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Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 26th @ 7:00pm

Family Day Closure

Monday, February 12th



Quadra Kid's Pro-D Day

Friday, February 23rd

Community Kitchen

Wednesday, Feb. 14th & 28th

Children's Centre Pro-D Day Closure

Friday, May 4th

Our teachers will be attending the Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia conference therefore the Centre will be closed.

February 2018 Newsletter~

Children's Centre Happenings

Early Literacy

It is known that children get ready to read for many years before they are cognitively mature enough to learn to read. What children know about reading and writing before they can read and write is what is known as "early literacy". This is where we place our attention in our pre-school program. We hope to create opportunities to develop an understanding of, and encourage an interest in, communicating through the written world. One example of ways we foster early literacy is through our Message Centre. The children become aware that messages can be sent to friends and family to communicate their feelings. They: draw pictures as a gift or message; begin to practice writing letters; start to write their name; start to write their parent's names; write friends's names on messages; write to....., from..... With Valentines Day coming this month, we will be providing the children materials for them to make gifts for their loved ones and friends, fostering early literacy and love. In preparation for this event we have been making our own paper. The children have enjoyed making the pulp and the process of lifting the pulp onto the screen to make their own sheet of paper.



Paint Encounters

We continue to have events with the children in the paint area, with an interest in providing opportunities for the children to collaborate and strengthen relationships with each other. We wondered if the children would transfer their harmonious experiences outside of the paint area? During one event a long piece of paper was transformed into the "Yellow Submarine" using water colours and singing. The paint at one point turned brown suggesting to the children that they needed to add a bathroom on the submarine. Here the paint was a true contributor and the children embraced it's voice. This experience finally encompassed the whole area and two friends who rarely play together were left alone. Their play was prolonged and rich, they moved back and forth from the paint to the mirror, singing, laughing and communicating with one another through movement and silly noises. We were interested to observe how the bond they created in the paint room was then transferred to the sand table where the two engaged further, happily connecting with one another. Thus, confirming that these experiences are truly bringing the children closer together with one another.

Quadra Kids News

Outdoor Play

January zoomed by! Despite a record rainfall for the month we got lucky with the weather and started many of our afternoons playing at the big playground before heading down to the program for snack. The children love the red saucer swing. They also enjoy playing tag. Every day we try to spend a minimum of 30 minutes outside moving our bodies.

Indoor Play

Inside the children continue to love Lego, build spaceships with Constructs, and create at the art table. Board games continue to be a favourite past-time too. As our program is child-centered there is also time to sit with 1 or 2 friends and have conversations. It is lovely to see the children nestled together sharing their ideas and thoughts with each other.

Pro-D Day Fieldtrip

Friday, February 23rd we will go on an adventure to Campbell River and go to On the Rocks Climbing Gym. This is always an exciting fieldtrip for the kids. The cost is \$20 which includes all the gear, bus fare and a treat. We will leave the centre at 11:30 to catch the 12:00 ferry and return on the 4:30 ferry.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration took place at Quadra Elementary School from January 29th to February 2nd. If you did not register your child during that time please do so as soon as possible.

Web Page Refresh

We have been very fortunate to have Isla's parents working on refreshing and adding to our website! There are some exciting additions including: Teacher's Biographies, Our Environment Write-Ups, photographs and a brand new look! Our appreciation goes to Scott and Rachel for their expertise. During this time we have taken a hiatus from our blog write-ups but we will be back with a brand new blog in March! Also look for a new look for our Newsletter which you will receive separately from your billing also beginning in March.

Early Childhood Educators of BC Conference

Our teachers will be travelling to Richmond to attend the Early Childhood Educators of B.C. conference. The Children's Centre will be closed on Friday, May 6th to provide our teachers with this professional development opportunity.

Labelling

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are labelled and that each night you take your child's belongings home. We are running a full program on most days and our cubby area is very full. This is an enormous help to the teachers and to families when items go missing!

Cancellations

We would really appreciate it if you could call us at the earliest notice of a cancellation. (Please leave a message if we are closed) A child not attending can free up space for a waitlisted child or a drop-in child to attend and it can have an effect our programming and staffing for that day.

It would also be very helpful to call if you are going to be more than a half hour later than your child's expected arrival time.

Upcoming Fee Increase

Please see the attached document regarding an upcoming fee increase.

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Thank you for sharing your children with us~ Dee, Barbara, Lise, Cally, Sue, Ramona & Anamaria