

INFANT CALENDAR

December 2024



Skills we will be working on:

Gross motor:

- **5.1 Eye-leg coordination:** Kicking balls to the educator
- **5.4 Sensory motor integration** – Seeing a bubble and reaching out to pop it
- **5.1 Crawling/ Walking/ Running** – Chasing a moving toy around the room

Fine motor:

- **5.2 coordination** – putting mega blocks together or stacking big soft blocks
- **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:** putting magnets on the fridge
- **4.2 Problem solving** – moving the obstacles out of their way to get to the desired area

Language:

- **3.1 joint attention** – looking at a book and pictures with educator during circle/group time
- **3.2 receptive language skills** – responding appropriately to a verbal request or actions in the action songs (pointing at the body parts in “Head and Shoulders” or acting out the actions in “The Wheels on the Bus”)



Important dates:

December 24 – Christmas Eve (Centre closes at 2pm)

December 25, 26 & 27th – (Centre Closed)

December 31 – New Year’s Eve (Centre closes at 2pm)

January 1 – New Year’s Day (Centre Closed)

Idea to do at home - Ice painting!

Our infants are really curious about everything. A few months ago we tried some ice painting with them and they really seemed to enjoy it! It is a very simple preparation and safe for them.

All you will need is

- **Ice cube tray (best if silicone)**
- **Water**
- **Food colouring in a few different colours**
- **Popsicle sticks**
- **Cardboard to “paint” on**

Simply pour some water in the tray, add a few drops of food colouring, mix it with the popsicle stick and leave the stick in each cube filled with water. Pop it in the freezer and wait for it to set. Once it’s set, pop it out of the tray and let the fun begin!

They learn a lot through playing and having fun! They do some science exploration while watching the ice melt and seeing colours transfer on the paper. They can also learn what happens when you mix the colours. They also learn about cold ice by touching it. They practice their fine motor skills by using the tools to paint and most importantly, they feed their curiosity by making a masterpiece at the same time! 😊



Special note

The Infant Room staff would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday season! 😊