

The Growing Times

January 2022



Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a safe and restful holiday. ICDC is back in full swing beginning Tuesday January 4. Just a few updates for the start of the new year: Music will begin again on the 12th but will be online for the next little bit. Yoga restarts approximately Jan 20. We now have approval to use the gym for extreme weather. As a reminder the children should only be using the gym if the weather does not permit going outside. Currently our outdoor policy states that the limit is -15 (including wind chill). Other matters to consider when going outside is if its too icy or wet. Children will also not go outside if ratios are not met due to shift changes and/or absences. Please remember that children must have appropriate outdoor wear onsite, this includes snow pants, snow boots, warm winter jacket, hat, and waterproof/resistant mittens. Scarves are NOT permitted.

Fundraising Fee

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. Also, many companies do donation matching as we are a registered charity. Check with your company today!

Dates & Reminders

Board Meeting Jan 19, 2022
@ 8:30pm on Microsoft Teams



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You can do so and support ICDC!

Go to www.mabelslabels.ca. Once you have chosen your items go to your cart and click on Support Fundraiser and type in Inglewood Child Development Centre

News from the Rooms

Room 1

Happy New Year 2022! We are so excited to welcome everyone back and we hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break.

In December, we had very cold weather and couldn't go outside so we did various indoor activities! Since we got a new soft foam climber set, children enjoy exploring by climbing the steps, crawling and sliding down the ramp. This fun climb and crawl play is a great way for children to explore and improve gross motor skills and increase physical activity. Also, we love indoor dance parties! Dancing is good gross motor practice as well! It helps children develop balance, coordination, and sequencing skills. It also helps build their awareness of rhythm. Their favourite dance tunes are "Baby Shark", "If You're Happy and You Know It", "The Hokey Pokey".

We said goodbye to a few of our friends who moved to Room 2 for January and we would like to welcome our new friends and their families in January. We are excited to see what this month will bring!



Room 4

We have a non-stop list of what Santa is bringing us. We chatted about who has their tree up, who has lights and outside decorations, what colours. The children also shared who is visiting family or who is having family visit them for Christmas. The Thursday before our break we changed out room with everyone's help back to winter and packed away the Christmas decorations. We also had a PJ and movie day. The children changed our books for the library to some winter and sport books. We have been working on learning the "seven days in a week" song, which leads us into a chat about what we did or are going to do on the weekends. Before the Christmas break we were very into reading "Mooseltoe", "Red is Best" & "So Much Snow". We have seen an upswing of art at the easel. We encourage hand placement of the twist up crayons. We also get the children to tell us about their drawing .

Room 3

Happy New Year to All!

We would like to wish a very happy and prosperous New Year to all. It is hard to believe that another year has come. We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday.

The children have grown so much and learned so much in the last few months. They are becoming more independent. We are encouraging them to dress for the outdoors with the help of teachers. Some of the younger toddlers are beginning to say new words while the older ones are surprising us with their vocabulary.

Ellis's birthday falls in this month so we wish him a very, very happy birthday and best wished.

Room 3

In December, we worked on the children's self-help skills. Our munchkins practiced putting on their winter gear. A little challenging but with continuous practice, they are all working on their goal. At home, please let them wear their winter gear all by themselves. We created lots of activities related to snow, Christmas and celebrations. The children had fun doing Christmas crafts and working on their fine motor skills through exploring. The children also enjoyed singing, "Five little snowflakes" and "Five little snowman".

We would like to wish all our families a safe, happy, and healthy new year!



Room 5

In December, children showed a lot of interests in Christmas. Based on their interests we planned for a movies day about Christmas (The Grinch) and we also planned for different kinds of Christmas art works such as reindeer headband and Christmas tree. We also encouraged children to use challenging fine motor skills using scissors and stickers. Children also participated on decorating the Christmas tree and decorating the classroom. Children enjoyed dance party with different Christmas songs and they spent a lot of time in the book corner reading different holiday books throughout the day.