



# Newsletter

*KJ Academy - May 2011*

## Playground

Thank you to everyone who took their time and consideration to keep off the grass. It is looking very beautiful and has added great color to the playground. We continue to ask

that you please keep off the grass for the time being as it is still growing.



Stephanie and Derri enjoying a short nap on the swings at DLG park



Edward enjoying the smell of the new Spring flowers

## Vegetable/Flower Garden

Our garden has begun to flower and grow vegetables and we are planning on adding some more flowers to give our playground some more color.

We will be taking a small field trip to the flower shop May 2nd, 2011 with the help of the children we will be selecting new flowers and veggies to add to our garden!

We welcome donations to buy the flower and vegetable seeds & plants for our garden. Thanks!



## Kindergarten Club

The kindergarten Club is almost half way through the alphabet! From time to time, please talk to your child about the letters we have learned. Doing so will help them familiarize themselves with the letters.

In May, we will be learning about letters K, L, and M.

Please remember to bring pictures of the letter that we will be learning that week for our alphabet scrapbook. The children have been very excited to look through it. It's been helping them remember and make the connection between the letter and the picture.

Please also make sure that your child gets some time to draw in their journals and tell you what it's about. The journals are not only for practising to trace letters.

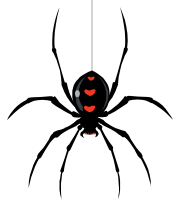


## Pyjama/Movie Day

This month's Pyjama/Movie Day will be on , May 20th, 2011. Mark your calendars!!!-and don't forget your jammies and a movie!



After reading "The Very Busy Spider", we created our own spider web and pretended to be trapped like flies



## GoodBye

We are sad to announce that **Caleb** and his family will be leaving our KJA family at the end of May. They are one of the families that started off at Kiddy Junction when it first opened. They will be moving to a new home and Caleb will be starting Kindergarten soon. We wish them all the best & will miss them greatly!

We are sad to announce that Xin Yan will also be leaving our KJA family at the end of May. She too will be starting Kindergarten in the fall and in the meantime will be enjoying her summer in summer day camp programs. Good luck to you Xin Yan, we wish you all the best in kindergarten. Have a wonderful summer!

## Daycare Closure



Kiddy Junction Academy will be closed:

**(All Day) Victoria Day - May 23rd**

**(Early Closure) Field Trip - May 13 (4:30pm)**

**(Early Closure) Field Trip - May 30 (Time TBA)**

**(All Day) Staff Development - May 24**



## New Chef Interviews

We are very sad to say Good Bye to our dear Chef Nancy. Chef Nancy will be retiring and May

20th, 2011 will be her last day! She has played a big role in our KJA family and has created a number of wonderful foods for us! We wish her all the best in the future and hope she has a relaxing break.



We are in the process of hiring a new chef to take over for Chef Nancy. We will be interviewing a number of applicants for the position and we will keep you posted on our next staff member.

While Chef Nancy is here, she will be training the new chef until she leaves. You will probably get a chance to meet the new chef before they start, feel free to introduce yourselves and give them a warm welcome so that they can get to know you all better.

## Recycling Program



Thank you to all the parents who contributed to our recycling program! It wouldn't be able to happen if it weren't for all of your help and support! A new sign up sheet is posted for the months of May, June, and July. Please fill in a space asap. Thanks!

## A Special Thank You to:

Hunter and Sofia's families for donating yoga mats for our yoga curriculum. We really appreciate this lovely donation.

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Ms. Aniko Kollmann



Mattea and Stephanie find an interesting activity on the Ipad

## Field Trip to Play Palace

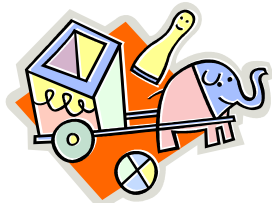
We are planning a field trip to Play Palace on May 13th 2011. We have contacted them and are waiting for a confirmation. We will keep you posted once we have confirmed the date. A sign up sheet has been posted for parent volunteers for that day! We really appreciate any and all help!

We ask that parents provide a packed lunch for that day as we will be eating there. Also, we will be returning to the daycare around 3:30pm, so please be advised that on this day we will be having an early closure at 4:30pm.



## Toys From Home

A reminder to families that toys from home are still banned from the daycare. We are still seeing a number of children bringing toys from home. We are encouraging the children to keep them at home since we are still seeing some aggressive behaviours based off the violent toys which are being brought from home.



Thank you for your understanding.



