

Southgate Medallion Tribute

Welcome to December newsletter for our Educators.

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Self Assessment

It is that time of the year again. Educators will be working on their self assessments and setting up goals for 2021.

Please fill out the self assessment and submit it to your consultant by Dec 15, 2020.

While setting up your goals remember SMART— SPECIFIC, MEASURABLE, ATTAINABLE, REALISTIC AND TIMELINE.

If you have any questions, please contact your consultant.

CORE TRAINING

NO CORE TRAINING THIS MONTH

Office Closure

9425 76 Ave NW
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Please note the office will be closed Dec 24– January 3. We will reopen Jan 4, 2021.

If you need to contact the Agency please call
780-245-3097

Boxing Day is a Quasi-Stat

As a reminder Boxing day is a quasi stat. if Educators choose to be closed the parent will receive a credit for fees if no back up care is used.

Reminder of the Attendance Records– Email

Please email your completed attendance records to your consultant once the last child has left on

December 31, 2020

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

Please click and Follow our Social Media:



Please Click for more information about Flight Framework

Holiday Season (December)

As holiday season is coming, it is a good time to communicate with families about their holiday plans in December. Educators can plan accordingly. You can start a holiday calendar and share it with families to complete if they know their holidays.

Welcome Emma our new Coordinator

The Agency is excited to announce Emma in the Role as a Coordinator. She will be joining Diane as leaders of the Agency. Here is a message from Emma to our Educators:

I have my Early Childhood Degree through the University of Worcester and 18 years experience in the early child care field. In my career I have been an early child care worker, forest school leader, ELCC instructor and public speaker at early childhood conferences.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as a Consultant, in particular supporting and mentoring my caseload and connecting with the wonderful children in the day homes. In my new role as Co-Ordinator alongside Diane I am looking forward to continuing to mentor, connect and work to support you in the wonderful work that you do to provide quality child care in Edmonton.

I am available to support all of you in my capacity as Co-Ordinator, but in particular my focus will be in supporting Jennie and Kiran.

The Agency is a wonderful team of which I am proud to be a part of. Our success, I believe, is maintaining strong communication, encouraging an environment that promotes team-building working together to support you all, especially during these testing times.

Sickness Reporting/Tracking

If the child went home or is staying home due to fever, diarrhea, vomiting, pink eye etc. it must be reported to the Agency.

Record the illness on the Illness Tracking Form. Please email or call your Consultant to report the sickness.

If you have any questions please contact your Consultant.

All Illness Tracking Forms and Temperature Tracking forms are to be sent with your Timesheet on the last day of the month.

Organization



As a small business owner having an organized program will help daily operations run smoothly. Being proactive in your organization will display professionalism to families and your personal learning network

Tips to get and stay organized:

- Shred old documents monthly to make more space and cause less confusion.
- Store important documents in a binder with dividers to make searching for something easy. Add labels to the side of the binders.
- Use a calendar or planner to note important reminders /due dates and check it daily.
- Make a To do list and post it somewhere you will see it often. Check things off as they are accomplished.
- Use bins and labels to organize supplies and toys. This makes searching for something much easier.

Perks of being organized:

- You will be more reliable.
- You're less likely to forget or miss items



Your Best Practices



I chose this program planning through my daily observations. Most of the time kids play in the kitchen by cooking or playing pretend restaurants. I participate in their play by consuming food. That's the reason to choose this theme.

I talked about healthy food and benefit of eating while they were playing.

I gave real veggies to feel and smell as a sensory activity and to be part of real cooking as well. Children were very excited and happy when I gave them real vegetables. They mostly enjoyed cutting cucumber, carrots and potatoes with a butter knife.

As a result of this activity I offered them cucumber itself to eat (some kids don't like to eat). Hooray they all ate it before lunch.

They got to wash dishes as well.

Here is an activity form Allyn's Day Home

We traced A's body. We talked about what are the rights of a child then cut-out some pictures from our flyers. We glued it on to the body and colored the empty spaces blue! Thank you!

Each year, organizations come together to celebrate children. The United Nations established the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. The purpose of World Children's Day is to have the child's community advocate, promote children's rights.

For more information

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day>



Note: All Educators are welcome to submit children's experiences in the day home. Please include a written description. Thank you

Flow Chart

Include children's interests on your flowchart: (schema)

Date your Programming

Add daily to the programming (planned and spontaneous activities)

Highlight or check once activity is complete

Always date you planning and post it for visitors and parents.



Sensory

Jars with- glitter, beads, and water beads

Rolling pins in playdough Whisks in bubbly water.

Special Events

What does your family celebrate?

Art

Lazy Susan with Markers and Crayons Rolling pins in Paint

Gross Motor

Milk Crate obstacle course

Hula hoop ring toss

Trying a wiggle seat

Interest

Stacking

Spinning

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Diversity

Spinning tops from different culture? (What is a dreidel) Buildings around the Edmonton

Science/ Math

How many hula hoop spins can be done How many screws to build an item

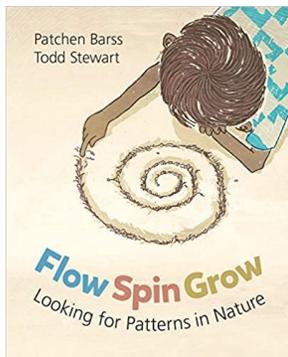
Colored popsicle sticks to build with Reflective CD discs for light play

Dramatic Play

Individual Cardboard boxes and pully rope to make cars

Literacy

Flow Spin Grow: looking for Patterns in Nature We Share Everything



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