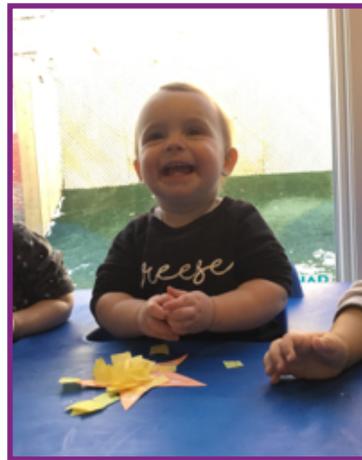




## Infants



For the month of March, our infants will be focusing on welcoming Spring! We are all looking forward to warmer and brighter days ahead! Helping children learn about the world around them and the environment helps provide a good basis for early childhood education. One of the ways in which you can do this is to help them learn about the changing seasons. Here are some practical ideas to make learning about the seasons fun for your child.



The advent of spring, summer, autumn and winter each brings with it its own unique natural characteristics and the ideal opportunity for helping children learn. Young children are usually keen to learn and improve their understanding of the world around them and the chance to gain new knowledge can be incorporated into a variety of activities. Our infant educators would like to enhance sensory skills by implementing these fun new ideas:



- Sensory bags on windows
- Chicks & flowers sensory bin
- Rainbow and cloud dough
- Exploring insects and bugs
- Exploring flowers
- Making a butterfly bin

## Toddlers

For the month of March, our toddlers will be focusing on transportation. This natural interest in transportation is something they experience in their lives brings life to the theme and toddler classroom as they learn through play.

Toddlers love activities that include playing with all types of transportation theme items including vehicles such as cars, trucks, airplanes and more. This topic is part of their everyday lives. They drive or walk to school, have seen or ridden on a bus or taken an airplane to go on vacation. Some fun ideas we'd like to share with you are:

- Sorting cars
- Train car sort
- Shape collage
- Making ramps
- Magnetic car
- Bubble wrap popping with vehicles
- Tape road
- Car wash!



## Preschoolers

For the month of March, our preschoolers will be focusing on colours all around us! Recognizing the colours and identifying the colour names is an important part of a child's development. Early identification of colours helps to create the cognitive link between visual clues and words.

Children are naturally attracted to bright colours, which is why most toys and activities geared towards children are brightly coloured. During the preschool years, children have a natural affinity to understand their world around them.

Surrounded by a world of colour it is easy to use daily opportunities to discuss colours. Of course, since teaching colour recognition to children is so important, there are many tools that can be used by parents and educators alike to help children learn about colour.



One of our favourites from the list is Eric Carles' "**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See**" Considered a staple in many a preschool classroom, this classic has been a must have for children learning about colour since its publication as Carle's first illustrated children's book in 1967. Along with books, many games use colour in part to make them attractive to children while teaching them about colour.

## Centre Reminder

Our Winter Carnival was unfortunately postponed. It is now happening in March. Stay tuned to find out the official date!

For March we will be focusing on Community Helpers and different roles in our community. We invite families to visit their child's classroom and do a "show-and-tell" about your professions. Our classes are very interested in learning about different roles and finding out what parents do when they go to work for the day. If you are interested in visiting your child's class, please let the office know. We'd love to have you join us!



When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

- Mister Rogers

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## Event Calendar



International  
Women's Day



St. Patrick's Day



Nowruz,  
Iranian New Year



Down Syndrome  
Awareness Day

## Director



Happy International Women's Day!

This year it is celebrated on Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2020. We celebrate women's achievements throughout history and across nations. It is also known as the United Nations (UN) Day for Women's Rights and International Peace.

International Women's Day events are held worldwide on March 8. Various women, including political, community, and business leaders, as well as leading educators, inventors, entrepreneurs, and television personalities, are usually invited to speak at various events on the day.

The International Women's Day logo is in purple and white and features the symbol of Venus, which is also the symbol of being female. The faces of women of all backgrounds, ages, and nations are also seen in various promotions, such as posters, postcards and information booklets, on International Women's Day.

A special thank you to all our strong leaders in our lives, we celebrate you and all that you do!

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