



# April News at Churchbridge Daycare

The daycare will be hosting a come and go open house 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. We will have more information about the open house next month.

The Jack Links fundraiser is due back on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Any late orders will not be accepted. For every 2 boxes sold it equals one volunteer hour.

Spring is here!! The kids love jumping in the puddles, getting messy and making great memories with each other! It's honestly hard to get them to come inside. That being said please send extra outdoor clothes multiple pairs of socks and clothes every day. Families that continue to forget outdoor clothes will be called at work or home and asked to bring their children an additional set of clothes. The children go outside multiple times a day and unfortunately we can't always keep them out of the water and dry. Our numbers have also been incredibly high; we have between 85 and 100 children monthly, we don't have enough extra clothes at the daycare.

It is very important that you remember to sign your kids in and out of procare. We do double check every day to make sure that children are being signed in and out and will fix hours. If children are not being signed out, they will automatically be signed out at 6:00 pm. However the time that the staff are marking them in and out on the sign in sheets may not be the time that they left. This could create issues with billing, especially with our casual families. If you have forgotten your password come and see Erin or myself and we can reset it for you.

Please remember that the daycare closes at 6:00 pm. All children must be picked up and have left the daycare by 6:00 pm. Families will be charged \$1.00 per minute after 6:00 pm as it states in our policy.

## **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.**

Clementine- April 5, 2013  
Jack. L- April 6, 2012  
Rekhi. R- April 9, 2014  
Kate. B- April 17, 2009  
Abby. P- April 23, 2012  
Jordan. C- April 28, 2013



# BABY ROOM NEWS

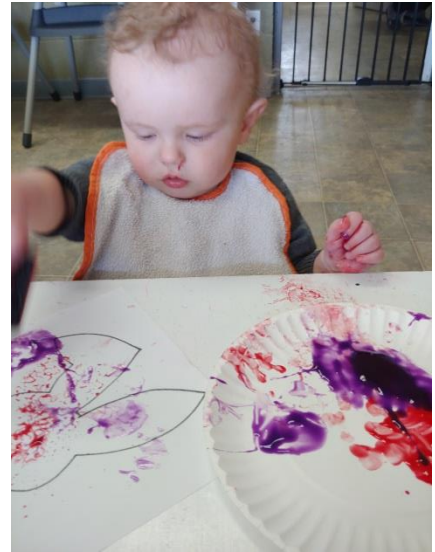
March was beautiful, it was nice to be able to get outside to go for walks with the strollers and enjoy the melting snow. Most of the infants loved running through the puddles and mud, some took a while, but once they figured out how much fun it felt to splash and get dirty they were in there every time.

We enjoyed painting, sticking tissue paper onto contact paper to make clover leaves, and dumping glitter onto paint. We also did different colors for some of the weeks, red, green and blue. The babies sure enjoyed the orbeez, tried to eat them, but figured out they couldn't. This sensory activity is very good for their fine motor, intellectual and social skills. We talked, they tried to figure out how to pick them up and put them in containers, and if one dropped they tried to pick them up with their finger and thumb, was really interesting and fun to watch them play.

For the month of April we have a fun month planned. We will be getting ready for Easter, by making Easter gifts for our families. And gluing cotton balls onto bunny rabbits, and doing a variety of different Easter sensory activities.

We will be going for walks every morning (weather permitting), and then play in the play yard in the afternoon. Your babies may get a little muddy and wet, so please make sure to bring changes of clothes.

From all your adorable babies in the Dolphin room and teacher Richelle



## Toddler Room News

It's melting! It's melting!

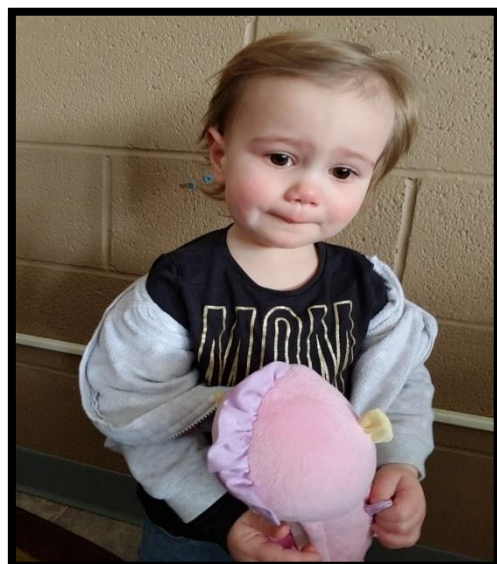
A reminder to keep bringing extra sets of outdoor clothes and to constantly be checking and bringing clean/dry indoor clothes. It is going to be wet and muddy for at least the next 2 months and the toddlers definitely love having no boundaries when it comes to outside time. We have splashed, laid in puddles, dug in the mud and goop and trenches all through the yard. Each day we comment on how much snow is gone, or how much ice has melted! We have been out playing for as long as time allows and going for buggy rides too.

Coming up for April, we will be changing the sensory bin once or twice to fit in with the Easter theme. We will dye some eggs, have an egg hunt, and make some new art to hang up. We will also play with some more foam- the kids really enjoyed it because it was kind of like bath time. We have essential oil scented playdoh for times of difficult transition or just to get the kids down to the same level after active play. I have been bringing in more "loose parts" for the kids to choose how they would like to play with them. There are wooded discs from a birch branch, round wooden rings, pinecones, sticks and other naturey items. We had some wooden blocks that needed an upgrade, so they were painted and sealed so they were safer for play. I am hoping to get the multi center table finished this month so we can utilize it on our colder/rainy days.



