

JAN/FEB NEWSLETTER

Hi Everyone and welcome to our first Newsletter of 2017.

We welcome all our new families to the Toronto Community Child Care family and welcome back old friends.

Thank you all for your patience during our extensive building process. I think we can all agree that the minor disruptions were well worth the finished product. Each room having their own space has really made a difference to our ability to plan flexible routines.

We would like to remind everyone that the front door code is for adults only. It is like a pincode at an ATM. We have a lot of protected families here and we would hate to think the code could be discussed in the playground and passed on to the wrong people during a custody visit or something similar. We know that you appreciate the fact that we take the safety and well being of children and families very seriously. We ask that only parents type in the code and not children. We need to know that people who are entering have been given a code by us. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Apologies for some missed statements and receipts. For some reason our system only emails to some people sometimes! We have a technician coming to try to sort it out for us. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding your fees you can email Mara on torontochildcare@gmail.com

We currently have a few spare days available in all rooms if anyone is after extra days. We like to offer these to our existing families before going to the waiting list.

Each room has their own email address to which you can communicate directly with photos, news or questions.

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Nursery: tcccnursery@gmail.com

Don't forget to check us out on facebook!



Illness and Dealing with Infectious Disease Policy

Aim: To provide appropriate care for children and staff in the event of illness.

Procedure:

- On enrolment families are asked to list their contact details, along with emergency contact details in the event of an illness or emergency. If parents are aware they will be away from work or home for the day, an alternative number should be left with a staff member.
- Parents are asked to keep their mobile phones turned on while their child is in care.
- During the enrolment process permission is sought from parents for the centre to call for immediate medical attention, including ambulance, Doctor or Dentist in the event of a medical emergency.
- If a child contracts an infectious disease, they will be excluded from the centre for a period prescribed by the NSW Department of Health
- Parents are asked to notify the Centre within 24 hours if their child has been exposed to an infectious illness. If recommended by the NSW Department of Health, the centre may require a Doctor's certificate/clearance before the child resumes care at the centre.
- Children who are regarded as unwell may be excluded from the centre at the Nominated Supervisors discretion. Consideration will be given to the child's symptoms, their ability to cope in a group situation, and level of care required. In the Nominated Supervisors absence, decisions will be made by the Responsible Person on the premises.
- If a child is unwell while in care, staff will take the child's temperature. If the temperature is above 38C, staff will follow the Temperature Management Policy. Children sent home with a high temperature will be excluded for a period of **24 hours after temperature has returned to normal without the aid of Panadol or Nurofen.**
- If a child has commenced antibiotics, they will be excluded from the centre for **24 hours** to ensure the medication has taken effect, and that there are no side effects.
- If the child requires medication while in care, staff will follow the Medication Policy.
- If a child vomits or has two bouts of diarrhoea while in care, staff will call the child's parents to collect the child and **exclusion periods of 24 hours after the return of normal bowel movements or vomiting has ceased will apply.**
- If a parent is contacted to collect their child due to illness, staff will complete an Illness form. One copy will be placed on file, and one copy given to the parent.
- In the event of an outbreak of any illness or infectious disease, information will be made available for parents along with notifications of the outbreak which will be displayed in the rooms and in the foyer. Any new exclusion periods from the NSW Department of Health will be enforced until further notice.

PRE- SCHOOL ROOM NEWS

Dear Families,

Welcome back from the Holiday season and welcome to the new Families who have children attending the Preschool for the first time this year. The children appear to have settled into the Preschool Room quite well.

Don't forget that, as these children are older, we do not make children lay on a bed after lunch but they are more than welcome to have a rest if either the child or a parent request a bed.

The focus of the Preschool room is to prepare the children for School, even though for some, this is still a couple of years away. A lot of the Transition to School program that we implement is not always obvious, like teaching the children to write their names.

We also aim to teach the children skills that will allow them to have positive experiences at School.



PRE- SCHOOL ROOM NEWS

We will be :

- encouraging, and promoting positive social interactions, and respect for each other during play, and activities.
- encouraging independence and self- help skills.
- developing the children's self- esteem, and positive self -worth through open- ended and achievable activities.
- supporting the children's individual needs.
- supporting children with additional needs.
- encouraging the children to be confident to ask for assistance and support from an Adult when they need it.
- encouraging the children to look after, and respect their own property, toys and play spaces.
- If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please speak to his/her Teacher.

All these photos are examples of open ended activities we set up to promote social interactions

From all the preschool staff.



TODDLER ROOM

In the Toddler room this month we have been getting to know all the children and their interest as they settle into the room and adjust to the new routine. We are loving our new room and space provided as well as the indoor /outdoor flexible routine. This has allowed us, as staff, to be a part of some wonderful interactions, conversations and learning.

