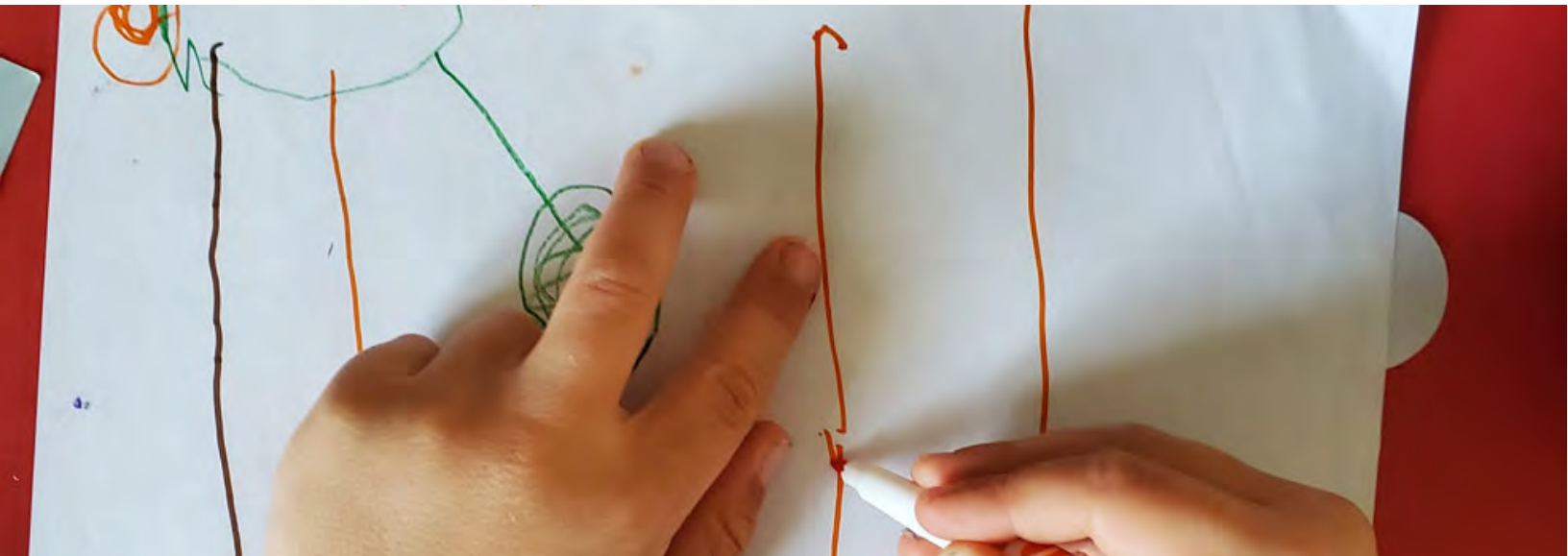


DECEMBER 2020

Building the Foundation for Growth.



Researching Process

“Teacher look what I drew. I drew the apple tree!” said the child with a Hawaii theme shirt. “Was this the apple tree that we saw during our walk to the lake?” said the teacher. The child vigorously nods, and other children quickly drew circles with their colour markers on their corner of the page.

The apple tree on our walk to the lake has been our landmark. It was too popular that we had to focus the weekly theme on apples. Children and the educators took time to explore the apple and the tree but especially the apple tree by the lake. The children aren’t a fan of just apples that we see or eat on regular basis, but this particular tree and its’ apples are special to them. When the group starts to walk to the lake, they already

point to the direction of the apple tree before it appears. Some children gasp, jump, and even yells and look at each other as if they saw something surprising. The apple tree is recognized the same all season long. When it is only left with the skeleton of the tree, the children wonder and inquiringly ask questions and comments if the apple is lost or eaten.

“Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).” (Government of British Columbia, 2019, p. 14)...

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Important Dates

FRI DEC 18

Last day of school before winter break.

MON DEC 21

Winter Break Care begins.

THURS DEC 24

Christmas Eve, holiday. Center closes at 3:00pm.

THURS DEC 24

Winter Break Care ends.

MON JAN 4

Center reopens for the new year.

Program Highlights

This month we will be exploring Christmas and Winter!



Reminders

- Extra Clothing Updates: Please provide us with extra clothing for children (top to toe) and update the bag as we are approaching with chilly and wet weather!
- Winter break sign up: Winter Break Care is available starting Dec 21st – 24th for Out of School Care Program children with \$100 fee. Please note, on 24th, the center will close at 3pm. Sign up is available in the classroom or via our [website](#).
- Children in all program have prepared a Virtual Christmas Concert. Stay tuned for the video!
- Looking at January 2021: Center will re-open on the 4th of January! The theme is hibernation and winter animals. All groups will be exploring various winter animals and creative ideas of hibernation!
- Please review the [Winter Extreme Weather Procedure Policy](#).

Activities for Home and at School



Paper Chain Snake (IT)

This activity focuses on fine motor skills development and sparks curiosity, which is essential for children staying motivated and excited to learn.

[Watch the video.](#)



Handprint Rain Art (IT)

This activity focuses on fine motor and sensory skills development in the early years. It includes a poem and you can sing the song along.

[Watch the video.](#)



Preschoolers doing a Peace Dove Activity at Parkland Players.



Learning numbers through sorting pinecones.



Alphabet recognition fishing game at our centre.



Preschool child doing a sorting fall leaves activity.

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