

Willow Room September Update



Thistleoaks
Child Care Centre

Programming Update

This month the Willow room has been interested in the variety of insects in the outdoor space. The children have enjoyed observing ants, grasshoppers, bees, butterflies, ladybugs, stick bugs, and more in their natural environment. We have been learning about how insects are similar or different as well as how to take care of living things by taking turns watering the plants in the garden and practicing gentle ways that we can interact with them using all our senses. By taking turns watering the plants and showing respect for nature, we are fostering a sense of belonging and well-being as each child explores in ways that are comfortable to them. They are given opportunities to practice skills such as pouring, new vocabulary, empathy, and self-regulation, as they are learning to understand the viewpoints of others and regulate their own emotions. The children were also engaged with their focus about the different parts of a plant including the roots, stem, and leaves. It was so exciting hearing them express this new vocabulary in their play and make connections as they explored their environment.

We have also seen an interest in transportation begin to emerge. The children have been fascinated with trajectory and have been using ramps to push a variety of vehicles down to test their theories. Outside they have been working on their gross motor skills to push themselves on riding toys, practice steering in different directions, and how to use the pedals on the tricycles. We look forward to where this interest will lead us next month!



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Reminders from your Educators

We kindly ask that families meet the educators to pick up children at the Willow Room cubby side entrance to ensure safe social distancing within our cohort. We would also appreciate if families could give us a call (Willow Room Extension is 110) if you anticipate there will be a different arrival or pickup time for your child.

The Willow Room would love to display photographs of each family (family pets are welcome too!) throughout the classroom. If you have a picture you would like to share, we are happy to print it out for display within the classroom. Alternatively, we could also take a family picture with our camera to print as well, just let one of the educators know if you are interested!

Important Dates

September 7th - Labour Day (Centre Closed)

September 16th – Send the Willow Room a family and/or family pet picture today

September 25th – Pajama Day



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