

October 2022

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

In our classroom at the Juniper Early Learning Center we are exploring the wonder of the season with its colour and majesty! We have enjoyed watching your children as they explore our classroom inside and our play space outside! We have enjoyed many songs so far...some of our favourites are "Way up high in the Apple Tree," "The Wheels on the Bus," "Baby Shark," "Mister Sun," "You are my Sunshine," "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom," "Rolly Poly," "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep," and (of course) "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star!" The children have danced to a variety of music! They enjoy dancing wearing the dress-up clothes!

In art we are making sunflower handprint pictures and sunflower stencil pictures. Another activity we will enjoy this month is placing leaves on contact paper. We will collect leaves and observe how they change when they dry out! This month will learn about leaves and pumpkins. The toddlers are enthusiastic about doing crafts and are eager to try new things...painting is a wonderful activity for exploration! We will also take a look at our community helpers! We will enjoy learning about fire fighters, bus drivers, and postal workers, just to name a few community helpers! The toddlers often see the big garbage truck empty the garbage from the large bins...a real highlight!

We are excited to see the toddlers practicing independence, self-help

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skills, cooperation, sharing, cooperative play and taking on responsibilities in our classroom, including helping to wash the tables and sweep the carpet! It is amazing to see our little group working together as we follow our routines each day. We thank you parents for your support in making the transition to our setting a smooth one for your little ones!

Lunches

Snacks and lunches are high points in our class! We see that the children really enjoy these times together at the tables. Thank you for sending food in reusable containers! We notice a decline in the amount of wrappers that go in the garbage! As soon as the bears go to sleep for the winter, we will resume collecting compostable peelings, etc.!

Pumpkin Decorating

Parents, please send a miniature pumpkin to school with your child beginning the week of October 24 so they can participate in a pumpkin decorating activity.



And Important Dates!

October 5th - 19th Wednesday - Wednesday - Dieleman Fundraiser

October 10th, Monday – School Closed for Thanksgiving

October 31st Monday – Dress-up Party!

November 11th Friday – School Closed for Remembrance Day

December 23rd Friday - Last day of school before Winter Break

December 24th-January 2nd - School closed for Winter Break

January 3rd - Tuesday - School re-opens after Winter Break



Happy Birthday!

To Gianna Luthra...2 years old on October 18!

Dress-Up Party!

Monday, October 31st we will have a day to dress up in costumes! We look forward to this time to dance to some familiar songs and some new music for our Dress-up Party! Toddlers are welcome to wear a costume to school that day (with a change of clothes available, please!)

Thanksgiving Day

School will be closed on Monday,
October 10th for Thanksgiving Day!

Parents Please Note:

With the colder weather just around the corner please remember to send your child to school with warm clothing for outside time. We have time outside each day for the children to have some fresh air and exercise. **Please label all their belongings...including outerwear...sweaters, jackets, hats, mitts, scarves, boots, etc.**

Practicum Student

We are excited to welcome Amber Hardy as a practicum student in our toddler room! Amber has completed her ECE requirements and is now working on the Children with Exceptionalities course. Amber will begin on Monday, October 3. We look forward to getting to know Amber and to her contributions to our program!

Covid-19 Policies

Covid and its variations are still present in our city and community! At our centre we continue to practice the sanitizing, cleaning, hand washing, social distancing, etc. protocols in our centre. We also continue our daily monitoring of the children for any symptoms that may present themselves.

We remind parents to do a daily check for any symptoms your child may have each day before arriving at the centre. Thank you for being available, or having an alternate available, for pickup in the case that your child presents symptoms that would prevent them from participating fully in our program. We are all working together to provide a safe

and healthy environment for your children in each of our programs!

Dieleman Fundraiser

The Dieleman Fundraiser will be held from Wednesday, October 5 to Wednesday, October 19. Please see attached poster. More information will be coming soon!

Your Toddler's Brain – Social and Emotional Skills

Only from the age of two onward is the brain sufficiently developed to be able to remember and recall information, and these skills continue to develop over the next 12 months. By the age of three, your toddler will be starting to discover that other people may think and feel differently than the way she does. This shows in a toddler's impulse to comfort another child who is upset. Over the next year, reasoning skills will develop so that, for example, Cara will not only understand that "Tommy is upset, don't cry" but that "Tommy is upset because..." and will start to modify her behavior accordingly. However, the ability to feel empathy cannot develop fully until the frontal lobes have begun to mature. Your child will gradually become more consistently understanding and you will notice that she begins to play more cooperatively, showing that she has expanded her emotional range and understanding. This early breakthrough shows she is well on her way toward developing rewarding relationships in later life. Development is rarely a steady line of forward progress...It is possible that a child will revert back to being more egocentric and will abandon some of her compas-

sionate skills. As your child becomes more empathetic, she will begin to understand that not everyone sees things the way she does. (Your Toddler Month by Month p. 242-243)



Wishing everyone a very

Happy Thanksgiving!

Have a wonderful month!

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Fundraiser coming soon!



Soon you will receive a fundraising package featuring Dieleman's catalogues! This fundraiser supports the programs and tools our students need to succeed. We thank you in advance as your participation and generosity will help us achieve our goal!

Our fundraiser begins Oct 5, 2022