

Maple Room February Update



Programming Update

We had a lot of fun in the first month of the new year! The highlights of the month for us was finally getting some snow for a few days!!! We were able to join the Redwood Room in some sledding. We love playing with the "big kids"! Some of our friends moved up to the Redwood Room, so we will try to incorporate more visits and playtime with our friends there.

To prepare for the very cold temperatures coming soon, we have been working in the Flexi room, turning it into a gross motor room, both for us and all the other classrooms at the centre to enjoy. My friends have loved the experience of running around in a classroom!! They love setting up obstacle courses in there and playing the musical instruments and singing as loud as possible!! It has been a great way to let off some steam and let the "crazy" out!

We also are happy to announce we are proud pet parents again to two new creatures for our room! Welcome Marshmallow and Cookie, our two guinea pigs!

Children's Interests

My friends and I were really interested in playing with boxes, cardboard, recycled materials, etc. They really showed their imagination with all the ways they used the boxes and materials. They loved making their own private space/home/fort/boat/castle/bed etc., and decorating it and making it their own. Their favourite seemed to be when I introduced paint into the mix a few days after playing with our boxes and materials. My friends love paint!! It can get pretty messy. Warning: your child may be messy and happy by the end of the day!

My friends continue to love taking care of our pets. They love having guinea pigs. Since guinea pigs are a lot bigger and slower than our hamster Bella, we have been taking them out of their cage at the end of the night for my friends to pet and feed. We love feeding them lettuce (their favourite treat). Hopefully this will start a trend and my friends will all be asking for lettuce for their dinner too! ;)

The children "express a sense of purpose as they participate and make contributions to the program and community".

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Reminders from your Educators

The cold weather is here! Please make sure your child has a coat, snow pants, boots, neck warmer, hat, and gloves/mittens. Please make sure your child also has a pair of indoor shoes (that can live here at Thistleoaks) and a change of clothing in their cubby. I also find on wet snowy days children's mittens/gloves and socks can get very wet from outdoor play. Please also pack an extra pair of mittens/gloves and socks in your child's backpack. Miss Julie does this and it is a lifesaver!!!!

I am working on creating a family picture wall in the classroom. Please bring in a family picture to add to our wall! Thank you. If you need one printed out see Miss Julie!



Important Dates

Friday February 14th: P.A Day. Love Day!

We will be celebrating a day of love. We will be creating our own Love Café!! Wear something fancy, or red/pink for Love Day!

Monday February 17th: Family Day.

The centre will be closed today. Enjoy your day with your family!

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