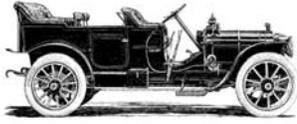
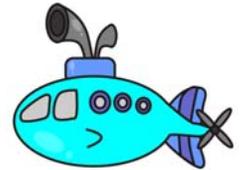




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Vehicle Travel – Did You Know?



- You need the parent's written permission before taking a daycare child in your vehicle.
- Your insurance company may not cover you to drive with daycare children. If you don't have insurance to drive them, don't take daycare children in your vehicle.
- The car seat or booster seat must meet current Ministry of Transport guidelines and must be properly installed and tethered.
- The law requires children to ALWAYS be properly buckled into a car seat or booster seat that is appropriate for their height, weight and age. Don't guess at the child's weight or height; measure them before you decide whether the car seat is appropriate. You may be charged for carrying a child in your vehicle in the wrong sized seat, if the seat is not properly installed or if the child is not properly buckled in.
- Parents should approve the car seat or booster you plan to use for their child and must check the installation. Children who are over 8 years old AND are too tall or heavy for a booster seat must use the seat and shoulder belt.
- Check the date on the seat. It is illegal to carry a child in a seat that has expired. Car seats and booster seats expire after five or seven years because the plastic deteriorates and the seat becomes unsafe to use.
- If you say that you do not drive with the children, then you must not drive with them. If you want to take the children in the car even once a year you must have permission and follow all the guidelines.
- If you transport children in a vehicle without permission, in an inappropriate seat or not secured in a seat, your daycare home may have to be closed.
- For more information go to: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/carseat/>



PD Days

*There are no PD days scheduled for May
(Don't worry, summer is coming!)*



Statutory Holidays:

Victoria Day, Monday, May23, 2016

*If your parents require care ask them to contact the
office to have it approved.*

Summer is Coming!

It's time to get sunscreen and insect repellent authorizations signed, outdoor supervision agreements updated.

Remind children and parents to bring sun hats every day and to dress for the weather. Check whether the children's extra clothes still fit and ask for seasonally appropriate replacements or additions.

Licensing

Our program advisor has come and gone and the agency's license is renewed for another year. She checked all our files and visited 10 per cent of our daycare homes. Thank you all very much for your cooperation. We know how unsettling it can be for you and the children to have a stranger make a surprise visit to your daycare. We sincerely appreciate your good humour and cooperation.

Although there were a few documents missing and some recommendations for things we can improve, the Ministry advisor commented on the excellent job you are doing with the children and with your programming. We know that you do a fabulous job, but it was nice to hear the Ministry representative agree.

Rice isn't just for eating!

Rice a wonderful, versatile food, but did you know that it is also fabulous for sensory play? You can pour it, dig in it, colour it, draw in it, measure it and just enjoy the feel of the grains. Put it in an airtight container when play is done to keep it clean and dry and to keep insects out. It will last indefinitely.

There are several ways to colour rice. One of the best is to add about ½ teaspoon of vinegar and a few drops of food colouring or icing gel to a cup of rice. Mix it until the rice is evenly coloured, then spread it out on a flat surface to dry.

Here are a few ideas.

- Spread the rice thinly on an old baking sheet and use small construction vehicles to move the rice around, making piles and roads – whatever your imagination suggests. Next time draw letters and numbers in the rice. Or even draw pictures!
- Hide plastic bugs or other toys in a deep bin of rice and have the children count the items as they find them.



- Mix red and green dye together to colour the rice earthy brown. Use sand shovels and plastic flower pots to plant artificial flowers. Children will love filling the pots, then lifting them and watching the rice flow out through the drainage holes in the bottom.
- Give the children a large bin of rice, containers of different shapes and sizes, funnels and spoons and encourage them to pour rice from container to container.

There are lots of ideas available on the internet. Try happyhooligans.ca, learning4kids.net, or mamaot.com to name just a few. Get your hands in there and have fun with the children!

Going for a walk can be exciting

Skip along

See how quietly you can walk

Listen to the birds

Count the dogs

Walk as fast as you can

Read the letters and numbers on licence plates

Which houses have gardens?

Jump

What do the street signs mean?

Find a path or road you've not taken yet

Let the children guide you back home

Early Years Workshop

Emotional and Social Skills for Adapting to the Classroom

Monday May 16 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 p.m.
Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre

Adapting to the classroom means more than children knowing letters and numbers. When children can deal with strong emotions and get along with others, they are more open to learning. In this workshop, you will learn about typical emotional and social development. You will discover age-appropriate ways to build a child's skills through play.

To register call the resource centre at (613) 591-3686 or go to <http://wocrc.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4d828d013b3f8b0f6563b8807&id=99f68013bb&e=e9f167206e>