

WELCOME TO THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Tache Early Learning center believes that every child is a unique individual with rights for love, respect and quality childcare in a warm and nurturing environment. We believe that children learn through play and self-exploration. Children are provided with opportunities to grow socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. Children are encouraged to develop self-confidence, independence, creativity and appropriate social skills. They will have the opportunity to learn how to solve their own problems, become capable of thinking for themselves and gain respect for one's feelings, property and environment.

Our team of childcare professionals tries to ensure quality care is provided to all children by providing a safe and nurturing environment. Since parents play the most important role in their child's life, it is of utmost importance that parents/guardians and the childcare staff develop a trusting relationship and share information regarding their child/children with each other. This combined effort will indeed enhance shaping your child's development.



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM



Independence and self help skills are strongly encouraged. For example, each child is encouraged to dress themselves in their outdoor gear and open their own containers/snacks during meal times.

Your children's **safety** is very important to us. Children are supervised at all times during play. Indoor and outdoor areas are always scanned for any harmful materials before play. Hands are washed many times throughout the day, before meal times, after bathroom times and after coming in from outside.

Journals and Seesaw Journals will be sent home daily via email, these journals will have a short paragraph explaining what we did every day in our program. Seesaw is an app where each program posts photos of the children participating in daily activities.

Meal times happens three times a day, snack in the AM, lunch and a PM snack time. The Centre does NOT provide food for the children, snack and lunch is provided by parents. It is recommended that every child has 2 items for morning snack, a main lunch item (accompanied with a few more snacks) and 2 more snacks for afternoon snack. You are more than welcome to leave some snacks in your child's locker as extra in case they are extra hungry some days.



EMERGENT CURRICULUM & PLAY AREAS



TACHE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE STRIVES TO IMPLEMENT AN EMERGENT BASED CURRICULUM. EMERGENT CURRICULUM IS PLANNING CHILDREN'S LEARNING BASED ON THE CHILDREN'S SKILLS AND INTERESTS. THE GOAL IS TO EXPRESS THEIR INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS AND SUPPORT UNIQUE LEARNING.

DRAMATIC PLAY

PLAY WHERE CHILDREN TAKE ON ROLES AND ACT THEM OUT AS A WAY OF EXPLORING THEMSELVES AND WHAT THEY SEE AROUND THEM. PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE OR SOMETHING ELSE (EXAMPLES :CHEF, DOCTOR, TEACHER, MOM) ENGAGES CHILDREN IN MULTIPLE THINKING PROCESSES TO CONSTRUCT UNDERSTANDINGS OF THEIR SOCIAL AND PHYSICAL WORLDS. IN THIS AREA YOU WILL FIND DRESS UP CLOTHES, PLAY FOOD AND APPLIANCES, TOOLS, BABY DOLLS AND FURNITURE, ETC.



GROSS MOTOR

GROSS MOTOR SKILLS ENCOURAGE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, WE ROTATE DIFFERENT ITEMS OFTEN TO GIVE CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE DIFFERENT MUSCLES, BUILD STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE IN THEIR BODIES. SOME EXAMPLES OF GROSS MOTOR OBJECTS ARE, MATS, TUNNELS, STEPPING STONES, SLIDES AND CLIMBERS. WE ALSO IMPLEMENT AGE APPROPRIATE MOVEMENT GAMES, DANCE AND GO ON WALKS.

SENSORY AND SCIENCE

CHILDREN USE THEIR SENSES TO LEARN THE WORLD AROUND THEM. THEY TOUCH, SMELL, SEE, TASTE, AND HEAR. WE PROVIDE AND ROTATE A VARIETY OF MATERIALS TO OUR SENSORY TABLE TO ENCOURAGE SENSORY DEVELOPMENT. WE ADD MATERIALS SUCH AS CUPS, SPOONS, FUNNELS, SCOOPS ETC. WITH DIFFERENT TEXTURED AGE APPROPRIATE MATERIALS SUCH AS WATER, SNOW, SAND (AND MANY MORE) AROUND THE AREA YOU CAN ALSO FIND THINGS LIKE SENSORY BOTTLES, NATURE ITEMS AND LOSE PARTS. IN THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM WE ALSO AIM TO IMPLEMENT SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS AND MAKE PLAYDOH AND SLIME FOR A FUN SENSORY EXPERIENCE.



QUIET AREA/LIBRARY

IN EVERY PROGRAM WE LIKE TO HAVE AN AREA FOR THE CHILDREN TO FEEL EXTRA COZY IN. IN THIS AREA YOU WILL FIND A VARIETY OF BOOKS, COMFY SEATS AND STUFFED ANIMALS/BLANKETS AND FINE MOTOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PUZZLES OR QUIET CONNECTING TOYS.



PRESCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

-LUNCH BAG

-WATER BOTTLE TO BE KEPT AT THE CENTRE
(DISHWASHER SAFE)

-SPARE CLOTHING (AT LEAST TWO OUTFITS)

-A BLANKET

-INDOOR SHOES

-OUTDOOR SHOES

OPTIONAL

-EXTRA SNACKS (KEPT IN YOUR CHILD'S LOCKER
FOR THOSE EXTRA HUNGRY DAYS)



DAILY SCHEDULE

6:45-7:30	TABLETOP ACTIVITIES
7:30-9:00	FREE PLAY
9:00-9:45	GROUP TIME AND SNACK
9:45-10:30	PLANNED ACTIVITY
10:30-12:00	OUTSIDE PLAY
12:00-12:30	LUNCH TIME
12:30-12:45	CLEAN UP/BATHROOMS
12:45-1:30	REST TIME
1:30-2:30	TABLETOP ACTIVITIES
2:30-3:15	FREE PLAY
3:15-3:45	SNACK



DAILY SCHEDULE IS FLEXIBLE DEPENDING ON EACH CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND ARE:

IF YOUR CHILD ARRIVES AFTER 9:00 (IN SUMMER) PLEASE ENSURE THEY HAVE SUNSCREEN APPLIED AS WE MAY ALREADY BE HEADING OUTSIDE.

IF YOUR CHILD ARRIVES AFTER 9:30 PLEASE ENSURE THEY HAVE EATEN SNACK AS WE MAY NOT HAVE THE STAFF TO PROPERLY SUPERVISE YOUR CHILD WHILE THEY ARE EATING.

IF YOUR CHILD ARRIVES AFTER 12:15 PLEASE ENSURE THEY HAVE EATEN LUNCH AS WE WILL NOT HAVE THE STAFF TO SUPERVISE YOUR CHILD WHILE THEY ARE EATING.

IN PRESCHOOL, WE ABSOLUTELY LOVE MESSY PLAY, BOTH INDOORS AND OUTDOORS. BECAUSE OF THIS WE ASK THAT EACH CHILD HAS AT LEAST ONE FULL OUTFIT OF SPARE CLOTHES AT THE CENTER AT ALL TIMES. FROM WATER AND OTHER SENSORY PLAY TO MESSY ART ACTIVITIES, WE LOVE TO EXPERIENCE IT ALL AND WE WANT ALL CHILDREN TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE.

WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS WELCOME PACKAGE, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATORS OR CONTACT THE CENTRE DIRECTLY.

