



## Toddler Calendar

### Classroom news:

Welcome new families to the toddler room. Please note we have Karen supporting during opening and closing of the classroom and Ashley and Vina providing program enhancement once a week.

### Important dates:

14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day  
(wear red or pink)

19<sup>th</sup> – Family Day  
(centre closed)



### Skills we will be working on:

Using our words

We have been working actively to encourage the toddlers to use their words to express themselves. We do this by letting the children know that using their words to communicate gives us a better understanding of how we may support them in any situation that occurs throughout the day.

### Reminder:

Children will be able to explore the outdoors, weather permitting of course, and anything colder than -10 outside, the children will be busy with indoor experiences and activities.



### Ideas to do at home:

Have you ever listened in as your child engages in imaginary play with toys or friends? You will probably hear some words and phrases you never thought children knew! In fact, we often hear our own words reflected in the play of children. Children can do a perfect imitation of mom, dad, and educators! Pretend play helps your child understand the power of language.

### Did you know?

Nap time provides children the chance to rest and have quiet time. Naps also help keep children from becoming overtired, which not only takes a toll on their moods but may also make it harder for them to fall asleep at night.



### How Does Learning Happen?

“Fostering good relationships with children and their families is the single most important priority for educators in early years programs” (How Does Learning Happen – pg. 24)

### Toilet Learning Signs of Readiness:

- Can sit down in one position for two to five minutes.
- Gives a physical or verbal sign when he's having a bowel movement such as grunting, squatting, or telling you.
- Can pull their pants up and down.
- Dislikes the feeling of wearing a wet or dirty diaper.
- Demonstrates a desire for independence.
- Takes pride in their accomplishments.
- Isn't resistant to learning to use the toilet.
- Has regular well-formed bowel movements.

