

October 2024

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

In our classroom at the Juniper Early Learning Center we are exploring the wonder of the season with its colour and majesty! We have enjoyed watching your children as they explore our classroom inside and our play space outside! We have enjoyed many songs so far...some of our favourites are "Way up high in the Apple Tree," "The Wheels on the Bus," "Baby Shark," "Mister Sun," "You are my Sunshine," "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom," "Rolly Poly," "Sleeping Bunnies," "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep," and (of course) "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star!" It seems that "Sleeping Bunnies" is a very popular song with the toddlers! The children have danced to a variety of music!

In art we are painting pumpkins, handprint leaves, and apples to decorate our room! We are also making pictures of sunflowers using stencils. Another activity we are enjoying is gluing construction paper on a tree creating an apple tree. We will also make apple cake from Miss Lin's mother's recipe as we celebrate the season!

An activity we will enjoy this month is collecting leaves on our nature walks and placing them on contact paper. The toddlers are observing how the leaves are changing in this fall season. Later in the month we will learn about pumpkins. The toddlers are enthusiastic about doing crafts and are eager to try new things...painting is a wonderful activity for exploration!

Juniper Early Learning Center Toddler Program



We are excited to see the toddlers practicing independence, self-help skills, cooperation, sharing, cooperative play and taking on responsibilities in our classroom, including helping to wash the tables and sweep the carpet! It is amazing to see our little group working together as we follow our routines each day. We thank you parents for your support in making the transition to our setting a smooth one for your little ones!

Lunches

Snacks and lunches are high points in our class! We see that the children really enjoy these times together at the tables. It is helpful to have a variety of foods for the toddlers to try! When packing snacks and lunches, we always say add more things...sometimes the toddlers eat a lot and sometimes not as much, so more is better just in case! Thank you for sending food in reusable containers! We also collect peelings to compost. As soon as the bears go to sleep for the winter, Miss Lin can put collected peelings etc. into her compost bin.

Important Dates!

September 27 - Friday - School photos 9 am

September 30 - Monday - School closed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 14th - Monday - School Closed for Thanksgiving

October 31st - Thursday - Dress-up Party!

November 11th - Monday - School Closed for Remembrance Day

December 24th - Tuesday - School open until 3:00. Last day of school before Winter Break

December 25th - January 3rd - School closed for Winter Break

January 6th - Monday - School re-opens after Winter Break

February 17th - Monday - School closed for Family Day



Thanksgiving Day

School will be closed on Monday, October 14th for Thanksgiving Day!

Pumpkin Decorating

Parents, please send a miniature pumpkin to school with your child beginning the week of October 21 so they can participate in a pumpkin decorating activity.

Dress-Up Party!

Thursday, October 31st we will have a day to dress up in costumes! We look forward to this time to dance to some familiar songs and some new music for our Dress-up Party! Toddlers are welcome to wear a costume to school that day (with a change of clothes available, please!)

School Fundraisers

We will have more information coming about fundraisers with Purdy's and Dieleman's this fall! Look for a selection of quality items to purchase for the Fall/Winter season!

Parents Please Note:

With the colder weather just around the corner please remember to send your child to school with warm clothing for outside time. We have time outside each day for the children to have some fresh air and exercise. **Please label all their belongings...including outerwear...sweaters, jackets, hats, mitts, scarves, boots, etc.**

Daily Health Check!

We remind parents to do a daily check for any symptoms your child may have each day before arriving at the centre. Thank you for being available, or having an alternate available, for pickup in your child presents symptoms that would prevent them from participating fully in our program. We are all working together to provide a safe and healthy environment for your children in each of our programs!

Guidelines for Exclusion of Ill

Children

A parent should be notified immediately when a child has a sign or symptom re-

quiring exclusion from the school including:

A. Temperature greater than 38 (100.4 f) especially when accompanied by other symptoms such as unusual lethargy, uncontrolled coughing irritability, persistent crying or difficulty breathing. The child may return after a 24 hour period of normal temperature without fever-reducing medication.

B. Diarrhea

C. Vomiting

In the case of vomiting and/or diarrhea, (gastrointestinal illness), Public Health states that symptomatic children should be sent home as soon as possible and should stay home until 48 hours after their symptoms stop. Thank you!

Your Toddler's Brain – Social and Emotional Skills

Only from the age of two onward is the brain sufficiently developed to be able to remember and recall information, and these skills continue to develop over the next 12 months. By the age of three, your toddler will be starting to discover that other people may think and feel differently than the way she does. This shows in a toddler's impulse to comfort another child who is upset. Over the next year, reasoning skills will develop so that, for example, Cara will not only understand that "Tommy is upset, don't cry" but that "Tommy is upset because..." and will start to modify her behavior accordingly. However, the ability to feel empathy cannot develop fully until the frontal lobes have begun to mature. Your child will gradually become more consistently understanding

and you will notice that she begins to play more cooperatively, showing that she has expanded her emotional range and understanding. This early breakthrough shows she is well on her way toward developing rewarding relationships in later life. Development is rarely a steady line of forward progress...It is possible that a child will revert back to being more egocentric and will abandon some of her compassionate skills. As your child becomes more empathetic, she will begin to understand that not everyone sees things the way she does. (Your Toddler Month by Month p. 242-243)



Wishing everyone a wonderful

Month of October!

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