☀ Happy Spring! ☀

- toddler crew





# Crane Room News

March has been one crazy month for the Cranes!! As some as you may know I have been working on my 6 week practicum to finish my 2nd year of Early Childhood Learning Certificate! I know I have sent a few letters out about it to my Crane Families but I will go over a short preview of what the practicum entailed. In my 6 weeks I had to brainstorm and implement a project on one subject. In these 6 weeks I also had smaller assignments like music, puppet, creative movements activities that aren't related to the project.

The Cranes picked cooking as their topic and there were lots of fun things we did with it. First we started off by showing what we knew through invitations to create cupcakes and cookies with loose parts materials, and sorting play food into food categories. They really wanted to learn how to make pancakes so we pulled out cook books and searched for a recipe. Once we found a recipe we had to go to the store and find all the ingredients. We had our special guest "Chef" Marissa Porter come and show us how to make pancakes as well as bringing some interesting foods for us to taste test. We also got a chance to tour the Co-op and learn where the groceries come from. We also made doughnuts while we were there! As our wrap up event we made a lot of cookies and juice and invited out parents for a come and go tea in our room. For myself and the kids this was such a fun experience, it was also awesome to see how interested they were in the topic and what they wanted to know. Their energy was through the roof the entire time!! Thank you to everyone at the daycare and in our community who helped us learn about cooking!

Thank goodness it's spring! As the weather warms up we will be spending lots of time outside exploring, creating and learning!

-Tamara & the Cranes

# Starfish Room News

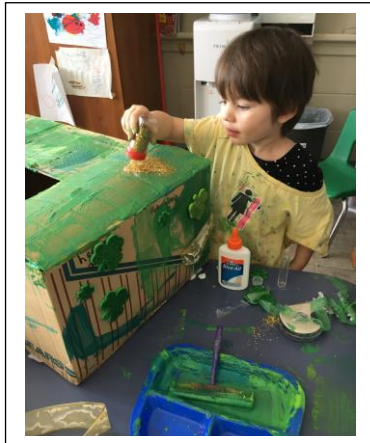
We have had a very magical March in the Starfish Room!



In early March we found a green sparkly shamrock painted on our mirror. We knew immediately who did it...the Leprechaun!!! That tricky little leprechaun visits us every March, and every March we try to catch him.

We haven't caught him yet, but we were sure this would be our year! We got busy right away making traps

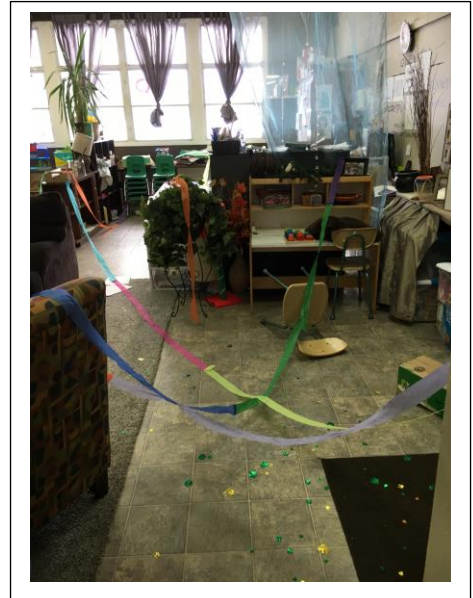
to try and catch him! The kids painted boxes and glued on all kinds of glitter and sparkly things to try luring him in...Joe even put a



trampoline on his!! Over the next few weeks we found glitter, sparkly shamrocks, green coins and even tiny footprints around our room! On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> we found a huge surprise...there were streamers and shamrocks everywhere, chairs were turned

over, the couch cushions were off and in story corner we found a little piece of paper...It was a clue!!! The Leprechaun had played a big trick on us but he left us clues that led us all over the daycare looking for his

treasure, finally the last clue led us to the nap room where we found goodie bags with sour rainbow strings and chocolate gold coins hidden all over the room! Maybe we next year will be our year!



After this long, cold winter we took advantage of the beautiful Spring weather and have been spending as much time soaking up the sun and splashing in the puddles as we can! The sandbox is also starting to thaw out so there has been some serious digging and building going on too!

Enjoy the beautiful weather! Erin & The Starfish

## Kinder Room News

Spring has finally sprung!! And we couldn't be happier!! We have been taking full advantage of this beautiful spring weather!! The kids & I are loving our extended play time outside. We've been fortunate enough to go for a couple walks and a play at the town playground.

Although I have always been a firm believer in routine (but also knowing when to be flexible), this month we were definitely all over the place with routine. With all that colder weather & being stuck inside for such a long stretch I thought it was good for us to waver from routine and just be completely spontaneous. Some days the kids thoroughly enjoyed this. Other days they were asking to do our letter activity page or letter craft we normally do each day. It was probably our best month of working on our alphabet. We made jellyfish j's, koala bear k's and a bulletin board highlighting 'In like a lion, out like a lamb' with coinciding lion & lamb crafts. For St. Patrick's Day we made a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

We continue to talk a lot about what it means to be a good friend and how to be a good friend. How to be 'happy in our skin', that we are all different, unique & special in our own ways. As well we are talking a lot about appropriate ways to deal with conflict and our emotions.

In April we look forward to continue working through our alphabet, talking about & celebrating Easter and hopefully a field trip or two.

A couple notes: with this nice weather and the snow melting, that means a lot of tempting water & puddles to play in. Please make sure your child has an extra set of clothing & mitts. As well, please send a water bottle with your child that can stay with them here. It saves us on cups as well as much more convenient when we are out for walks or playing, ensuring the kids stay hydrated.

Amanda & the Kinders

