

INFANT CALENDAR

October 2024



Skills we will be working on:

Gross motor:

- **5.1 Eye-hand coordination:** throwing small balls through the hoop
- **5.4 sensory motor integration** – Dancing with the shakers to the action songs

Fine motor:

- **5.2 coordination** – putting small objects into a bigger container
- **5.2 pincer grasp** – using our creative time to practice holding stickers, or pick up smaller art pieces to hold with their index finger and thumb

Cognitive:

- **4.3 Cause and effect exploration:** mixing colours in a tube to see what happens
- **4.2 Problem solving** – using jumbo puzzles to work on their problem solving skills while placing the piece in a correct spot

Language:

- **3.1 joint attention** – looking at a book and pictures with educator during circle/group time
- **3.3 expressive language skills** – children are being encouraged to use words or sign

language to express their needs

Important dates:

- October 14 – Thanksgiving (Centre closed)
- October 24 – Childcare Appreciation Day
- October 31 – Halloween (children are welcome to bring costumes, with a change of clothes)

Classroom news

As we are moving into Fall season, we expect some rainy days to come with it. In that case, we provide some indoor gross motor activities for our infants to practice their large muscle skills, such as walking, crawling, coordination, body strength, etc. The activities can include:

- Using a walker to walk
- Making an obstacle course out of big blocks
- Walking while holding big toys in their hands for body strength and balance
- Tunnel fun to practice crawling and coordination
- Spending time up and down on our indoor climber
- Activity gym to practice tummy time (under 6 months)
- Jumping in a jumper for leg strength
- Riding a big toy car

Idea to do at home!

Have your child practice fine motor and problem solving skills with this simple activity – just use tape to secure some small toys or animals to the high chair and let them try to “free” them!



Gentle reminder

With the change in season, please make sure your child has different types of clothing available (long sleeves, long pants, sweaters, thin hat), splash pants, rain boots, and consider dressing them in layers to enjoy outdoor times comfortably.

Thank you 😊