

# The Growing Times



## Bon Voyage!

Dear Parents,

It's time to close this chapter of my employment at ICDC for the last 42+ years. I have seen so many changes in my years with all the ups and downs that go with the centre. Lots of smiles and of course, some tears. I have met and still keep in touch with some kids (now in late 20's & early 30's) and parents as well. I could probably write a book has been suggested more than once. On "Life at ICDC a.k.a Alexandra Children's Centre. I wish you all the best for your future years and very happy I had some time with your children.

All the best everyone,

Deb



## 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!

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.

## Dates & Reminders

March 1, 2022 Deb's last day

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

## An ICDC Welcome

We would like to welcome a new educator to ICDC. Tanya joined us on February 28 to be a primary educator in Room 4. Tanya has extensive experience with the FLIGHT curriculum and is currently working towards her Bachelor of Child Studies Degree at Mount Royal University. We are very excited to have her share her knowledge with us!



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# News from the Rooms

## Room 1

Room 1 now has a mixture of toddler-age and infant-age children. This month, aside from welcoming new children, we also focused on gross motor development for the children. These activities and plays cater to both young and older kids. We added an improvised stairs in the window area using a bookshelf. Younger children climbs this using all fours, while older ones use their legs. This also nurtured their curiosity of the outside world, where they can look outside and tell us what they saw. We engaged them into dancing and songs like sleeping bunnies, baby shark and ring around the rosie. Younger children were helped practice walking and going up the slide, or crawling into tunnels. We had lots of fun and laughter! Up next, SUMMER!!!!



## Room 2

We celebrated Valentine's day by sharing Valentine cards and enjoyed a lot of fun activities. Children's participation was amazing. Now St. Patrick's Day falls on the 17th of March. We would like to see our children in green shirts. We have planned lots of activities for St. Patrick's Day. They will also learn shapes and colours through art and craft activities. We hope March is going to be a warm month.

## Room 4

This month we will be welcoming a new teacher to our class as we say farewell to Deb. Spring is around the corner so we will be talking about the weather changes and all the things that start happening in Spring (ex. Animals, buds on trees & hoping to wear more Spring clothing). A new song we will be learning this month is "I'm a little Leprechaun" as St. Patrick's Day is approaching. We will also be reading the book "The Tiny Seed", to further our understanding of growth in the Spring time. A big thank you to all the parents for the lovely Valentine's cards and treats. The children had a great time sharing with their friends. They really enjoyed seeing all their cards!!

## Room 5

In February, we continued learning about our interests, we talked about dinosaurs and how they became extinct and learned numbers and simple math. Beginning of the month, we also learned about Valentine's Day and shared what we know about Valentine's day. In the middle of the month before Family day, we talked about what family day is. We also learned how to write our names and numbers. In addition, Children enjoyed sharing their plans for the weekend and talking about what they have done on the weekend. Children really loved to listen to the songs from "Encanto" throughout the month and we shared the story of "Encanto" together.

## Room 3

The children in our room have enjoyed another busy month! They had fun celebrating Valentine's Day and those we love. We did crafts and activities and explored the feeling of love through songs and books. Also, we read books on sharing and feelings. We are trying to validate and label the children's feeling so as to put words into their emotions. In March we will be celebrating the arrival of Spring and St. Patrick's Day. We will focus more on their interests and imaginations and extend their ideas with open-ended activities. We will help them in establishing relationships with the other children, showing empathy, managing the emotions and expressing themselves.

The children love singing the ABC song and recognizing the first letter of their name's. We will continue supporting them to recognize the letters through tracing, colouring, puzzles and activities.

Please look for daily updates of the daily activities in HiMama. Any concern or suggestions, please let us know.

