

# Fernwood NRG Child Care May Newsletter

## **Themes this Month**

The children are still very interested in learning about insects, worms, and plants so we will continue this theme. As well as the A,B,C's and 1,2,3's



## **Neighbourhood walks and Field Trips**

With the weather warming up, all Fernwood NRG child care programs will be going on walks on a more regular basis. Please ensure that your child(ren) has appropriate foot wear. Their shoes should support their feet and ankles and stay on their feet while walking.

This month the 3-5 centre will be visiting the View Royal Fire Hall. We will be going in for a tour and the children will have the opportunity to ride in the fire truck! More specific details will come later in the month.



## **Cooking Program**

Our cooking program is well underway. On Mondays eight toddlers and eight big kids get together to make snacks for the afternoon. The children have all been working together really well. Right now we are still making snacks, but we are hoping to progress up to lunch dishes.

## **NEW YOGA PROGRAM**

Starting on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 the children at Fernwood NRG will be taking part in yoga classes. Each week we will be having an instructor come and visit the centre and do a half hour class with both the 3-5's and the toddlers.



## **Diapers for Children**

A reminder for families: Please check your child(ren)s diapers and wipes on Fridays. This will help to ensure that your child(ren) will have the appropriate materials for the next week.

## **Please Note the Weather**

Outside play is part of our daily curriculum. The weather is starting to become warmer again.

On a daily basis please have:

- Shoes/water shoes or sandals
- Muddy Buddies(just in case)
- Sun hat
- Light coat or sweater
- Extra change of clothing that is weather appropriate, EX: shorts, t-shirt. (including socks)

Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. If it gets hot outside we want the children to be comfortable.



## **Staff on Holidays**

Lanna will be away a few Fridays this month and Bailey will be away for a day at the end of the month. Shelly will be helping to cover their absences. Talia will be returning to work on June 5th, Johanna will be helping cover her absence.

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## ***Gardening***

We have started education around gardening with all the children at Fernwood. The children have been doing a very good job taking care of our worm farms. The infants and toddlers have planted some flowers out in their play yard. The children will be doing a follow up workshop with the compost education centre in August.



## ***Sunscreen***

Please send in sunscreen for your child(ren). It has been hot recently and we do not want the children to get sunburned. Please make sure that the sunscreen you send is appropriate for their skin, not expired and water play.



## ***Sun Hats***

Please send a hat to daycare for your child. The hat should have their name in it so that it can be easily identified.

## ***Program Wish Lists***

We are starting up our wish lists again. After cleaning house, we have identified some items that are missing from our programs. If anyone is able, here are some items that we would love to have at the centre for the children:

### **INFANT TODDLER**

- Herb Plants or Seeds
- Bubbles
- Sunscreen

### **3-5 CENTRE**

- House Plants (e.g. Spider plant)
- Flower planters for outside
- Hula Hoops
- Lego (The small kind)
- Sunscreen

All donations to the centre are greatly appreciated.

## ***Food Preparation***

It is very important that when sending food for your child it is prepared properly. Judging by the age of your child(ren), and their ability to eat, please ensure that their food is cut up to appropriate sizes. Also please **DO NOT SEND FROZEN FOOD.**

While the staff normally help to assist with food preparation, we cannot prepare the food for all of our families. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.



## ***Drop Off and Late Fees***

Our centre is open from 7:30am-5:15pm. We do not accept children before 7:30am as we are not open. If you arrive after 5:15pm you may be subject to a late fee.

## ***Updates for Your Child(ren)s File***

Please ensure that if your child(ren) has recently had allergy testing to inform the staff. Also if your child(ren) has updates to their immunization status, please bring that information into the centre.

## ***Family Pictures***

Both centres are asking for families to bring in a family photo. We would like to make family trees, walls, etc., so the children can always see their family while in care.

