

Southgate Medallion Tribute

Welcome to June newsletter for our educators.

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Updates on policies

The following Policies have updates. Please print the Policies and place them in your Educator Handbook:

Back Up Care Policy

Field Trip Policy

Holding Fee Policy

Substitute Caregiver Policy

Supervision Policy

If you have any questions contact your Consultant.

CORE TRAINING

Ethics and Professionalism Interview and Portfolio

Standards

ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER

NOTICE

Outdoor Classroom Contest

Agency is inviting all our Educators to participate in the outdoor play space contest. The contest is to create an aesthetically pleasing outdoor play space. The criteria to set up the play space is:

- ⇒ Loose & Recycled material
- ⇒ Open Space
- ⇒ Time to Explore
- ⇒ Bring Indoors, Outside

Please send the pictures to your consultant by July 15, 2020. Winners will be announced in August newsletter.

A certificate of participation will be given to all educators who will participate.

Reminder of the Attendance Records– Email

Please email your completed attendance records, temperature tracking, and illness tracking to your consultant once the last child has left on

Tuesday June 30, 2020

Please ensure all information is complete, accurate, and clear.
Late/incomplete fees will apply

YOUTUBE

Agency has created a YouTube account for educators. Account name is Southgate Medallion Family Day Homes. We will be posting videos for training purposes. Please subscribe at the link below.

Please click and Follow our Social Media:



Please Click for more information about Flight Framework

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES TO ENJOY WITH CHILDREN

As we continue to adjust to our current unprecedented circumstances, the Agency understands that it can be difficult to keep all children busy during this time of social distancing due to playgrounds, parks and field trip plans have been canceled especially Summer is here. You may have been wondering "How to keep your day home children entertained during the summer?" Hang in there! *What do you think about setting up "An Outdoor Classroom" in your own backyard?* See below for just a few ideas of how you can share some meaningful and fun experiences outside:

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| 1. DIY playhouse or fort | 9. Creating a sandbox | 19. Make home-made bird feeders |
| 2. Set up a treasure hunt | 10. Make rainbow ice paint | 20. Set up a campsite in the backyard |
| 3. Create a reading nook | 11. Climbing tires | 21. Water gun play |
| 4. Have a picnic | 12. DIY paver roadways | 22. Resting on the grass |
| 5. Go for a nature walk | 13. Blow bubbles | 23. Gardening |
| 6. DIY water wall | 14. Ride bikes | 24. Chalk wall |
| 7. Set up indoor/outdoor hopscotch | 15. Fly skites | 25. Bug hunting |
| 8. Set up outdoor gym class (Zumba/yoga) | 16. Outdoor mud kitchen | 26. Puddle jumping |
| | 17. Creating a climbing wall | 27. Hula hoop |
| | 18. Set up sprinkler in the backyard | |

Remember! Anything that you can do inside with your child, you can take to the outdoors – read, sing, make art, play music, eat, cook, craft – it can all be done in your back yard.

SAFETY IS KEY! No matter what backyard play area ideas you have in mind, always make safety a priority. "Having a proper safety area is where most people fail in residential playground areas," says Baldwin.



[Click to the links below for more great activity ideas:](#)

<https://parade.com/1009774/stephanieosmanski/things-to-do-with-kids-during-coronavirus-quarantine/>
<https://www.budgetdumpster.com/blog/kid-friendly-backyard-play-area/>
<https://parade.com/1023648/jessicasager/savenger-hunt-ideas-for-kids/>

Tips to minimize the impact of the pandemic on children this summer

- C**-o-operating with AHS
- O**-ffering open-ended activities
- V**-aluing your times with children
- I**-nspring your kids to see the positive of day home times
- D**-eveloping happy memories
- 1**-fun activity
- 9**-0 minutes of engagement

Sun Safety Reminders

UV index was developed to help Canadians to protect themselves from sun's damaging ultra violet (UV) rays. The higher the UV index, the stronger the sun's rays, the higher the need to protect yourself. The UV index report is usually available in the local weather report. Below are some safety precautions that you can take to protect from sun's harmful rays:

Protect the skin:

- When the UV index is 3 or higher, protect your skin. Generally UV rays are stronger between 11 am and 4 pm.
- Seek shade or use umbrella
- Wear tightly woven, loose fitting clothing that covers as much of the body as possible and a wide brimmed hat
- Use broad spectrum sunscreen with SPF of at least 30. Apply sunscreen 15-30 minutes before you head outside. Reapply every 2-3 hours if swimming or sweating heavily.
- Keep babies under 12 months of age out of direct sunlight.
- Do not use sunscreen for babies under 6 months of age.

