

April 2018 St. Marguerite Newsletter

Important Dates:

April 2: Spring Camp begins @ Douglas Glen for families who have registered
Easter Egg hunt at Fish Creek park 10:30am – 2:30pm

April 3: Electronics Day

April 4: Hawaiian Day

April 5: Bowling @ Toppler Bowl 11:30am – 1:30pm

April 9: Program resumes at St. Marguerite school / Book Club

April 12: Cooking Club – Grilled Cheese Day

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/grilled-cheese-day>

April 18: Board Game Day – bring in a game from home to play with your classmates!

April 20: PD Day – Field Trip TBD

April 24: Stuffy Day – you may bring in 1 stuffed toy to play with

April 26: Walking to the Copperfield Playground (behind the Tim Hortons etc.) – Map will be posted on our Facebook page later this month

March was full of crazy weather, lots of creative art, and some fun science experiments. The children have really enjoyed “recycled art” projects. We collect recycled materials from the staff at the office and bring it in and they get to create whatever they want. We have had some amazing collages with recycled papers, robots made from boxes and recycled plastics, and some letter/jeweler holders.

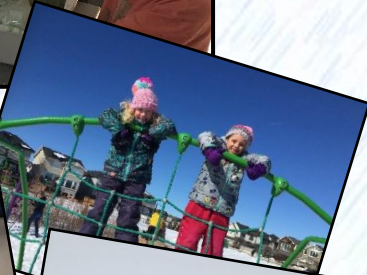
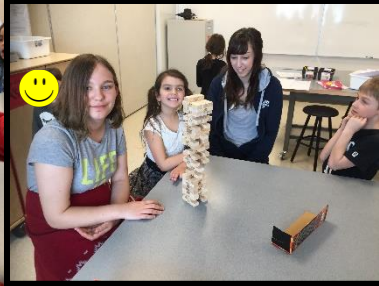
With no luck on the bread experiment (our bread refused to get moldy!), we began a more in-depth experiment to see if we could drop an egg and make it bounce. We took 10 eggs and put them in a jar and covered them with vinegar. Every couple of days we made predictions of whether the egg would bounce or splat. It took about a week and a half for the egg shell to soften enough, but we ended up with some awesome bouncing eggs. You can't drop them from very high, but it was cool to see (and make the big mess when they did splat!). Videos and photos to come on the Facebook page and in our Brag Book.

We also enjoyed making our very own “Oobleck” (just corn starch and water but has an amazing sensory feeling!). It's a messy activity but it's easy to clean up!

All in all, it was a busy and fun month. We did our fair share of playing in the snow and at the playground on the nicer days and learned some new physical activity games like Waspital and Octopus! Please make sure that you are still sending snow pants, mittens, a warm coat, and a hat everyday with your child. A lot of our children have gotten very wet in the snow as it's melting, and while we understand that the weather is warming up, it's still not warm enough to be out without the proper gear. Thanks!



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Accreditation Update:

We have finally received word on our Accreditation visit.

We are expecting a validator to come and observe our program between May 28 – June 8. We are busily getting all the final details completed so we are ready to go when they arrive. All consent forms were due in by March 23, if you have not yet returned them, please speak to Melissa immediately.

Problem Solving:

We have been really trying to work with the children this month on lowering the amount of tattling by using our Kelso's choices. If you would like to learn more about how this program works and empowers children to develop problem solving skills, visit the webpage here:

<https://kelsoschoice.com/free-resources/for-parents/>

Parent Resources:

<https://www.frfp.ca/parents-resources/community-resources/community-resources.htm>

<http://newbrighton-connect.com/events/>

<https://activeforlife.com/>

If you have not done so yet, join our facebook page and stay up to date on all our special events and important information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1601582529906357/>