

INFANT CALENDAR

April 2025



Skills we will be working on:

Gross motor:

6-12 months

- **5.1 Upper body strength** – trying to roll over or stretch body to reach for the toys; pulling themselves up on the furniture to stand
- **5.1 Walking with assistance** – using a walker or push a car to practice walking

12-18 months

- **5.4 Sensory motor integration** – acting out actions in the songs like “One Little finger”, “The wheels on the bus”, etc.
- **5.1 Crawling/ Walking/ Running** – Chasing a moving toy around the room; going through the tunnel or under the parachute; running to catch and pop bubbles
- **5.1 – Going for nature walks** to increase the distance they are able to walk

Cognitive:

- **4.8 Memory and 4.9 Sorting** – we are working very hard with our older infants to teach them how to clean up after play time by putting the toys in properly labeled buckets where they belong.

Language:

- **3.1 simple turn taking** – just simply playing a peek-a-boo game with younger infants; or, for the older infants, responding to a request like “bring me the book you like” and waiting for them to respond to it. This confirms their ability to understand requests and take turns in communication.

Ideas to do at home

Go on nature walks!

Our infants really seem to enjoy going for a nature walk in the area, exploring the animals around, such as squirrels running around or jumping on the tree branches, seeing ducks swimming in the creek, listening to the woodpecker sound, chasing their shadows to try and catching it and exploring by touch different nature items!

And for those rainy days, here are some interesting indoor ideas to try:

Turn baking tray into a toy!

In our infant room we have some magnets on the fridge and in our science area. We’ve noticed that the children seem to be very curious about and love exploring them. The easy way to do it at home is by simply placing the magnets on a baking tray and letting them have fun with it!



Another idea that we have tried in the room and they seem to enjoy is to simply use masking tape and some toys, tape them and let the children try to “rescue” them! This allows them to practice their fine motor skills as well as problem solving and attention regulation!



Important dates:

April 1 – April Fools’ Day

April 18 – Good Friday (**Centre closed**)

April 20 – Easter Sunday

April 21 – Easter Monday (**Centre closed**)

April 22 – Earth Day

Gentle reminder

With colder mornings, warmer afternoons, and some rain too, we would like to remind our parents to always provide splash pants, waterproof shoes/boots, extra clothes, and layers for their children so they can comfortably enjoy outdoor playtime! ☺