The children out for the search of Easter eggs

## Graduation

There will be 8 children graduating from Kiddy Junction this year as they will all be starting kindergarten in September. Since Kiddy Junction is only a couple of years old, this will be our first group of graduates. In honour of this wonderful occasion we would like to hold a graduation ceremony that will be held at the preschool on May 27th, 2011 at 4:00PM. The whole class will be in attendance so if you are not planning to attend the ceremony, please be prepared to pick up your child from the preschool that day. There are a few items that we will need for the graduation ceremony such as: a grad cake, snacks, and banners, etc. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated. All families and friends are welcome. Bring your cameras!



## Children's Festival



We will be attending the children's festival on May 30th, 2011. Again, we will need some parental volunteers ! A sign up sheet is now available on the sign-in table in the office. If you decide to join us as a parent volunteer, you will be expected to aid the teachers during the trip. We appreciate

all the time and effort that parents squeeze out of their busy schedule to help make the field trip come true!



## Preschool Open House

Our KJA Preschool is almost ready for opening! Please tell your family and friends about our KJA

Preschool. The dates for the open house will be posted shortly. Please stay tuned.



## Kiddy Chefs

In April, we made carrot cake in celebration of Easter. We ended up sitting on the floor and taking turns pouring and mixing ingredients. It was great fun, the children all really enjoyed it!



For this month, we will be making fruit salad! Mark your calendar's for May 17th, 2011.

Happy Baking!

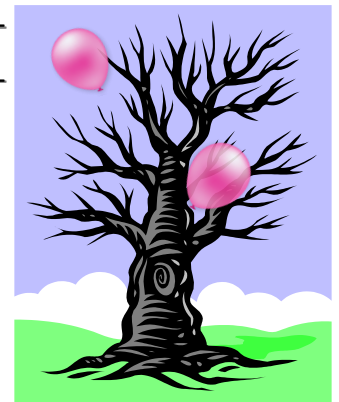
## Latest Documentation



Our investigation of gardening and spring time has now branched out into living things, growth, birth, new beginnings just what spring is all about. The children began talking about babies, where they come from, how they are born. Some of the children have new siblings in their home and have talked about their experiences and what they knew about babies. We then read a story called "The Balloon Tree", which inspired us to create our own balloon tree and turn it into a family tree.

We ask parents to please bring in pictures of your child one, from when they were a baby. One recent picture, and one with the whole family. If you have not yet brought them in, please do so that we may add you to our Kiddy Junction family tree.

We will still be doing some more investigating and discussions on living things. Please take the time to read the white board to know what the children have been learning and discussing so that you too can further develop their curiosity and interest and that you too can take an active part in their learning.



## Star of the Month

Helen is our Star of the Month! She gets along with all the children in the centre, she is very caring, and is very helpful to the children and teachers. Keep up the good work, Helen!

Please Remember to bring in your poster!



## Practicum student

We will be having a new practicum student joining us at Kiddy Junction. Tony Yu will be doing his/her practicum with us from May 16th—June 10th.

Feel free to introduce yourselves so that he/she can get to meet all the wonderful families here at the centre and feel welcome.

## Parent Participation Day

Parent participation was a great success last month! Su, Zoe's mom, was one of our first parents to participate in parent participation at the center. The children all really enjoyed having her around and spending time with them. She was a wonderful help to the staff. Thank you, Su, for all of your help and support, we loved having you on board!

A sign up sheet has been posted for parent participation day until the month of September. Many of you have already signed up and we thank you for taking the time to help and support both the children and staff.

Parents who sign up will be given a letter regarding what is involved in the volunteer process to have a better understanding of the schedule at the daycare and areas that you will be able to help support the children and staff in.

## Happy Birthday To:

**Kieran** – May, 1st

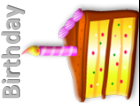


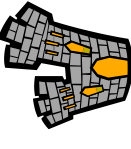









**Chef Nancy** – May, 1st

**Caleb** – May 14th, 20

**Nolan** – May, 19th



# May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Kieran & Chef Nancy Birthday 	2  Flower Shop Field Trip <b>Parent Participation:</b> Zoey (Ivy & Xin Yan Mom)	3	4	5	6 <u>Recycling Duty:</u> Edward	7
8	9	10	11	12 Music Class 	13 <u>Recycling Duty:</u> Hunter Play Palace Field Trip Early Closure 4:30pm 	14 Caleb's Birthday 
15	16 Practicum Student Starting	17 Kiddy Chefs 	18 Storyyoga 	19 Nolan's Birthday 	20 <u>Recycling Duty:</u> TBA Pajama-Movie Day! 	21
22	23 Victoria Day- <b>Daycare Closed</b> 	24 Staff Development Day- <b>Daycare Closed</b> 	25	26 Music Class 	27 <u>Recycling Duty:</u> TBA Graduation Ceremony 	28
29	30 Children's Festival <b>Early Closure:</b> <u>Time TBA</u>	31				



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