

**Juniper Early
Learning
Center
Toddler Room
April
Newsletter
2023**



Dear Parents,

Spring is here and we have many exciting things planned for this month. We will be talking about signs of spring including flowers blooming, trees budding, birds returning, insects, worms, the days getting longer and changes in the weather. The toddlers are noticing if it is cloudy, sunny, windy, or rainy outside! The toddlers are having fun singing Spring songs, doing crafts, and playing outside in the beautiful Spring weather!

Scarlet Runner Bean Plants

The children are observing their Scarlet Runner Bean seeds as they germinate and sprout into lovely plants! The toddlers are learning to care for living things as they plant the sprouted bean seeds into soil and water and care for their plant as it grows! Their plants will go home within the next month!

Farm Unit

The children are really enjoying our farm theme, including activities, colouring pages, songs, stories, and short videos on farm animals. Books included *Who Took the Farmer's Hat* by Joan Nodset, *Charlie Needs a Cloak* by Tomie dePaola, *Chickens Aren't the Only Ones* by Ruth Heller, *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*, *Bingo* and a favourite, *The Wheels on the Bus*. Some of the children are making a "Farm booklet" featuring themselves as the farmer. Lots of fun, activity, and learning! We will continue our farm unit and will introduce community

helpers during the month of April!

Important Dates

Friday - April 7 - Good Friday - School Closed

Sunday - May 14 - Mother's Day

Monday - May 22 - school closed for Victoria Day



Whoever touches the life of a child touches the most sensitive point of a whole which has roots in the most distant past and climbs toward the infinite future. -

Maria Montessori

Counting

The children are showing a lot of interest in numbers and counting! We incorporate counting the we read books, put out activities, count our friends, and when we transition outside or

inside we count the number of friends we have. The toddler age is the sensitive period for language, and we see it here in the children each day!!



Metamorphosis

When living things change form to grow and exist. That's called metamorphosis. That's called metamorphosis.

Mariposa (Butterfly)

Mariposa, Mariposa
what lovely wings,
Mariposa, Mariposa
makes my heart sing,
Mariposa, Mariposa I
want to know,
When it rains, it rains.
Where do you go?

Allergies

Currently in our programs we do not have any children with allergies to peanuts. However, we do have a child with a severe allergy to tree nuts, including almonds, walnuts, cashews, pistachios, chestnuts and

any other types of tree nuts. At this time, peanut products are ok to include in your child's snacks or lunches. However, we will still be checking for the ingredients listed above, and items which "may contain tree nuts" and send home a reminder that tree nuts pose a health risk. All programs share common spaces in our centre. This update on allergies may change when more toddlers join our program. We will update with any changes.

Spring Fundraisers

Thank you to our families for your participation in our spring fundraisers!



**KINDNESS
BEGINS WITH ME**

If I had my child to raise over again

By: Diane Loomans
If I had my child to rise over again,
I'd finger paint more and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites. I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play. I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging and less tugging
I would be firm less often, and affirm more often.
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power, and more about the power of love.

The importance of sensory play - from a toddler's perspective!

Set up sensory activities in a way that allows me to play freely. I learn a lot from using various containers with sand and water. When the area is prepared for possible

spills, I will benefit from all of the learning that takes place through using my senses. If I'm limited in the way I can use the materials, I will become frustrated. Uninterrupted multi sensory experimentation time leads my brain toward developing increased curiosity. (Balancing Brain Stimulation for Infants and Toddlers, by Deborah McNelis).

**Have a great
month!**



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