

Churchbridge Daycare— April 2010

Under Water, glug, glug, glug...

As you can see, our outdoor play area is underwater until we get some warm weather to dry the puddles. We will try and keep the children out of the big puddles, but sometimes they get into the water.

Please send extra clothing and splash pants. Still continue to send mitts and toques, the wind is still chilly.

We want the children to explore the small puddles and mud, they are learning so much by us allowing them to get dirty and wet. Of course the staff will still do their part in keeping the children safe.

We LOVE being outside and exploring nature!!! The children love being outside and exploring nature!!!

Friendly Reminders:

Please try and hand in the scheduling calendars or times that your children will be in as soon as you can. It is essential in scheduling for staff at the daycare.

Please sign your children in and out of daycare.

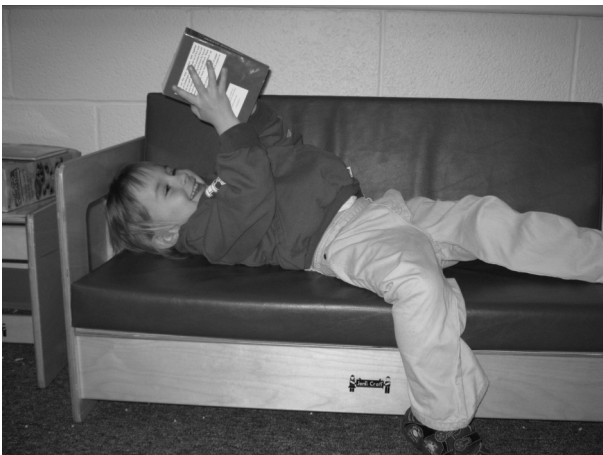
Thank you to all the families that participated in the Epicure & Partylite Fundraisers. We are just waiting on the Partylite to arrive. You will have your orders shortly! We raised approx \$500.00.



New Purchases:

We have purchased 4 plasma cars with a grant from Churchbirdge Recreation Board. The children use their arms to propel the cars forward. They really enjoy the new cars. Some of the families have requested to purchase the cars for their kids or for gifts. If you are interested in purchasing a plasma car for approx. \$70.00 (including tax), come and talk to Anna or Erin.

We were able to purchase a "Big Buggy" with the generous donations made in Vicki's Kaminiski's name. This buggy allows us to take up to six children for walks around town. We have already taken the buggy out almost every day.



April

Lauren	1st
Madison S.	1st
Jayce	13th
Carson	14th
Kayne	19th
Jordan	21st
Boston	21st
Adin	27th
Ethan N.	29th



Dates To Remember:

- Daycare Closed Friday April 2. Good Friday
- No School (Playschool & CPS) for the week of April 5th—9th. Activities for School Age will be posted shortly.
- Playschool changed from Thursday April 15th, to Friday April 16th, due to early dismissal.
- Board Meeting Wednesday March 21, 5:30pm



Mmmm... Lunch Time—
Larry



Sarah & Jayden making a
Leprechaun Trap



Crane Room News...

What's green and red, teeny tiny and super sneaky? That's right it's Larry the Leprechaun! One of our themes in March was St. Patrick's day. We made shamrocks, rainbows, and leprechaun traps! Each year we've been visited by those sneaky Leprechauns. They make a mess of our room, flip over our tables and even try to steal our lunch! This year we made Leprechaun traps, but that sneaky Larry the Leprechaun broke them! He even left

pictures of himself playing tricks on us in the Daycare! The children were so excited to see that he came but were disappointed we didn't catch him until they saw the bucket of candy he left us!

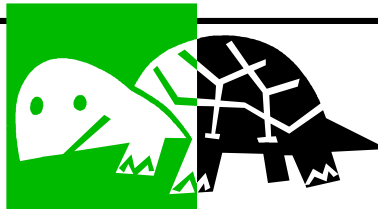
During March we also learned about the weather. We made snowflakes, windsocks, raindrops, clouds, and did some "sunshine" painting. We also got a new friend—Weather Frog. Each morning we talk about what it's like out and dress

Weather Frog for the appropriate weather.

We finished of the Month learning about Easter. We made bunnies, Easter wreaths, baby chicks in shells and decorated Easter eggs. We finished up the theme with an Easter party. We even had a visit from the Easter Bunny who left us treat filled eggs all around the Daycare!



"I spilled your play food,
hee, hee" - Larry



News From The Turtle Room

March came in like a lamb and out like a lion—according to the wind we had on March 31st. As some of you may have noticed we have a new stroller. The “Bye Bye Buggy” The kids love the stroller (or “Big Red Car” as they call it) and we use it daily.

There have been some small changes to the room that the children are really liking. I put in a small table in the dramatic play area with two chairs (of which I will be re-finishing) and the children love to sit there and examine the flowers and drink “juice” from their tea cups. I caught Madison and Jason turning picture frames upside down and plunking on them like computers, too cute! So I drew a “lap top” keyboard/

screen on the side they flip to.

I also created another quiet area which the kids love. It took some time to get where we are but I have a few children starting to clean up at clean up time, horary!

The children have access to art materials at any time they want, paint, markers, play dough, glue & bits—I am encouraging the children to pick their own things to create rather than something specific that they have to do. This will encourage them to use their creative skills to create their own masterpieces :-)

I recently met a woman who was the illustrator to a book the daycare owns. Her name is Richelle Gall, and she is a crafter specializing in felting. She had shown a few felt stories she made and I thought “what a wonderful toddler-friendly thing to do” It is a fabulous way to get the toddlers to school age

children involved in circle time. I have been having trouble trying to get kids to listen to a story or song, so this is a great interactive activity for them. So look forward to your kids jib-jabbering about our felt stories!

In April we will do stories on flowers and plant more flowers as well as enjoying spring and what it opens doors to.

The snow is melting, there’s tons of water animals are waking up from hibernation and there is mud everywhere!

Remember splash pants, extra clothes, boots and indoor shoes & slippers!

