

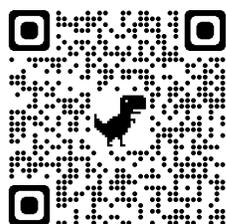
# The Growing Times



## Dates & Reminders

August 1, 2022 Civic holiday, ICDC closed

Aug 9, 2022 Board Meeting @ 8:30pm on Microsoft Teams



## Fee Increase

Just a reminder childcare fees are increasing as of September. Here is the breakdown for full time care. For Part time Tami has let those families know individually. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Tami.

12—18 months: \$1460 Parent portion \$825

19—35 months: \$1335 Parent portion \$825

3—6 years: \$1305 Parent portion \$855

## News from the Rooms

### Room 1

Howdy everyone! It has been days and days of hot room for us here in Room 1. The little ones are being cool doing some activities that would help them from the weather. They have been resting comfortable at naptime in their diapers. We also have many children who are teething so we have been freezing washcloths for them to chew on. Even the non-teethers are enjoying them. Not only do the children use the cloths for chewing they have also been placing them on their heads and walking around. We provided them with sensory and fine motor activities to let them explore with. Here are some photos of the different activities that they enjoyed.



### Room 2

It's August already? This summer has gone by fast, but we have been making the most of it. We will still be doing more outdoor activities like going for walks, playground, sand and water play.

This month we will be talking and reading about camping, boating, beach and aquatic animals. Children are going to have fun as they love to talk and share their experiences when they are out and about with their families.

Most of the children who graduated from Room 1 have now settled and are enjoying toddler room experiences here in Room 2.

We would like to thank families for participating in the pancake breakfast, we all enjoyed your presence. Also thanks to all families for bringing in sunscreen and other summer materials for your child.



# News from the Rooms

## Room 3

July was such a warm month for us and we got into the spirit by celebrating Canada Day and Stampede Breakfast. Thank you to all the parents who attended the breakfast and had a good time. The children had fun doing craft activities and exploring their creativity. They also worked on their fine motor skills through sensory play like sand, water, leaves and shaving cream exploration. These activities also encourage language skills. The children have been loving listening to Robert Munsch's books. Currently they are listening to "Up, Up, Down" and "Mmm...Cookies."

With warm weather comes out the bugs and children are taking a great interest in exploring nature and looking for caterpillars, ants, and spiders to name a few. We will support the exploration of their interests through art and provocations.



## Room 5

In July we explored art expression as individuals. We rearranged the art centre to be more accessible to the children; we pulled the paint easel out, rearranged and labelled the materials, and put out some loose parts (items that can be used in many different ways) for them to explore. The children used their imaginations and created many different projects that were important to them as individuals, including signs, hats, jewelry, cards, books, maps, and many other things. We also began exploring using different materials to create new and interesting materials such as playdough. We brought out a microscope and a variety of chemistry materials (beakers, test tubes, liquid droppers, coloured water, soap, tweezers, cotton swabs, etc.) The children have enjoyed exploring the different properties of these items and thus, have taken an interest in science. Next month we will be expanding further on their interest in science by reproducing some famous science experiments using simple household items. We look forward to seeing how both children's knowledge and love for science will grow in the coming month!

## Room 4

Sienna discussed with the children her departure because of her baby coming. The children were excited to know more things about her baby but they were feeling sad about Sienna leaving. Room 4 also received a new educator who is excited to learn along with the children. Her name is Bhumika and she has 7 years experience with preschoolers and school age children. She knows many strategies to teach children about social emotional skills. Bhumika has a strong foundation of knowledge about the Reggio philosophy and programming. We will see lots of nature and science activities during the upcoming months.

The children have been very interested in Lego building and new books we have rotated in. They are developing new interest towards these new books. We played a social game where children introduced themselves with to their class mates. At the end of June and beginning of July we have started working on becoming familiar with a classroom routine, where children will help the educators set up some rules and work to follow them.

As we all know Calgary's summers are very hot, so we are asking parents to please remember hats, sunscreen & bug spray. We are also encouraging families to help us with letting us know when children will be away. They can do this by calling in, talking to an educator or simply using the HiMama app.

We are working on our family board and we have some children's family pictures. If you didn't provide one or wish to send in an updated one please bring it in!

