



Spring Has Sprung at Kingston Day Care!

We are Very Proud to Introduce Kingston Day Care's Team of Professionals:



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Our Lady of Lourdes

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Springtime Greetings from the Executive Director

My office does not have a window so some would think that there is no view, but on the contrary, I have to admit the view is spectacular!

I cannot always see the children at play from where I sit, but I can certainly hear them. I listen and sometimes imagine just what is taking place outside my office door. I am able to hear the teachers as they guide the children and engage in play...in learning and in discovery. It is sometimes a bit of a challenge to stay focused on the task at hand and not step out and enjoy the fun! It has been a joy to watch our

teachers as they bundle up, just like the children, and embrace the winter weather. Watching the children and the teachers reminds me of how as a child the weather never seemed too cold and there was never ever too much snow! Children simply do not tire of that cold, white stuff...in fact it often fills the sensory tables inside - bringing the outside in and allowing the children to continue to play and discover.

Winter is almost over...snow hills are gone, layers (and layers) of clothing will no longer be a necessity; big winter boots will be replaced with rain

boots and splash pants. Our thoughts turn to April showers, May flowers and the fun and wonder of...*mud puddles!* I look forward to the view as the children discover the wonders of Spring!

Alison Lines, Executive Director



'Busy Builders' at St. Martha CCC



IN FDK WE
ARE BUSY
BUILDING



PHOTOGRAPH

We have been very busy in the FDK After School Program participating in lots of **fun, play-based activities**. The children have shown interest in celebrating holidays, building structures and dramatic play.

We enjoyed celebrating Christmas, New Years and Valentine's Day to-

gether ~ and what better way to celebrate something than with **CAKE!**

The children worked together to **measure, mix, pour and stir**; developing various skills such as **Math (measuring) and Science (different properties of ingredients and sensory awareness.)**

The children have also enjoyed being Construction Workers, Engineers & Architects by **building elaborate houses, apartment buildings, castles and churches out of different materials such as blocks, boxes and paper.**

We are looking forward to the new season approaching for more exciting hands-on experiences!

We would like to thank our families for all of their help during the Feb. 2016 blizzard! Emma & Andrea

Our Lady of Lourdes Before & After School Programs

The cost of toys does not always reflect the **value of the play** gained from that toy; sometimes the best learning resources cost the least amount of money. The children in the FDK Before & After School program have been enjoying the **practicing of their letter printing on whiteboards and creating**

interesting marks and then erasing them to create something new!

Another inexpensive **play idea** the children came up with was the creating of a music video; **the children had been enjoying dance parties and the freeze dance game.** They liked watching each

other as they practiced. We decided to record their dance on our I-Pad, **creating our own music video!**

The children loved watching themselves on the 'screen'. **Through this play the children developed social skills such as sharing, co-operating and respecting one another.** Children who develop appropriate social skills often have higher self esteem and are more likely to feel confident interacting in their environment as they grow. Kristin



Trillium Child Care Centre

The Infants have been on the go, happily engaging in *music and movement* activities. They have enjoyed dancing and making music with shakers ...and when it was too cold outside, they loved to move and explore with bean bags and balls in the multi-purpose room!

The Toddlers have enjoyed the cold weather and all the fun play that went along with it! They enjoyed their many *snowy experiences* as they played with toboggans, shovels, and used their own feet to *stomp* and *crush* the snow. As the snowy season comes to an end, we have begun to welcome more Spring-like activities indoors.

The Toddlers have shown interest

in different motor development activities by *exploring* their own use of plastic eggs, tongs, checkers, beans, oats, noodles and fun recyclables. Recently the children have shown a new-found interest in *science* related activities involving the mixing of vinegar and baking soda and the mixing different colors!

We look forward to continuing to enhance the interests of the children and *discovering* together what kinds of play will develop over next few months.

It was a busy winter in the pre-school program! With all of the snow and cold weather, *the children developed a strong interest in ICE.*

The children explored everything

ICE through many fun activities such as a "frozen ice hunt sensory bin", painting with ice and "ice magnets".

Although we enjoyed the frosty weather, we look forward to Spring and all the fun PLAY that this season brings!

The Trillium Team



Exploring Our 5 Senses at Collins Bay Child Care Centre

We recently finished up our exploration of how to *sort and match* objects and have now moved on to playing "peek-a-boo"; dancing to music; playing with musical instruments and exploring a variety of sensory materials.

Over the last couple of weeks we explored many different textures, including *soft, hard,*

sticky and cold.

Sensory exploration is important to how infants learn about their environment and the world around them.

Our photo documentation shows just how much fun the infants had dropping the pom poms through a tube; they love to learn how things work. Through this activity comes *improved*

pincer grasp as the children picked up the pom pom and dropped them down the tube.

We look forward to more *sensory play* as we move into Spring.

Shilpi



Continuous Professional Learning (CPL)

The profession of early childhood education is one in which ongoing learning is critically important. Professional development opportunities are encouraged by KDC's Board of Directors in order to support their Early Childhood Educators in upgrading and enhancing their professional practice. These opportunities support the Code of

Ethics and Standards of Practice for ECE as required by the College of Early Childhood Educators.

Recent Professional Learning achieved by our educators include:

Physical Activity to Promote Early Literacy

Nutrition & Physical Literacy

Learning Environments

Anaphylaxis Canada Training

Teach and Talk with Pictures

Ooey-Gooey Lady ~ Sensory Integration and Development

How Does Learning Happen?

Labor and Employment

Taking Action for Healthy Children ~ Best Start

Making Connections Conference 2016 ~ St. Lawrence College

Kingston Day Care

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"When educators engage in continuous learning by questioning, exploring new ideas and adjusting practices, they achieve the best outcomes for children, families, and themselves." - How Does Learning Happen?



Upcoming Closures and Parent Survey Updates for 2016...

Friday, March 25, 2016:

GOOD FRIDAY

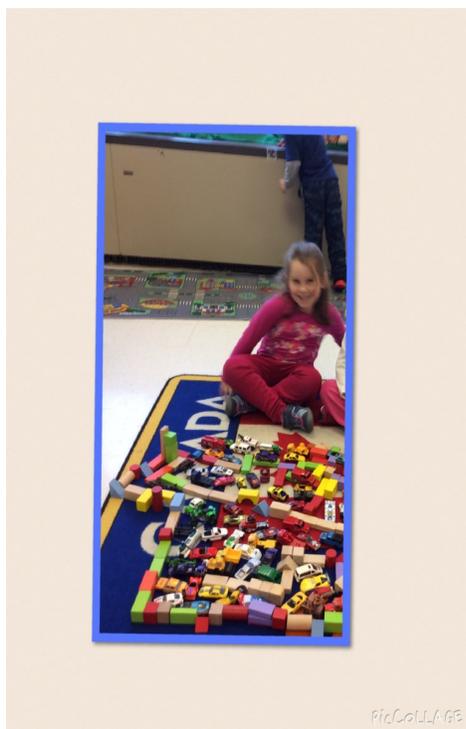
Monday, March 28, 2016

EASTER MONDAY

Monday, May 23, 2016

VICTORIA DAY

*Time Spent With
Family is Worth Every
Second... We Hope
You Really Enjoy
Ours!!*



Parent Surveys ~ 2016

Many thanks are extended to the parents and guardians who have, or are in the process of, completing Kingston Day Care's 2016 Parent Survey. Your feedback is invaluable and assists us greatly in ensuring we are exceeding all of the goals and objectives we have in place for the children in our care and the KDC families whom we value so much.

Final results of the 2016 Parent Survey will be posted on our website after March 11, 2016 at:

www.kingstondaycare.org