

September, 2010

Churchbridge Daycare News...

Help Stop the Spread of Illness

Cold and flu season is just around the corner, to help stop the spread of illness here at the daycare we disinfect toys, surfaces and beds regularly every day. Staff and children also wash their hands before meals and snacks and when needed through out the day. We encourage the children to cough into their sleeves or elbows, to wipe their noses with tissues and to wash their hands when finished.

To help prevent the spread of illness within the daycare, Churchbridge Daycare has an illness policy which states: "If a child be-

comes ill or exhibits symptoms of an illness the Management Team shall contact the child's parents or contact person. Be prepared to



provide alternate care in the instance that your child(ren) becomes ill and you are unable to stay with him/her. The cen-

tre will not resume responsibility for children who become sick at school.

Children who are too sick to go to school, go outside or participate in regular daily activities are to sick to attend the center."

If your child has a illness related fever (not due to teething etc.), has diarrhea, or is vomiting w they are too sick to attend daycare.

Please help us prevent the spread of illness at our center by following our illness policy.

Thank-you,
Erin & Erica

Happy	Birthday!!
Andrew W.	Sept. 6th
Olivia P.	Sept. 11th
Kayla K.	Sept. 22nd

• Important Dates:

- Monday September 6th Daycare closed Stat Holiday
- September 8th Board meeting 5:30pm
- September 8th first day of Hunny Bunny Preschool **Fees are due before the first class.
- September 9th Early Dismissal (noon)
- September 17th Book orders due
- September 15th staff meeting

Welcome Autumn...

We're still having some nice weather out there but Autumn is quickly coming. With the arrival of fall comes cool and wet weather. Please ensure that your child has a pair of inside shoes to wear during inside play time at daycare as well as weather appropriate outside shoes and a jacket at daycare everyday. We also ask that you send a complete extra set of clothing (underwear, shirt, pants and socks) for your child in case they get wet, muddy or have an accident during the day.

Thank-you

The staff and management of Churchbridge Daycare

Crane Room News (preschoolers)

WOW I cant believe summer is already going to be leaving us! The summer was busy with lots of walks and outdoor activities! Sprinklers and the water pools are a favorite in the crane room. We often take the kids on walks to the co-op to pick up baking ingredients, they love making cookies, cakes and goodies for their afternoon snack! They really enjoy measuring the ingredients and being part of the activity, especially when we make cookies because they are often giant cookies which means there's more for them to eat! We took out the astro jump a couple times on rainy days and set it up in the hallway...that was a lot of fun!!

The kids have really been exploring their imaginations when in the art center, they love grabbing whatever they want for materials and creating a master piece. We encourage each and every child to be unique and express themselves through their art. Painting has been a favorite this

past month, getting messy and having fun is a crane kids life!!! Also we have been trying out different slime, goop, clay dough and play dough recipes, they enjoy the new textures.



Jayden and Erica

"Getting messy and having fun is a crane kids life"

The kids are really into making stages out of the mats and blocks and having dance parties! Its so much fun watching their moves and

dance routines.

In September our focus topics will include fire trucks, with a possible field trip to the fire hall and fall. I have made a poster size chart of all the kids interests...check it out

its in the crane room on the bulletin board. Along with that, a learning web will be displayed with the topic chart with our theme of choice.

I have a crane room lost and found started it will either be in the daycare entrance way or under the menu board. Please look in there and take home lost items! It is getting very full. Also every Friday please remember to empty your child's cubby and take art work, extra clothes and toys home.

Thank you

Erica



Catching bubbles in the Crane Room.

Turtle Room News (toddlers)

It's September.

It's nice to see that more kids are joining us for the fall! In August we took down our

jungle invitation and we are constructing a restaurant. The children seem to enjoy playing with the pretend food and setting up plates on the tables - one day we even put sand onto the plates and had a little party. The children have many choices in the toddler room when it comes to being creative and using their imaginations. They can use play dough, sand, water, paint, markers, and just about anything that we

"the children have many choices in the toddler room when it comes to being creative and using their imaginations"

can present for them. I set out different kinds of paints, glitter, and painting tools - in the end the children were using their fingers and had multiple colors of paint up to their elbows.

