

March News at Churchbridge Daycare

And...another month has come and gone! Hopefully the weather cooperates a bit better in March and the kids are able to get outside more often. As the weather warms up please remember to bring extra outdoor clothing as the children will be coming in wet from being outside. **Also please also remember to take off wet dirty boots when going through the daycare.** The children are often playing on the floor especially our toddlers and babies and we would like to keep their environment as clean as possible.

Like previous years we suspect that the very sneaky leprechaun will be making an appearance again throughout the daycare. The children look forward to this every year and talk about it for weeks afterwards.

The daycare will be hosting a come and go open house in May! 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. Keep an eye out for more details!

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. 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 20th 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.

Braxtyn. M- March 2, 2011

Emily. B- March 2, 2016

Ledger. K- March 2, 2016

Kyla. R- March 6, 2012

Katelyn. M- March 8, 2013

Beretta. R- March 12, 2010

James. L- March 25, 2010

Lennon. H- March 27, 2017



BABY ROOM NEWS

Yay spring is almost here and the weather is finally starting to warm up. We were able to go outside a couple days and had a blast going for sled rides and playing in the snow, and some of our infants have been really enjoying the play house.

There were a lot of cold days in February but we were able to find lots of inside activities to do to keep us busy. We painted with pink vanilla pudding all over some hearts. We did some finger painting, and gluing glitter and foam pieces onto the heart and we played games in the hallway, played with mini sticks, and balls, put the bouncy castle up and bounced in there.

I have a fun and busy March planned for our little babies, we will be doing colors of the rainbow. So every week we will be doing a different color. 1st week will be red, fill the bins with all red toys, do apple paintings, stick (pictures) of apples strawberries tomatoes onto sticky contact paper. Then the following week green and blue etc. we will be able to go outside more now, and hopefully be able to play in our infant play area soon.

We also have two new little friends joining us in the month of March. Some days we will have 3 some days 6.

Hope you all had a wonderful February break and are ready for March!!!

From all the cute little babies in the Dolphin room.



Toddler Room News

Wow it's already March! It seems like February flew by and it also means spring is right around the corner (hopefully).



With warming temperatures it means that we will be able to get outside more, yay. With the cold temps that February brought, it gave us time to do some fun crafts. We had loads of fun exploring the playing in the awesome foam table and dressing up as our favourite super heroes! We love to color, paint and glue things.



We got the room all decorated for Valentine's Day by making our own heart to hang on the giant tree in our room. We also made a heart stamp out of empty toilet paper rolls and painted with them. To help celebrate Valentine's Day our sensory bin was switched up to include the Valentine's theme we worked on this month. The kids had a blast playing in it and exploring the different things in it. We celebrated the day by decorating cookies and had a movie day along with popcorn and crackers!

From the awesome Turtle Room!!!



Crane Room News

A chilly February has come and gone at the daycare! For the most part the Cranes have spent quite a bit of time inside; it was fun challenge to find something new every day for them to do in the hallway to burn off that energy! We enjoyed running up & down the hallway, playing with balls, scooters, and tunnels and having mats to do summersaults on. We also did dance parties and played the freeze dance game!

I am currently finished up the last few progress reports! It has been nice to sit down individually with each child and work through and help them with some areas they might be struggling in. As I mentioned in my progress reports I am currently focusing in on alphabet recognition & fine motor skills.

I am working on the alphabet through songs/stories/activities in circle times, puzzles, and invitations and hanging their names around the room. Fine motor is being work on through dramatic play, invitations, art time. I have set up a small corner in my room specifically for fine motor, where one child at a time can work on tweezers and marbles, string beading or dexterity boards (zippers, buttons, shoelaces practise). If you would like more resources, activities or questions about activities/centres I have in my room please feel free to talk to me or email at churchbridge.craneroom@gmail.com

Lastly this month I sent out letters regarding the start of my practicum. Apart of this practicum is to communicate through posting on an information board and sending letters home. I have a white board on top of the cubbies that I will be updating weekly, and in the next coming weeks another detailed note will be sent home regarding my practicum. My practicum is based on a project on a topic the children show interest in. Cooking is the determined topic for the project and we will be having special guest as well at the end of March a wind up event. Stay tuned for information regarding that!

Hopefully March will come in and go out as a lamb

-Tamara & the Cranes

Starfish Room News

We started off the month of February with a big interest in sea shells. We spent a lot of time investigating them. We discussed how they felt – some were smooth, some were bumpy and some were a little sharp. We discussed what might have lived in them – maybe fish, maybe snails, maybe crabs. We put them up to our ears to see if we could hear the ocean – everyone was pretty sure they could hear it! After we were done discussing the shells we watched a video that showed us what lived in them. We also spent some time tracing & drawing the shells

Next we learned about Ground Hog's Day. We discussed what a ground hog was, shadows, the meaning of groundhog's day and predicted weather he would see his shadow or not. We did a poll for our predictions – everyone colored and cut out a groundhog and put it under their prediction – shadow or no shadow. Afterwards we watched a video of Wiarton Willie who did not see his shadow!



Everyone was very excited when our focus turned to Valentine's Day! Some of the things we made during the weeks around Valentine's Day were chocolate playdough, jelly heart and toothpick structures, spin art hearts, heart necklaces, mailboxes for our valentine cards and set up a flower shop. We also discussed the meaning of Valentine's Day, love and friendship.

We finished off this unit with our Valentine's Day party!

We have spent a lot of time indoors in February due to the cold weather. We played games in the hallway, set up obstacle courses, played on the bouncer, played with balloons and built forts to stay active!

In March we are anticipating a visit from someone very sneaky! If anyone has extra boxes (shoe boxes or larger) they no longer need the Starfish would be very grateful to have them to build our leprechaun traps!

Erin & The Starfish



Kinder Room News

After all this cold weather we've had, forcing us to stay inside much more than we would like, we are all feeling a little ancy for spring to arrive!! (Come on Mother Nature, we want some warmer weather). We are doing our best to stay active and have the chance to run and be a little crazier but it is just not the same as getting outside & enjoying the fresh air. Although the kids have become master obstacle course builders and really enjoy the hallway games we play.



I was away on a family holiday when we celebrated Valentine's Day in our room, but they still enjoyed a little party. I had a couple games arranged; a Valentine's craft & they got to have a movie afternoon with popcorn. I heard lots about it when I came back, making me believe they had a fun afternoon with Mylene!



As promised I swapped out a couple stations and introduced the puppet theatre for the kids. And much to my surprise they were not all that interested in it. I suppose the magic & fun of creating their own just wasn't the same as a center designated towards it. So I have removed it and have brought in all things dress up along with the kitchen & a baby center. This has been a huge hit!! As I was preparing the center and getting it ready they were itching to get in there to play! I will look at introducing the puppet theater again, but at another time.

I would still like to do a deconstruction zone. If you have any small appliance that is taking up space or no longer works, I would very much appreciate taking it off your hands. As well to complete a couple of the centers I would like to do in the room, if you have a small armoire or kitchen hutch, I would

gladly take it off your hands :)

Hopefully March will allow us to get outside more, to explore & play in the trees, go for a walk or two and just be outside.

Amanda and the Kinder fish

