks and the three bears”

February is a short month but it will be packed up with playful learning. We will focus more on social interactions and social skills like being kind towards other, helping friends, waiting for their turn and using words when expressing their feelings.

If any concern related to learning and developmental milestones than please feel free to discuss with us

## Room 2

Its that time of year we all tell our family and friends how much we care for them. We will talk about Valentine’s Day. We will make beautiful cards for mom and dad to show our love for them. We will come in a red shirt on Monday February 14th. We will have some fun activities in the classroom.

Hardy’s birthday falls in this month, we wish him a wonderful birthday in advance.

Love is in the air!

## Room 5

In January, we talked about what “New Year” is during circle time and we once again reminded children the importance of keeping our hands clean to keep the germs away. A lot of thanks to Moses’s father, he brought us a lot of art and craft materials. We explored fake snow for sensory awareness and made paper bag t-shirts using our own imagination. Children really enjoyed the activities with new art supplies. Furthermore, we asked children what they are interested in and based on their interests we learned about Alligators and Alphabets. We will continue learning the following month based on the survey. We also read children Alphabet poems every day and different poems weekly. Children also picked a story at the end of circle time for the teachers to read to them. Children also loved using our gym on freezing days. In addition, Children work on writing their names and counting numbers on a daily basis.

