



C.A.C.H.É. February 2022

Dates to Remember

****Please note:**

We will be closed Monday, February 21st, 2022 for Family Day.
C.A.C.H.É. Will also be closed April 15th and 18th, 2022
for Easter Weekend.



Announcements

- All absences should be reported using the shared email cachechildcare@pathwayscentre.org Please include details as to the reason for absence (ie. personal day, or my child is unwell and has symptom x etc.) This email reports to both Tina and Erin.
- Reminder to families to please arrive by 9:30am when possible. Please let the office know if arriving late as staff is not always available to answer the door immediately outside of screening time.
- All families are welcome to reference our website for the parent handbook as well as our COVID –19 policies.
<http://www.pathwayscentre.org/program-service/cach%C3%A9-child-care>
- Newsletters are sent home on a bi-monthly basis. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or information you would like to receive through our newsletters.
- You asked and we listened! On the county surveys sent home this fall, we received feedback about utilizing a communication app to support strong communication between C.A.C.H.É. and our families. We are currently exploring different apps available and reviewing the safety, security and privacy standards to ensure they align with our policies. Stayed tuned for more details!
- In the case of inclement weather or closure, please check our Parent Facebook page, the Pathways Facebook page or check on 99.9FM for closure updates.
- We welcome Ms. Riley, Ms. Chloe and Ms. Zoey to our team on a call-in basis.

Dressing for the Weather

We would like to remind everyone to please send your child with **LABELLED** outdoor clothing in preparation for **ANY** weather. We go outside twice a day, weather permitting.



Toddler Room Update

The toddlers have been working hard creating art this month. Some of the art they have created include painting, colouring and creating Valentine's for "Grandmas and Grandpas" at a local retirement home.

The children have been engaged with our experiments and are curious with hands on experiences. The toddlers have been investigating a variety of sensory materials, building on those fine motor skills; scooping, grasping and transferring sensory materials. These hands on learning opportunities are so important for toddlers development. Even if we are a bit messy some times, it's all part of the process.

Although the cold has prevented the class from going outside at times, the toddlers have had the opportunity to explore some fun in the snow. The children have had several opportunities to explore snow indoors for sensory play which provided a chilly but exciting activity. When the class cannot get outdoors to play, fun gross motor activities have been facilitated indoors such as dance parties, obstacles courses and ride-on toys.

The toddler classroom is looking forward to some more interactive and engaging activities this month such as moon sand, fizz experiment and more creative expressions.



Senior Toddler Room Update

The senior toddler room has been very interested in the snow and winter. The staff have provided opportunities to build on this interest through sensory play and creative experiences. Using scoops, tweezers and a variety of containers we have been able to build on our fine motor skills while investing snow and winter themed activities.

The toddlers have been really engaged in creative experiences as well. Dress-up and pretend play is bringing the children together for parallel and collaborative play. The toddlers have been busy creating art with a variety of tools and mediums and the children seem very eager to share their art with our class on our walls and with their family at home.

The children are anticipating Valentine's Day as they talk about hearts, love and being kind. The class has just completed sixty Valentines to deliver to Trillium Villa. At circle time, the teachers talked about how special these Valentines are and why it's important to spread joy.

While the children are still enjoying the snow for now, we look forward to warmer days we can go outside and watch the snow melt, the weather change and see how things grow in the spring.



Preschool Room Update

The preschool class has been very interested in activities for winter and the weather. The teachers facilitated an avalanche experiment and brought snow indoors for the children to investigate through hands on scooping, transferring and melting. Later in the month, the class will have the opportunity to spray paint the snow, painting with ice and colour-changing melting ice cubes.

The Social Skills program has been well received by the children on Tuesday mornings. The classes begin with a story at circle time followed by activities and games that reflect the theme from the book. Topics of discussion are sharing and turn taking and the children seem very interested and engaged.

When the cold temperatures prevented us from going outside, the children enjoyed engaging in large motor activities indoors. The preschoolers have explored a small trampoline, obstacle courses, music and movement activities to stay active. The children have also had several opportunities to have fun with parachute games and songs inside our classroom.

The preschoolers curious minds have been actively learning and exploring with our avalanche activity and from an egg melting experiment. The children respond well to hands on engagement with science and we are programming some science-geared activities for the upcoming month including goop and magic milk.

