



Community Child Care ~ June 2017

Water Play

Just a reminder that children are not to have access to any private swimming pool or hot tub. Even kiddie wading pools are not allowed.

If you want to take children swimming, it must be at a public facility where there are lifeguards on duty, and you *must* have the parents' written permission.

Water play is great for children, so use your sprinkler or water table or go to the local splash pad. You could put basins of water on a picnic table for the children to play in or even to wash their toys.

The agency has a set of plastic water ways you can borrow to make a water course outside to float boats and other toys.

Use your imagination!



New Police Check Application Procedure

The only police office that is now taking in-person applications for Police Records Checks is at 2670 Queensview Drive, open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Apparently the office is extremely busy and some days they may have reached capacity by mid-morning.

But don't despair! One thing in our lives just got easier! Instead of going to Queensview Drive to apply for your next Police Record Check for the Vulnerable Sector, go online to:

<https://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/about-us/Online-Police-Record-Checks.asp>

You can apply and pay for your vulnerable sector check online, then sit back and wait for the document to arrive in the mail. If you are one of the few people who are asked to go in person to complete the process, the fact that you have started the process online gives you priority when you get to the police office.

If you do not have a computer, go to any of the local libraries or the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre and book time on one of the computers they have for public use.

Remember that you and any adult in your home requires a Police Records Check for the Vulnerable Sector a minimum of every 5 years. Check your expiry date and apply for your new one early.

Ministry Update

Our licensing visit from the Ministry of Education has not yet happened. While we wait, please continue to make sure your paperwork is up-to-date and your working binder is in order. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

We have some of the best providers in the city – and maybe the world – and we know you will do us proud if the Ministry chooses to visit you. We are looking forward to showing you off!

PA Days

French Public and Catholic boards: Friday June 2, 2017
English Public and Catholic boards: Friday, June 9, 2017

Last Day of School

English Public: June 29, 2017 English Catholic: June 28, 2017
French Public: June 22, 2017 English Catholic: June 22, 2017

What can Toddlers AND School-Agers Do?

Ahh, the joys of summer. No schedules to keep, no buses to meet. Playing outside for hours, even having lunch on the lawn. Isn't it wonderful? But... The babies have to nap. What do the "big kids" do then? The toddlers finish their craft in five minutes but the school-agers are engrossed for hours.



One trick is to have a lot of ideas for quick activities and things all the children can enjoy. Another is to have ideas for the older children to do at naptime that they can't do when the younger ones are awake, such as using the little Lego or playing with Barbies and all their tiny accessories. Have ideas for the younger children that they can do beside the older children such as singing action songs and doing finger plays.



There are many things that children of all ages might enjoy together. Tape newsprint to the fence and give the children paintbrushes and pails of water to use as paint. When the pictures dry, they disappear and the children have a fresh surface to paint on again.

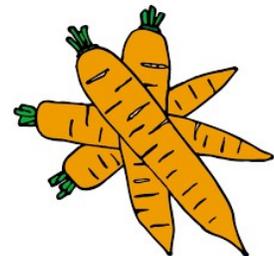
Do exercises on the lawn. The older children will love teaching the younger ones how to stand on one foot, jump, skip along, do jumping jacks and so on.

Ask the older children to read to the younger ones. It doesn't have to be just infant and toddler books. The younger children will appreciate the attention even if they do not understand the words.

When you go on a long walk the older children can identify wild flowers and plants and can retrieve examples from places that are tricky for the little ones to get to. Everyone can collect rocks to look at through a magnifying glass or to paint.

Let the older children make the sandwiches and pour the water for the younger children at lunch.

Go to the grocery store and choose items for lunch. The older children can compare prices and make sure you stay on budget, the younger children can identify colours and count children and items to make sure there are enough items for each child.

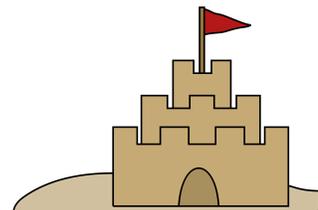


Have fun, keep learning and follow the children's lead sometimes and the 10 weeks of summer will fly by.

Private Children

As of September 1, 2017 you are required to have all the same information for your private children as you have for agency children:

- emergency information,
- immunization records
- outdoor supervision agreements,
- individual medical or anaphylaxis plans,
- attendance sheets,
- a contract setting out the days and hours of care, and so on.



You may use your own forms, but feel free to base them on agency forms. Please do not use forms with the agency logo since the parents do not have a relationship with the agency.

Remember that you *must* give the parents of your private children a receipt for their payments.

Reminder: Anyone who looks after the children *must* have current Standard First Aid and CPR. The only exception is in an emergency until an advisor can reach your home.