



## May News at Churchbridge Daycare

The open house will be on May 7th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm! This time we will be opening up the open house to the community and everyone is welcome. Each room teacher will have a craft and/or activity planned which will allow our families to interact with their children while in our daycare setting. We encourage families to always ask questions but sometimes with our busy lives we tend to forget or don't have the time to stay and chat. The open house will allow our families the time to walk around your child's environment, play in their setting, meet the staff and ask as many questions as you want. A light supper, snacks and beverages will also be provided. All families are strongly encouraged to attend.

Don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets! The Cash Draw Raffle will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> and run until June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The winner will be announced July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Fantasy Festival! There are three prizes up for grabs! First prize \$1000.00, second prize \$500.00 and third prize \$250.00. There will be 20 tickets per book and tickets are \$5.00 each. Each family will get 2 books of tickets and are required to sell one book of tickets. If you don't sell the required book of tickets you will be charged the remaining amount on your childcare bill. The first book sold will not go towards volunteer hours. Anything sold after the first book will count towards volunteer hours. Tickets will be distributed on May 1<sup>st</sup> and returned July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We will not accept tickets after this date. **Every registered family at the centre is required to sell one book of tickets.**

Please remember that paying ahead of time will be effective January of 2020. We realize that this may be a financial strain for some families to receive two childcare invoices back to back which is why we are allowing an entire year for families to make additional payments to their invoice if they wish to do so.

Marissa (toddler teacher who is currently on maternity leave) will be having a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at Churchbridge Daycare. The first 30 moms will receive a flower; there will also be a raffle and a door prize. Come out and enjoy breakfast and no clean up ☺

We only had 27 families who participated in the Jack Links fundraiser and we still made a profit of just over \$1700.00! It was about a 40% profit for the daycare. We will defiantly be doing this fundraiser again next year and hope that more families participate and sell so that we can make an even better profit!

# Appropriate Clothing

Parents are responsible to bring appropriate outdoor clothing for their child each day, as we play outside each day. While we do have some extra clothing we do not have enough for everyone.

To keep your children comfortable so that that they can enjoy their outside play please provide....

- hat
- Warm/Spring Jacket
- Lined splash pants
- Rubber boots/outside shoes
- Change of clothes including socks & underwear

## **Please remember to...**

- 1) Have monthly planners in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to ensure childcare for the following month!
- 2) All invoices are to be paid by the end of the month.
- 3) Clean out your child's cubby at the end of every week.

**Churchbridge daycare accepts, E-transfers, cheque, bank drafts and pre-authorized payments as forms of payment methods.**



# BABY ROOM NEWS



Spring is here yay!!!! Hope you all enjoyed your Easter break!!!

We were busy in April getting ready for Easter, the babies had fun painting Easter eggs, playing in the Easter sensory bin (which had plastic eggs, and Easter grass). We also had fun making their Easter presents for the parents!!!

For the month of May we will be having our open house which is a neat way for you to see what the infants learn while playing at daycare. It will be spring themed!!

I am going to have a sensory bin set up, with information beside it on what exactly they are increasing in, in their development.

I will also have documentation on art activities we have done in the past, and information around the room for you to check out.

Also in the month of May we will be doing spring art activities, like finger painting butterflies, watching caterpillars grow into butterflies (yes real ones, should be interesting) and playing in an edible mud pit (chocolate pudding, gummy worms spoons bowls etc)

As well as going for our daily walks and playing outside to enjoy the beautiful weather!

Have an awesome May!!!!

From: the Dolphins and Teacher Richelle





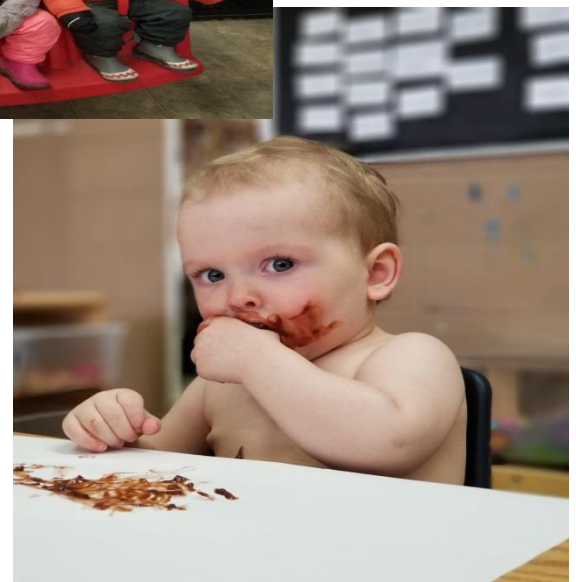
# Toddler Room News

We had such a fun month. From Easter painting, to chocolate pudding, and our sensory table of fun.

You may have noticed that there are lots of pictures in the room on baskets. I have found through picture recognition that the kids are having a much easier time finding their cubbies and putting their own things away, as well as cleaning up better. Everything has a place and they have caught on really fast to this. They also love to help each other to get dressed and undressed to go outside ! Lots of big helpers.

