

# The Growing Times

## Parent/Educator Night

A reminder that our Parent/ Educator night is Tuesday the 10th and Wednesday the 11th. Please remember that children are NOT invited to this event as we have no one available to supervise and this is an opportunity for educators and parents to have open conversations without the children present. Thank you as we look forward to seeing everyone.

## Spring Weather!

With Spring arriving we know that the weather goes through many changes in just one day! Please have your child prepared with rain/snow boots, outdoor shoes, a hat (for chilly mornings), plus a sun hat/ baseball cap for the afternoons, splash pants /suit, layers for their tops (insulated light jacket, sweater, vest etc.). Even a light pair of gloves for chilly mornings. We appreciate your cooperation, if all the children are prepared it makes going outside much easier.

Please bring in Sunscreen. (**Non- aerosol** and preferably no spray) If you have previously brought some in check with your educator to confirm that it has not expired.

## Dates & Reminders

May 10 & 11, 2022  
Parent/Educator night

May 23, 2022 Victoria Day, ICDC closed

May 31, 2022 Board Meeting @ 8:30pm on Microsoft Teams



The Board renamed Room 4 in honour of our recently retired Debbie.

## Board of Director's Update

As a not-for-profit daycare ICDC is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who are parents of children who attend the Centre. We meet virtually on a monthly basis and invite all parents to attend. Our meetings start at 8:30pm to give parents time to get their kids to sleep!

Ongoing agenda items include enrollment numbers and associated marketing activities, finance and budget reviews and updates from the staff. This past month we discussed facility improvements as the Alexandra Centre has a grant to update the lighting to LED and will be looking for painting quotes as the classrooms are in need of a refresh. Tami is updating the [Parent Orientation Handbook](#) and we are reviewing and providing feedback. We are very excited to be able to support the planning of the first ICDC summer carnival since 2019 and would love additional volunteer support from parents at ICDC. If you have any feedback on the Handbook or are interested in helping out with the summer carnival, please email Tami.

If you have any questions or feedback for the Board, please email [icdcboardsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:icdcboardsecretary@gmail.com)

## News from the Rooms

### Room 2

We are so excited that Spring is here and we will get the chance to go outside in the playground everyday. As we know for sunny days we need sunscreen and hats, all labelled properly so the children don't lose their things. Our star kid Liam is moving to Room 3 this month, we are going to miss him. Our generous boy Hayes is leaving ICDC, hopefully only for a short time and then we will see him (and his brother) again. We are happy to have Faith with us in April and joining her from Room 1 are Arthur and Ada. Timo's birthday falls in this month. We wish him all the best for his life ahead.

# News from the Rooms

## Room 1

This month the children seemed to be interested with the concept of 'in and out'. We explored putting objects, like coffee filters, into cups filled with color and pulling them out to see the outcome. This showed the children there can be a cause and effect when putting objects 'in and out'. They also enjoyed putting themselves inside big boxes. The children have been requesting songs like Freeze Dance and Sleeping Bunnies.



## Room 3

With the onset of Spring the children were introduced to planting seeds. They observed the seed grow into a seedling. We talked about the parts of the plant and named them as they watched it grow.

To enhance their sensory experiences, we used corn starch goop and shaving cream hands at play time. We noticed children expressed different feelings as they played with it.

Children have been showing interests in reading books and have been expanding their literacy skills often. With the commencement of Easter children were facilitated with art activities around the this theme. The sensory corner with open ended materials is encouraging creative play moments for the children.



## Room 4

Pretend play has been a big topic of interest this past month. We've had "superhero tourists", and one of our children enjoys showing us how to "breast feed the baby doll." In the house centre we play "kitchen lunch time", and our favourite: "fix the stuffies" with our vet items. We have been supporting these interests by adding new items to the room encourage exploration and imagination. Whisks, spatulas and tongs to the house centre and REAL Band-Aids to the vet bin. We have been singing along or dancing to the Trolls soundtrack, over, and over, and over! Books we have been particularly interested in are 'Mud Puddle' by Robert Munsch, Valeri Gorbachev's 'That's What Friends are For' and all the 'I Spy' books.

We want to incorporate more of the children's heritage and culture in our room. Please message us on HiMama letting us know of other languages spoken, special holidays or traditions, or what your family ethnicity is. If you do not wish to share, this is completely optional.



## Room 5

In April, we made our wall into a city map. Children were interested in the city we live in and our community during the circle time, we decided to discuss details about our city and community. We talked about what we see and do in our community and downtown. Based on our experiences and knowledge, we made and built our own city map. We also got an amazing gift from the teacher Tanya (room 4), a huge marker and crayon box. Everyone loved to use all different colours and crayons for the art for the wall and themselves. Everyone also participated on making a beautiful Mother's day cards and learned why we celebrate Mother's day and why it is such an important day for all of us. This month, we had to say "goodbye" to our good friend Gideon. Everyone, including the teachers, will miss him a lot!



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