I've brought in some big building blocks in hopes that the children will become curious about building, structures and towers. As of now we have been setting up ramps and boards that we can stand on and race our little toy cars down.

In September, there will be some children moving out of the Toddler room and into the Crane room. Before they go, I have been try-



ing to prepare them for Preschooler life. We have been working on naming our colors, learning different shapes and where they are around us, potty-training is ongoing and we are prevailing, and being nice to our friends and teachers by using respect and our nice words.

It's really cute to have a seat and observe the children. I've noticed that after the children and myself having some one on one time to ready books that they are understanding what each page in the book will say and they have memorized things word for word. Later in Septem-

ber I will be working on my second practicum with Yorkton's Parkland College. After I finish this practicum at the end of October I will have my Certificate to Early Childhood Education - which grants me a level 2 position. I am looking forward to creating stronger bonds and helping your children achieve and be successful in reaching their developmental milestones throughout toddlerhood.

Terissa, Susan
And the Turtles

Dolphin Room News (infants)

Well summer has come and gone! In the month of August we painted beach balls and bathing suits, we dug for worms in dirt (Oreo cookie crumbs and gummy worms) and we put giant pieces of paper on the floor to paint with our feet, hands and whatever else we could find! The babies all love singing songs and reading books.

In September we will be starting a unit on fall. We will be painting with corn on the

All of the infants art projects are displayed in our room so be sure to check it out!! Also, please remember to label all of your child's belongings and send an extra set of clothes along

Thank you
Tania Black



William and Natalie Painting Everywhere!!!



The school age children exploring pioneer farm equipment at Motherwell Homestead.



2010 School Age camping trip.

Summer Program Highlights

Oh what an enjoyable summer the school age children have had! The month of July consisted of exciting field trips such as: Western Development Museum, Bowling, Hotdog Roasts, and Swimming at the Churchbridge Pool. A big thank-you is being sent out to Churchbridge Co-op, Churchbridge Credit Union, and Sagebrush Studios for the generous donations for various field trips! July also brought with it daily fun activities. The school age were kept busy making lemonade for our very successful lemonade stand. Jayce, Ethan, and Brandon even made necklaces for the occasion. We also held races for who could put on a frozen t-shirt the fastest, we also made ice cubes, and we made various juice when the weather was nice. We made pinecone bird feeders, had multiple scavenger hunts, made salt dough, board games, and scrapbooked with our photos from our disposable camera photo shoot. As you can see the month of July has been very busy, and very fun!

The month of August consisted of our bigger field trips, and even more daily fun activities. The field trips were: Motherwell Homestead, Two trips to the Gallagher Center, and a overnight camping trip to Carlton Trail. A big thank-you is sent out to Lois Laboucane, Erica Brick and Susan Shipp for letting us use their tents, to Krystal Johnston for the extra smore ingredients, to Jason Nichols for supplying our fire wood, and to every other parent who helped out or donated anything for the summer. Motherwell homestead was a great field trip to take the school age children on. The boys were entertained with the multiple animals and farm machinery, whereas the school age girls enjoyed picked from the garden and beating the boys at every strength competition! Way to be Jordan and Abi! The overnight camping trip was full of fun times and great weather. We went mini golfing, swimming, ate ice cream, and went on nature walks. Throughout the month of August the fun daily activities consisted of a game show day where we created our own game shows and discovered that Jordan and Ethan knew their school age friends the best. We also had various visits to the CB pool, and water balloon fights when the weather cooperated. We also

opened a hair and nail shop in our school age room where everyone got their hair styled and nails painted!

Throughout the summer the school age were able to experience new situations through games and activities. With the big turnout of children the kids were able to develop great social skills in large groups of various aged children. They also developed more confidence in themselves as they succeed with their peers and



Jordan, Alex, Josh, Abi and Ethan at Motherwell Homestead

individually with new activities and new learning situations. Even though the children weren't at school they are still continuously learning, and together we have all related to one another, created strong friendships, and even learned more about ourselves as I challenged them to try new things and be involved in new activities they didn't think they would like.

I thank all my amazing school age kids for a great summer! I really enjoyed my time working with each child, and I will miss each and everyone of them! Each child has taught me so much, and has given me a great taste of what my career of teaching will be like. All the best to the school age and their families as they start a new school year!

Jozette Sherstabitoff

