

Growing Together at May Court

Winter Newsletter 2022

As we begin 2022 we would like to take a moment to wish everyone a Safe and Happy New Year. As this year begins we would like to send a big thank you to all the families of Growing Together for all of your patience and understanding throughout this last year.

A reminder to all families the weather is cold outside and we do try and get outside as often as possible. Please be sure your child has the appropriate outdoor gear. (snow pants, boots, hats, mitts (you may want to send extra mitts) warm winter jacket)

There are lots of amazing things going on in your child`s classroom. Before you pickup your child at the end of the day be sure to check out their HI Mama to see what they have been up to. This may help start conversation with your child about activities they have done throughout their day.

If you have any questions or concerns Please feel free to send your child`s teacher a message on HI Mama or you can email or call the office throughout the day

Wishing everyone a Healthy
And Safe New Year

Robyn &
Laurie



Infant Room



With the winter cold The infants have been loving there tough tray and exploration. They like the different sensory ideas and being able to explore cause and effect. They also been enjoying block play and mastering gross motor jumping. They still enjoy reading there stories and we are working on getting more musical instruments for them to explore when we have dance parties. We are going to continue exploring our different sensory ideas for our tough tray and add new ideas for the next few months.

Ms. Ashley L



Imagination is everything



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"Happy times are never ending when we're playing and pretending."

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Toddler Room

Happy New Year to all of our friends and families! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday. We are feeling recharged and ready for an amazing year.

With the weather getting colder we have been spending more time inside. We have been enjoying many activities, especially sensory sand gross motor activities. Some of the activities we have been enjoying are rocking in our wooden boat, water play, sand, sensory bags and sliding down our slide.

We welcome Ms.Serena who is doing her first placement in our room as an ECE student at St Clair college. She has many fun activities planned for the children.

Please let us know if you ever have any questions or concerns for our classroom.

Trista, Ashley S, Steph



Junior Preschool

Hi everyone, we hope you had a good holiday break. We are glad to be back! Since we have been back we have been getting busy in our JR preschool room. We have been having tea parties, messy sensory play, and silly dance parties, since the weather has been a little cold! We can't wait to expand on their interest and have more fun!



Since the weather has been so cold, please be sure to bring in

warm jackets, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens.

We look forward to these next few months as we continue to explore and learn.

From your Jr Educators, Ms. Sam, Ms. Jayden, and Ms. Kayle

Senior Preschool

Welcome back to 2022, We hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas . Our group has been excited about the snow even though we only had a small amount this far. Thank you to the childcare for the new sleds, igloo and snow-ball makers. We are hoping to use them real soon. We have been using our shovels as snow plows to make way for the sleds. With our winter fun just a friendly reminder to pack snow pants, mitts (extra pair if you have a spare), hats and boots. It does get really chilly out as we are still out for 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon as the weather permits. On the days that is too cold to go outside you can find us having dance parties, physical movement activities, skating around the room and any other gross motor activities we can think of.

We have been interested in building with wooden blocks, caring for babies, painting at the easel and the tuff tray.

If you have any questions or concerns please email us on HI mama. We will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Until next time!

Ms. Melissa and Ms. Nancy



FDK Tecumseh

Hello families we were all so excited to come back to school and see all the children's faces! We have been having lots of fun in the classroom and meeting new friends. We know this year is still not going as expected but we are making the best of it and hope the children looked forward to coming and have fun when here!

We have had a great time exploring our new classrooms that we are in this year. The children love playing outside and exploring it's one of their favorite things to do. They also love being outside in the sandbox, this seems to be one of their favorite spots outside that they enjoy playing in. They could spend their whole time outside in the sandbox. In the classroom are children are very creative and love to build. Every time we turn around there is something new built from Lego or blocks. We are also getting handed new art work all the time and all sorts of creations. We have a very creative bunch in the classroom this year!

Christmas time came up on us so fast but the children were all so excited for it because our elves came back from the North Pole! Tinsel and Tangle made it back and the children really enjoyed the elves as they were in magic bottles so they could travel with the children. They loved being able to bring the elves over to where they were so they could show the elves what they were doing. We did many Christmas activities and eve got some snow before the Christmas break. The children practiced their snow angles.

We know that returning back to school after Christmas break, took a bit longer than we thought but we are excited to welcome the children back and excited to start a new year with them. May 2022 be great!

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Kayle



School Age Tecumseh

Hello school age families, we would like to start off by saying welcome back to Miss Brittany in October, who was off on maternity leave. We are happy to have her back.

Everyday in October leading up to Halloween we had a fun Halloween craft and activity out for the children to create and explore. We had a haunted house drawing contest the week leading up to Halloween which the children really enjoyed. We did a vote and the winner was Carlisle.

Each week we have a different activity set up in our tuff tray for the children to explore. Examples of things in the tuff tray are baking soda and vinegar, shredded paper as snow, sand orbeez, etc.

In November we brought in some new board games for the children as they were asking for some new games to play together. We also started Christmas crafts in November everyday and continued them into December, so if your children have been bringing home a lot of crafts that is why.

The week of Christmas break we brought in empty boxes and the children made themselves robot and the last day of Christmas week we watched some Christmas movies, had hot chocolate and popcorn to end our day.

From your teacher Miss Brittany



Brenda and Annas' Kitchen



This old-fashioned Chili recipe will make you think of meals at your Grandma's house when you were little. I love making it for my littles here at the Childcare. Its hearty, filling and flavors are perfect.

Chili Recipe

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 2 small green peppers diced
- 1 small onion diced
- 1 can diced tomatoes -large
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can drained kidney beans
- 1 can drained black beans
- 1 can brown beans Use your favorite kind
- 1 pkg. taco seasoning

Sauté onion and peppers till translucent

Add ground beef and brown

Drain off any grease Add remaining ingredients

Add seasoning and simmer over medium heat

Serve with toast and enjoy

Staff Spotlight

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Ms. Ashley (Infant Room May Court)

Ms. Ashley joined our Growing together team 5 years ago. She spends her days in the infant program. Ashley has been with Growing Together for the last 5 years and had time to spend in each age group before she settled down with the infants. If you don't see Ashley rocking a child in the rocking chair then you will find her on the floor reading stories or playing with the children. Ashley is a mom of 2, Her Son Aiden is 12, and Daughter Charisma is 10. if Ashley is not at work you will find her busy with her family. During the summer she loves to go for walks especially on the beach and camping with her family. She enjoys playing video games and board games, and crafting especially on her cricut. Ashley always has something creative up her sleeve.

Thank you Ms. Ashley for all you do!

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Ms. Trista- Toddler Room May Court

Ms. Trista has been a part of our *Growing Together* team for 7 years now. She spends her days with us in the Toddler room. Ms. Trista is always one step ahead and has activities and opportunities for exploring ready to go. Whether the music is going and you see the children and Trista dancing their hearts out around the room, or there is a tuff tray full of snow and glitter and the children have spray bottles with colored water in it to watch the snow melt. Trista is the master of messy play and exploration and that is what being a toddler is all about!

Trista comes in everyday with a smile on her face, and upbeat attitude ready to take on the day and she is encouraging and cheering on her coworkers and the children all around her.

When Trista is not hanging out in the toddler room she is at home with her husband and St. Bernard Elliot. She loves to take Elliot for walks, read books and go disc golfing with her husband Jeff.

Thank you Ms. Trista For All you do!