



On May 19 we were one of only 2 centers in the city to re-open our doors. We did so with utter determination to make a warm and welcoming atmosphere, as we always



have, despite the new government restrictions. We Created "bear lairs" for the children – a cozy curtained area for each child with pillows and blankets, twinkle lights, a stuffie, and a shelf for toys and art materials. Every child has different items depending on their interests, and toys are only rotated after disinfecting. Each child also has dedicated table space and a sensory bin for water play, sand, playdough, slime, painting, gluing, etc. The idea of NOT hugging, and NOT

encouraging sharing and other social skills goes against all of our training, our experience, and our instincts. We know it's a concern for parents as well. We are focusing on new ways to have fun, the

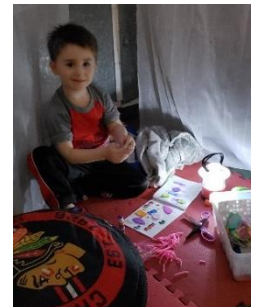


temporary nature of the restrictions, and modeling a positive attitude.

When we need to be in a child's space to meet physical or emotional needs we wear a mask. Early childhood educators have one

skill above all others – the ability to be adaptable. A day with a group of children never goes exactly according to plan, and so we are finding new ways to adapt in these

circumstances as well. Luckily, children are adaptable too!



Count Down to Summer						
June 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	A Art Day	B Blue Day	C Crazy hour Day	D Daisy Visits	E Exercise Day at home	F Fun Day
G Game Day	H Hot Day	I Ice Cream Day	J Make orange Juice	K Fly a Kite	L Flash Light Friday	M Mom & Dad Day
N Nature walk	O Orange Day	P Picnic at the Park	Q Quiet Day	R Rainbow Day	S Sprinkle Day	T Taco Day
U Under the Sea Summer!						

WE ARE STARTING A COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER! WE'VE ADDED WEEKEND IDEAS FOR YOUR FAMILY.

A big welcome to Colton, and his mom and dad Erin and Kyle!

We will also be creating art to share with the seniors at the Health Center (thank you Paige for the idea!). If anyone wants to do this at home you can email them to the daycare, or email them to

volunteer.NLRHCArea10@albertahealthservices.ca.