I have lots of natural colored things for the kids to play with, blocks, wood, pinecones etc. They are given the opportunity to use their imaginations to play with all these items. Every month I try to bring something new in and change things. I look at change as a way of making the brain think of new ideas and looking at the same things from a new perspective to encourage imagination. It's interesting to see how one change makes the kids so excited!

I honestly don't know what we are doing this month! I will be following the kids lead to see if we have some new interests sparked and build on things from there!





# Crane Room News

Yay for spring time!! The snow has finally melted and we are getting some nice weather! The Cranes have been exploring, learning, and playing outside. When the weather warms up we typically spend more time outside than in. We love to go for walks , and play at the school playground and exploring.

Some of the things we have been learning outside is about why snow/ice turn to puddles. The Cranes were super excited to play in the puddles but often asked why we had puddles. They had fun chipping and breaking the ice to find toys that had been covered by the snow. They loved using pallets as “bridges” that we placed over super muddy areas of our playground as well. It was for sure a test of their balance to not fall into the puddles and mud!!

In our circle time we have extended our learning about numbers. We are learning now 1-20 in English and French! At first they were super confused by the new numbers but are quickly catching on! I’m very interested to hear if they are saying 11-20 at home in French or English. It was super awesome to hear when we were first learning 1-10 in French how they were saying it at home as well.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our come and go tea. It was great to see the excitement the kids had to show their families the treats they had made. It was also awesome to hear how the kids were taking what we were learning at daycare back home. I hear stories of kids having more interest in cooking and helping their parents in the kitchen which is awesome!

Have a great May!!

-Tamara & The Cranes



## Starfish Room News



April has been a full month! While your kids haven't brought a lot of things home to show you we have been busy with multiple projects!

Some intense interest surrounding seeds and plants came about all from cutting up my apple for snack one day! We continued to cut up more fruits and vegetables to see what their seeds looked like and of course to have a taste!

We read "Mickey and the Beanstalk" and decided we needed to plant our own beanstalk! It took off so well we have had to transplant it to a bigger pot!!! The kids are excited

to see how much it has grown each day and love it so much they even have their rest time with it!

We have big plans for our garden box this spring! I asked the Starfish what they would like to grow in our garden and some of their ideas were watermelon, corn, peas, flowers, lettuce and pierogis!

Next week we will be working on a little fundraiser to help offset the price of seeds and garden tools. We will be creating the book "The Starfish and the Beanstalk" which will be available to purchase for \$5.00 by mid May. There will be more details to come in a week or so.

We had a lot of fun preparing for Easter in the Starfish Room! We made "chocolate bunnies", died Easter eggs, made Easter egg crafts and played with (toy) baby chicks, bunnies and eggs! One of our favorite activities was the bunny stacker game – you roll the dice to see what color bunny you put on, once there are five bunnies you add a square plate, then continue adding bunnies & plates until they are all used; then you start pulling bunnies out with the little hook and hope it doesn't topple down!!!

We are very excited to see what May has in store for us!  
Erin & The Starfish





## Kinder Room News

Mother Nature finally seems to be on our side. And for that we are so thankful. It has been wonderful getting outside, enjoying the fresh air and just being & playing outdoors.



The kids have a new found love of the trees (that divide the school yard & football field). Every day it is something different - a castle, a restaurant, a hotel, a house... you just never know what they might be next! Their imaginations run wild and it is so amazing & inspiring to just watch them be & play whatever comes to their minds. They seem the happiest & most content when we are there, playing & exploring in the trees. My favorite though was watching the ninja & goblins storm the princesses in the castle.

This last month we've cruised through a couple more letters of the alphabet, working on the sound it makes & discussing words that start with that letter. The kids really do seem to love this daily activity, especially when it is the corresponding letter craft. Although this is a teacher directed activity, it is also very much open to interpretation and up to the child how they feel that craft should be/look like. In anticipation of Easter we also decorated eggs, made chalk rabbit silhouettes (which was a favorite of everyone's) & chalk decorated paper eggs for our bulletin board.

We were able to plan one field trip during our Easter/spring break where we went to Esterhazy for glow bowling, out for lunch to A & W & played at the playground. It was a pretty successful, fun day!

May will look much the same with spending as much time outside in the beautiful weather as we can and hopefully getting in a few more walks. We'll continue to cruise through our alphabet as well.





Lastly, just a couple reminders: Please

- ensure your child has a change of shoes for indoors **only**
- send a water bottle to daycare that can be left here for daily use. It is a much more environmentally friendly option as well it is much more convenient when we go for walks, playing outside, etc.
- send a hat to stay in your child's cubby; we will soon be likely needing one on a daily basis.
- clean out your child's cubby of any out of season clothing as soon as possible and on a weekly basis clean out old artwork, food and/or containers, toys from home, etc.

-Amanda & the Kinders

