

OCTOBER 2020

Building the Foundation for Growth.



Mind the Gap: teaching social distancing to kids

Mind the bubble! Mind the Gap! Everyone, respect each other's space!"

The child started spacing the characters and lined them up around the corner store.

"Please sanitize your hands! Keep social distancing!" she exclaims.

The Lego projected this child's view of the world around her. Not one character is looking at each other's face in the line. The clear knowledge of physical distancing, respecting spaces, and respecting the other was presented. Our educators have incorporated the safety measures to each program through play and putting visuals around the center to remind children and still have a fun and educational environment. The notion of keeping distance is still odd

in early childhood settings yet respecting other's time and space is a great intellectual and essential skill to have. The educators have altered their tone of voice, language, and gesture to bring forth the idea of social and physical distancing.

How to explain social distancing

We explained to the children that building block corners will be divided into two groups so more children can join the exploration in a bigger space. And we also asked children to build a structure together to encourage teamwork, patients, and accomplishment through the process.

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Important Dates

MON OCT 5
Orange week dress-up day

MON OCT 12
Thanksgiving Day. Centre closed

TUES OCT 13
Yellow week dress-up day

MON OCT 19
Red week dress-up day

FRI OCT 23
Pro D Day. No Preschool, OSC available

MON OCT 26
Brown week dress-up day

FRI OCT 30
Pumpkin Patch at Parkland (date may change)

Reminders

- Weather Preparedness: As the weather gets colder, please be sure to send your child with the appropriate outdoor gear, as we will still be going outside daily. For our infant/toddler, daycare and preschool groups, please send head to toe rain gear (muddy buddy, raincoat, boots, pants, etc.)
- EMERGENCY COMFORT KITS: If you have not yet provided or updated your child's emergency comfort kit, please do so as soon as possible.
- Pumpkin Patch Comes to Parkland Players! On Friday October 30th Parkland Players will have our own pumpkin patch! Children will be able to pick a pumpkin from the patch as part of learning about the fall season! The date may change due to weather condition.
- POLICIES: To view our centre's policies, please visit [Policies at Parkland Players](#).
- Program Highlights: This month we will be exploring the fall season and Halloween!

Activities for Home and at School



Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

How can we embed the idea of the safety etiquettes into our daily rhythm of the day? What are some fun things we can do to explore these notions?

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Video: Remember to wash your hands!

This is an activity that you can use to explain to children why they need to wash their hands. It is easy to make at home.

[Watch the video.](#)



Out of School Welcome Back board at our centre.



Pandemic provocation table at our centre.



Parkland Players Daycare welcome board.



Infant and Toddler welcome board at our centre.

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