Protect the eyes:

- Use sunglasses that provide 99-100% UVA and UVB protection to protect eyes.
- Use a wide brimmed hat to protect eyes, ears, face, and back of neck.

**Information retrieved from Alberta Health Services and Health Canada



Reminders for Parents

As summer is almost here. Remind your families to bring:

- * Hats
- * Sunscreen
- * Extra clothing for their children.

Sickness Reporting/Tracking

Any sickness in the day home must be reported to the Agency. If the child went home or is staying home due to fever, diarrhea, vomiting, pick eye, etc. sicknesses must be reported to the Agency.

Please email or call your Consultant to report the sickness, and track the illness on the Tracking Form

If you have any questions please contact your Consultant.

Survey Results

Thank you for taking the time and completing the surveys. Your feedback is always welcomed and appreciated. Agency does look and consider your feedback. Here are the feedback/comments shared by the educators.

- ⇒ Agency is really doing good. Whatever problems or suggestions I gave, they resolved the problem and welcomed my suggestions.
- ⇒ I find my consultant a very well knowledgeable educator. I feel comfortable when she visits me. She is always offering support and ready to answer questions if I need it. Her comments about my program are very encouraging, as well her recommendation about how to get my or reach my goals on time. She values and supports my opinions by giving me suggestions within the standards, policies and procedures. I am really satisfied to have Megan as my consultant. Thank you and keep your amazing job.
- ⇒ I have been with Southgate Medallion Agency since last 20 years and is always doing great, excellent job and support. They are always there when we in need. Thank you for continuous support.
- ⇒ I would like to request that consultant should check files and our work and feedback. If/they should stay long and check documents in every three months will be great. As an educator I will feel someone is on me who really concern, I appreciate my work. I still have great faith in Agency. I know agency is going through with changes.

Diane's Corner

Insurance Premiums will be renewed for June and July by Foster Park Brokers for an amount of **\$27.05**. The amount will be deducted on the June pay cheque. If you will not have a pay cheque for the month of June, contact the Agency to arrange payment. If you need the insurance certificate please contact your Consultant.

Playground Update

At this time the Chief Medical Officer has allowed the opening of playgrounds. The Agency does not approve going to the parks at this time due to high attendance in the parks and the uncertainty of proper sanitization of park equipment. Please refer to the "Outdoor Activities and Experiences with Children" article found on page 2 of this newsletter for activities. The agency will review the situation within 2 weeks time.

Your Best Practices



Nirmala did multicultural activity in her day home by applying Heena designs for children.



If you would like to share your best practices, experiences and documentation with other educators, send pictures to your consultant and we will share them in the newsletter for you.

- Thank you



Sister Margaret did gardening with children this spring.

- As this is the time of the year to do gardening. Doing gardening with children can lead to various experiences and learnings with children.



Flowchart—Gardening

When we are planning on topic gardening, the questions we can answer in our planning are:

- ⇒ What do plants need to grow?
- ⇒ Where do fruits and vegetable grow?
- ⇒ What can we do with wasted food?
- ⇒ Where does food come from?

