

Mothers Love Newsletter

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Welcome to our August newsletter!

Dear families,

We would like to extend our heartiest welcome to all the families who have recently joined our service and thank the existing families for their ongoing support and encouragement.

Firstly, we would begin by introducing our new coordinator, Sumeet, to the team. Sumeet has been working as a Family day care coordinator for nearly 5 years, has successfully completed her Diploma in Early childhood education and care and also Advanced Diploma in Community sector.

Sumeet has an extensive experience in supporting families by working with them to ascertain their child's education and care needs. She would be working alongside Leila and Eva to support educators and families to ensure that the children receive the best outcomes when in care with our educators.

It is also important that we draw your attention to the program and planning format which our Educational Leader has recently reviewed. The Educators would be planning the experiences and activities, reflective of the current interests of the children and feedback received from the families.

We have aimed at making this documentation more accessible to you as partners in your children's learning and make the children's learning more visible.

Mothers love child care strongly believes in importance of building partnerships between the educators and families and therefore would appreciate if families could spend a time discussing their child's learning and development with the educator on regular basis and provide with feedback. This feedback will allow the educators to design the educational program and plan which is specific to the needs, interest and abilities of your child.

We would also like to inform we have updated the philosophy for our service. The philosophy would shed light on our beliefs about the children, their learning and families. Please speak with your educator or let us know in the office if you would like a copy.

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Upcoming Community events:

- ◆ Boxhill town hall tour on 14th September. Booking essential . Call: 92626555
- ◆ Nunawading market on 24th September 2017. For enquiries call 0412324249



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Activity of the Month: Soapy sensory Foam.

Just put a big squirt of the dish washing liquid along with very little amount of water in the food processor and wizz it. The more you wizz the more foamy and thick the foam gets. Now you may add a variety of food colourings of your choice.

- ◆ Encourages Sensory skills, as children see and explore the texture of the foam.
- ◆ Encourages Fine motor skills when children use it with a variety of tools or just fingers.
- ◆ Encourages imaginative play when combined with Farm animals, dolls for washing etc.
- ◆ Encourage Literacy skills when children may practice to write letters and their name in the foam.
- ◆ Encourages Language development when child discusses about the imagination and the texture of the foam.

Discussion of the month: Sensory Play: What is it and why is it important?

Sensory play includes the activities which allows the children to use different senses and stimulates their senses of touch, smell, taste sight hear. Sensory play is not all about touch. For example: an educator provides playdough to the children to explore and develop their sense of touch, by adding a few drops of vanilla essence in there she also is encouraging children to explore their sense of smell. Sensory play also helps children to calm, when children in sensory activities they are able to regulate their internal discomfort which can be boredom, restlessness or any other type of agitation.

Sensory play also **stimulates the brain development** in children. It allows the children, especially the babies to think critically while exploring their environment and use their sense in more meaningful ways. It **promotes fine motor and gross motor skills** in children, when children use a variety of tools and manipulate it in variety of ways allowing them to increase their coordination, dexterity, muscle strength and hand eye coordination. When children work in groups explore the sensory experiences together, it promotes their **social skills**.

When a child looks at different children engaging and exploring with material in different ways, they may get curious and try and explore the material the same way as others, they may engage in conversations with others and explain they are doing and how they plan to use the resource, **promoting the language development** in the children.

It also provides opportunity to use **cognitive development** in children, when they problem solve in different situations and use their thinking skills to overcome problems. It also presents great opportunity for educator to teach children about **science concepts** such as cause and effect, gravity, turning liquid to solid or vice versa.

In conclusion, Sensory experiences are very important and rewarding for the children. They provide them with opportunities to experience the world around them in "hands on" way and learn using their senses. Sensory experience provide open ended opportunities for children to allowing them to use the material in ways they prefer. Thus, Sensory experiences are great opportunities for children to learn and explore different skills or just engage in **just plain fun!**

Educator of the Month ELENA

(Guoying Yang)



Elena is passionate about providing best possible care to children in her care. She has worked as a kinder teacher in China for a number of years and brings her knowledge and expertise in field to her family day care environment.

We would like to award the Educator of the month to Elena. Elena is dedicated and strives to provide best possible care to children in her family day care. She enjoys singing songs and playing Piano with the children. She also focusses on building the sense of Belonging in the children by encouraging them to use their home language and sings and reads books with them in their home language.

Well Done Elena!

