

"The land is where our roots are.

The children must be taught to feel and

live in harmony with the Earth" - Maria Montessori

April Newsletter

This Month's Theme

Welcome Spring! We can all share a sense of relief that the long cold winter months are nearly over. Now it is time to greet the warmer weather and enjoy spring! Each season has its own offerings, and our students identify with spring very well. This month, our Casa classroom will be learning about "Life Cycles!". Spring is the perfect time to introduce life cycles of a variety of living things, from frogs to plants.

Our Infant and Toddler students will be learning about Spring, and talking about our planet Earth. Our Toddler students will also be exploring and learning about their senses!!

Kids Yoga Day

On Friday, April 6, 2018 at 11:00 am, yoga teachers, schools, parents, and other organizations will take time to celebrate our youth and their physical/mental fitness by practicing 5 minutes (or longer) of yoga with them. Our aim is to bring as many people together as possible, both nationally and internationally, to build a community of yogis who will inspire and empower children to live their fullest potential through the practice of yoga.

Earth Day

Earth Day is on Sunday April 22nd, however on Friday, April 19th, 2018 our students will be celebrating Earth Day at school! Earth Day is a time to celebrate our amazing planet Earth, and the plants and animals that live here with us. Did you know that over 100 countries celebrate Earth Day? This day reminds us to appreciate nature and learn ways to protect it. To honour this day, the children will be participating in a yard and neighbourhood cleanup as well as planting seeds together for our vegetable gardens. Mrs. Andrews is hosting an Earth Day event on Saturday April 28th, 2018 at Camp Bryerswood, from 10am-2pm. Fun for your whole family! What a wonderful way to celebrate Earth Day, unplugged from technology and out in the forest with your family, we hope to see you there!

Forest Mondays

Our Spring Forest Monday Program began on April 30th. Each Monday for 7 weeks, we will board a bus and venture off to the Holiday Beach Conservation Area. The children will be encouraged to let their own curiosity lead them as they become immersed with nature. They will play with snacks, jump in puddles, catch bugs, and even cook bread on a camp fire. At this time the oldest full time Casa students are participating in this program. We look forward to a successful Spring session, and will be offering this program again in the Fall.

Health Policy

If illness occurs while your child is at school, you will be contacted for your child's immediate pick up. A child must be free of fever and other symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. It is up to the teacher's discretion whether your child is symptom free and able to return. Please ensure you have a reliable back up or emergency person readily available for these times when your child is unable to attend.

Classroom Changes

We welcome Mrs. Kidd back with open arms! Mrs. Kidd is returning to the toddler classroom from her maternity leave. We are very excited to have her back! Our infant room is excited to invite Ms. Wright to their classroom!

Spring Jackets, Splash Pants and Rain Boots

When rain and warmer weather begin to mix together in the month of April we unfortunately get a lot of unwanted mud. Spring jackets, splash pants and rain boots are perfect for this time of year. Please dress your child appropriately so they can splash, explore and have fun!