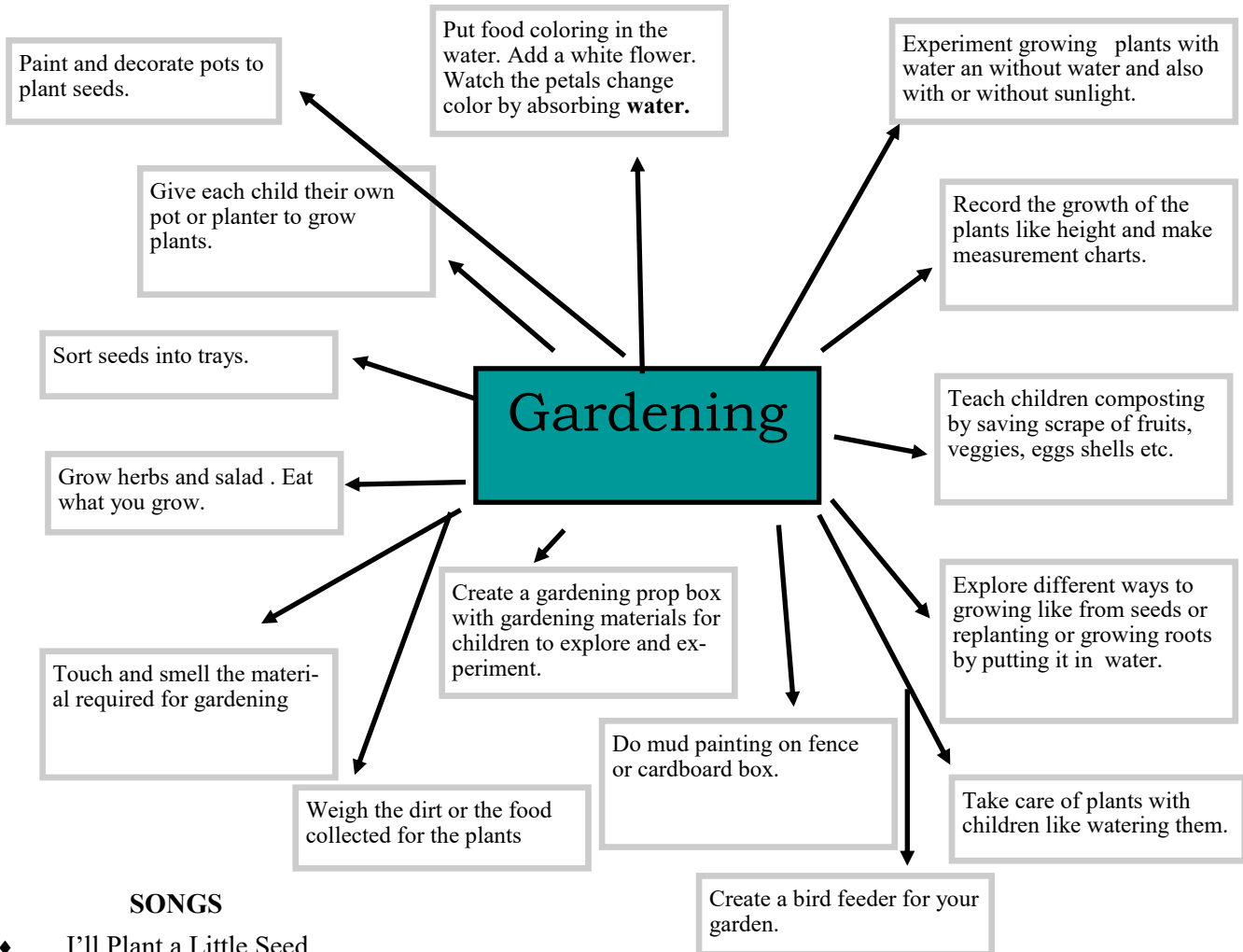
Reminders:

When planning activities for children, make sure that all developmental domains are covered. Always include multicultural activities to your planning.

Add activities to your flowchart if you are expanding your interest for the next week.

Include children's observations with your planning forms.

Date your planning and observation sheets.



SONGS

- ◆ I'll Plant a Little Seed
- ◆ The Seeds Grow
- ◆ A Little Sun
- ◆ I'm a Tiny Seed
- ◆ Mary Planted Her Garden
- ◆ Dig, Dig, Dig The Earth
- ◆ This is the Way We Plant Out Seeds
- ◆ Dig and Hoe

BOOKS

- ◆ The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss
- ◆ The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle
- ◆ Planting a Rainbow
- ◆ Growing Vegetable Soup
- ◆ The Little Gardener by Jan G.
- ◆ From the Garden by Michael Dahl

