



## Leap Forward Childcare March 2018



### Three to Five Program



February was another busy month of learning and fun in the Three to Five Program. There was lots to do, learn and make this month, and we've all had a blast!

In February, we loved the variety of artwork and activities that we did, such as: making a car ramp, making a fort, playing hockey outside, scavenger hunts, developing our problem-solving skills with puzzles and mazes, as well as our number and letter identification and

sequencing skills with dot-to-dot! We had loads of fun making Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year artwork to take home to our families too.

This month, we will be enjoying all things Spring (hopefully the weather does too!). We will be making thumbprint dandelions, paper plate animals, pipe cleaner animals, handprint dinosaurs, as well as art for St Patrick's Day, just to name a few!



Other games and activities that we have planned are: making binoculars, freeze tag, soccer, making goo, and practicing our hand-eye coordination with ring toss.



Also, this month, it will be Symphony's birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Locksley's on the 31<sup>st</sup>. We hope that you both have awesome birthdays! We look forward to celebrating your special day with you both.

We also said goodbye to Liam at the end of February. We will miss you Liam! Thank you for being such a great friend to everyone at Leap Forward. We wish you all the very best on your next adventure.

## Infant and Toddler Program



In our Infant and Toddler Program, we have had an awesome month! We welcomed three new friends at the start of February, who have been doing an amazing job at getting to know everyone and settling in.

In February, we loved making our Chinese lanterns for Chinese New Year and making our Valentine's Day art to take home and share with our families as token of how much we love them! We also have been exploring our handy DIY skills with different types of tools, and our sense of touch with activities such as playdough and warm water.

Our balancing, gross motor and hand-eye coordination skills have also been explored and developed both outside and in the dance studio through the variety of games and activities that we have enjoyed! We've had dance parties, played soccer, throw and catch ball games, and our younger friends have been doing a great job at walking independently and working on their balancing and muscle coordination!

In March, we will be further developing those motor skills and hand-eye coordination with shovel digging, playing hockey, soccer, and exploring the world of pretend play with our outdoor play kitchen and cubby house which we have shown a real interest in. We're also going to have our very own pretend picnic!

Also in March, we'll be enjoying (hopefully) some spring weather, and will have fun with some spring-themed art work, such as making flowers, bees and suns, as well as exploring lots of different colours.



This month, we also welcome Amelia into our Infant Toddler Program. We are so happy to have you start with us, Amelia!

We will also be celebrating Jaden, Grace and Amira's birthdays on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Happy birthday to you all! We hope that you all have amazingly fun birthdays!

## General Information:

- Leap Forward is **CLOSED** on **FRIDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>** and **MONDAY APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>** for Good Friday and Easter Monday holiday.
- Please remember that Leap Forward is a **nut and seed free** centre. Any food items containing nuts and/or seeds will be sent home.
- Please remember to call the centre **before 9:30am** if you will be late or your child will be absent that day. If we don't hear from you before 9:30am, we will assume that your child(ren) won't be in attendance that day.