We have enjoyed a range of planned and spontaneous experiences and activities based on the children's voices, catering to everyone's needs and interests. We are now looking forward to extending on those in the coming weeks.

What to look forward to in the toddler room?

We are looking into our gross motor and physical development extending our skills with a range of outdoor equipment. We are preparing to learn about caring for our environment as we are going to plant some small gardens with the children.

Pretend play has been popular and we have lots of wonderful ideas for our dramatic play areas. The children are showing a lot of interest in craft and have been using a range of materials, we can't wait to display these wonderful creations on our walls.



TODDLER ROOM

The children have showed enthusiasm in recognising their faces and names as they have their own picture upon arrival to put into a locker of their choice . They have also now just finished making their own personalised placemats for meals time. This is great for literacy awareness and adds to your child's sense of belonging

Every Friday afternoon we will send an email with the weekly slide showing pictures of what your children have enjoyed doing throughout the week. Feel free to reply via email or in person. We would love to incorporate any feedback and outside news and or hobbies into our program to help continue on the children's interests and learning.

Thankyou from the Toddler staff.

Vicki Cindy Madee Ronda Sarah Nicky



NURSERY

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017!

We would like to welcome all of our new children and their families to the Centre and of course, into our Nursery room and to our existing families, we are excited to welcome you back! We are looking forward to a fun, interactive, exciting and adventurous year where we will help your child to be settled and happy but most of all, we aim to help your child grow and develop in their day care environment 😊

All of our babies are doing extremely well settling into their new environment. Some children have had lots of tears and continue to do so while others have settled straight in. Please be assured that there is no 'time frame' for children to be settled during this transition period, each child is different! Every child is at different stages of their development, therefore, their behaviours and needs will be different.

As Educators, we understand that this is a huge adjustment for any child, so we will continue to support and care for your child in order for them to feel safe and secure in their new environment.

There are a lot of new children in the Nursery this year which means a lot of new routines for Educators to learn. Although we always try our best, I'm sure there will be a few minor 'hiccups' along the way so please be patient with us as we also discover and learn about your child's needs and wants. Some routines may not go to 'schedule' each day but we always strive to provide the best quality care for each and every child, so if your child's routines is not exactly right at the end of the day, please bare with us as we get to know each child.

We have a 'Parent Information' clipboard above our sign in bench which contains helpful information for parents. This month our information sheet is all about helping your child settle into the day care environment, so please feel free to take a copy. It is there for your benefit. We will be providing relevant and appropriate information each month for our families on the clipboard.

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The information will range from anything from teething to behaviour management, so be sure to check it out. If you have certain information that you would like us to provide, please ask and Educator and we would be more than happy to help ☺

While we have been busy settling in, we have enjoyed many different activities, games and our outdoor environment.

Inside activities include:

- Painting * Drawing
- Playdough * Blocks
- Collage * Musical Instruments

Outdoor we have enjoyed:

- Balls Rockers * Water play
 - Sandpit play * Dolls and babies
- and lots lots more!

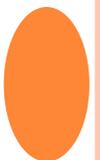
A few friendly reminders

- Please label ALL of your child's belongings. These include bottles, dummies, nappies, formula containers, clothes, hat etc... This will help eliminate items going home in the wrong bag and items being lost
- Don't forget to sign your child IN when dropping off and signing OUT on pick up. This is a legal requirement, so please try to remember this
- If your child is UNDER 12 months, please fill out the daily routine sheet which is located next to the sign in bench and collect at the end of each day
- A hat MUST be provided each day for your child to play outside. Although a hat may not be required each day (if the UV rating is 3+ a hat will be required) it is important that one still be supplied

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about anything, please feel free to speak to an Educator in the room. We are more than happy to help when we can.

Until next time

Kylie G, Sharon, Jessie and Michele



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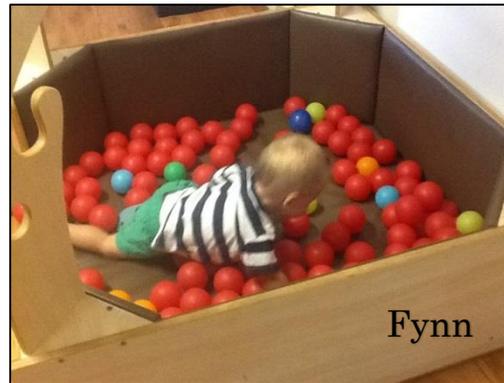
Tayte completes a painting



Emerson decides to draw



Harley



Fynn

Harley, Fynn and Savannah having fun in the ball pit



Emma

Emma explores her sensory development using playdough



Savannah



Mason

Mason loves playing with a variety of baby toys