



Infants

Our babies are very welcome to April's coming. We are so happy to see all the babies accomplishing so many new developmental milestones. In April, infants will focus on physical skills development. This area of development will enhance the children's fine motor, growth motor skills, and improve the children's abilities to explore and interact with the world around them. Infants need to learn how to move safely and we have to allow them to move, dance, and walk around using their hands and fingers pick up toys off using forefingers and thumb to lift and hold small objects. As educators, we will organize physical activities indoors and outdoors to encourage our children to learn and enjoy the nice weather.



Toddlers

It's Springtime!!! Although we enjoyed the Winter fun, making snowmen, catching snowflakes, and playing in the snow, we are happy to see the warmer weather. With Spring, comes more fun activities, including planting in our garden, outdoor physical fun with hula hoops and balls, riding on cars or bikes, and being able to experience nature coming back to life.

In April, toddlers will be focusing on their social skills. Social skills are vital in enabling an individual to have and maintain positive interactions with others. Many of these skills are crucial in making and sustaining friendships. Social interactions do not always run smoothly and an individual needs to be able to implement appropriate strategies, such as conflict resolution when difficulties in interactions arise. It is also important for individuals to have 'empathy' (i.e. being able to put yourself into someone else's shoes and recognize their feelings) as it allows them to respond in an understanding and caring way to how others are feeling. To improve and sustain social skills, teachers will encourage toddlers to participate in plays/activities, attend circle/story times, and engage in conversation with peers and teachers.

Let us experience all the beauty that Spring brings with joy and laughter with children as they continue to grow and develop their social skills.

Wishing everyone a very thankful, blessed Norouz, a Beautiful Good Friday, and a Happy Easter.



Preschoolers

This month Preschool is talking about emotions and the importance of communicating using words. We are teaching our kids during circle time what we use our mouth for to help the kids know that it is so important we use our mouth to talk and communicate to our friends and to express our emotions saying I am happy, I am sad, etc....



We are also encouraging our kids to say nice words like thank you and sorry. Communication at this age is so important as it helps our kids express how they feel and encourages them to express themselves when they are frustrated instead of resorting to showing frustration through uncommon behaviours such as biting. As teachers, we always remind them to use more words and we model communication and good behaviour of which we are certain parents do the same at home to help us.



Supervisor

April is the start of Spring! We will continue to work on good relationships with children and families. Children experience their world as an environment of relationships, which affect virtually all aspects of their development. A significant body of research indicates that positive, caring, and respectful relationships are the foundation for optimal learning, development, health, and well-being.

Some great ways in which programs can help create a sense of belonging:

- Being attuned to the physical and emotional states of children and responding warmly and sensitively. Both language, as well as words, are important, how we touch, carry, and move children through daily routines sends a strong message
- Connecting with each child and recognizing and valuing the child's unique spirit, individuality and presence. One on one interaction during daily routine always helps
- Planning a smooth transition: between the home and childcare, in daily routines
- Finding ways to the extended family throughout the elements of the program in a meaningful and authentic way. Talking to families, observing, and documenting.

"Every child deserves to have someone's eyes light up when they enter the room" – Clinton, 2012

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Event Calendar

In April, spring has finally sprung, and if we're lucky, the weather will reflect that! We hope that your sky is bright and clear and your grass is growing green. The month of April gets its name from the Latin word *aperio*, meaning "to open [bud]," because plants begin to grow now.

As the weather is beginning to warm up, this will give the educators the opportunity for different outdoor activities to be implemented. Collaboration outdoors can improve emotional, intellectual and behavioural development. Those learning outdoors develop their creativity, problem-solving, independence, confidence and more. Educators will bring the learning that goes on in the classroom outdoors, allowing the children to explore and engage in activities in a different environment.

"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future"

John F. Kennedy



April Fool's Day



Good Friday
Centre Closed



Easter Sunday



Easter Monday
Centre Open




Sophie's Birthday



National Siblings Day




Matthew Chan's Birthday




Bryson's Birthday




Austin Li's Birthday



World Art Day




Melody's Birthday




Ava's Birthday




Kamilla's Birthday




Samuel's Birthday




Darius's Birthday




Violet's Birthday



Earth Day




Sultan's Birthday




Raheb's Birthday




Yara's Birthday

Centre Reminder

As the weather begins to warm up, please bring in appropriate clothing. Perhaps keep slush pants and a pair of rain boots at the centre for those days when it is wet outdoors.

Learning Fun

Oil and Water Science Exploration

Supplies Needed:

- Baby oil or vegetable oil (depends on if you want it to be clear)
- Washable liquid watercolours or food colouring
- Pipettes or droppers

*If you decide to use baby oil and watercolours, make sure your children won't put this in their mouth! As always, keep a close eye on your children any time that you are doing a science experiment.

1. Put water in several cups and add food colouring or liquid watercolours to the water. Then stir to combine.
2. Place a pipette in each coloured glass of water.
3. Fill a cup about halfway with oil.

Now let the kids have fun exploring oil and water!



Director

This beautiful spring month of April is the season for renewal and new beginnings. It is the month dedicated to the goddess of love and beauty. Many cultures celebrate the return of spring. Passover, Easter, Earth Day and World Art Day are all celebrated in April.

Taking walks and seeing flowers in bloom are also part of what makes spring so great.

Despite limits on travel and socializing in light of the coronavirus, springtime can still be appreciated through jogs outside, open windows, or virtual tours of national parks.

Let us all take advantage of this season of renewal to reset the priorities in our lives. Let us spring clean our homes, and more importantly, our souls.

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