

St. Anne's Edition

September—October 2020

Growing Together



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Welcome GTFRC Families and Happy Fall!

The staff here at St Anne's Growing Together are so happy to see all your smiling faces returning from an extra long March Break. Things have been going smooth since the protocol updates, and we continue to work in partnership with the health unit to become a stronger community.

The educators at St Anne's have been working hard on their indoor and outdoor classroom environments! The classrooms look awesome with lots of documentation and programming for the children to explore.

Thank you for all your support with our October fundraiser. You still have a few days left to order! If you have any questions let us know!

Enjoy this beautiful Fall weather everyone :)

-Ms Tina & Ms Jenn



Please send a family picture to be added to our new family wall!

Toddler News



We encourage the children to be as independent as possible here in the toddler room. When it comes to things like feeding themselves, putting their own shoes on, and just trying to figure things out in general. A lot of trial and error is seen here and we are always close by to assist when needed 🤗

Toddler Newsletter Fall 2020



Welcome back families! After a long shutdown, we are so happy to be back in full swing again! We missed seeing you all and it is so refreshing getting back to our routines. The children have been so resilient, just going with the flow of everything. It is a learning process for all and we are all learning from each other, especially during this time!



Right now, we are really enjoying our time outside before the cold weather comes! Please be sure to bring in splash pants, mittens and hats as the weather cools down as we will still be outside quite often. The children love the climber, bikes and digging in the sand 🌿

With the recent changes, you will see that more staff are in the rooms. This is because we are always cleaning, making sure that everything is sanitized and ready children to explore! The three staff you will see in the toddler room are: Ms.Cassie, Ms.Holly and Ms.Nicole. Ms.Laura will also be in the toddler room every morning for her school placement. 🌸



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Preschool News

Welcome Fall! We have had a very busy time exploring our playground in the cooler weather. We have been doing a lot of building with blocks outside and of course knocking them down when we are done. We also have been exploring our sandbox. The children have been cooking special sand treats like cupcakes and ice cream. And some of the children have even found buckets of “magic”.

Enjoy the cooler Autumn weather!

Ms. Miranda, Ms. Sarah and
Ms. Chrystal



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FDK News

Hello families!

When the school year began, our FDK program got relocated into a shared space classroom down the kindergarten hallway. The children have been a huge help in rearranging the room and deciding what we needed to make the space ours. One specific request was a science area. Together we decided what we wanted to focus on, and what we would need to create an amazing space. The children decided on magnets, measuring cups, and exploring with magnifying glasses. We have been finding bugs and other interesting items outside to put in Petri dishes and explore.

We have been enjoying playing outside in the tree line and in the FDK playground. The other day the children used the tires in the playground to make an airplane! Another huge hit when playing outdoors is making nature soup for the littlest pet shops and superheroes to enjoy. We love nature!

-Ms Hannah & Ms Kathy



School Age News

Self acceptance

What does that mean?

This image shows a mirror on an old computer monitor. It says 'look into your eyes and say I love you.' I have observed the girls in the room really enjoying this self acceptance activity.

Our time together has been so engaging, healthy, and exciting. I enjoy interacting with the children during physical literacy and seeing the excitement in their faces as they see me running up behind to tag them. Seeing that excitement really makes me feel like I'm teaching the children the importance of emotional intelligence and physical literacy.

Take care,

Ms Nicole & Ms Tessa



Please welcome our new school age educator Ms Tessa! Ms Tessa just moved to Chatham-Kent from Australia in July! She knew she had a love for working with children and completed her RECE in Australia. The school age children and Ms Nicole have welcomed her with open arms. Thanks for joining the growing together family Ms Tessa :)

Kitchen Corner

Sweet Potato Soup

- 1 sm onion
- 2 stalks celery
- 6 cups chicken stock
- 2 lg. sweet potatoes (peeled and chopped)
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 tbsp olive oil



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Cooking Instructions: Saute onions and celery in oil until soft. Add balance of ingredients. Bring to boil then simmer for 25mins or until potatoes are tender. Remove from heat in small batches Puree. Return to sauce pan. Heat and Serve. Option—put 1/2 lb fried bacon pieces in it.

-Ms Nancy & Ms Karen