

From the Desk of the Supervisor

Please note:

In accordance with Toronto Public Health, Terry Tan will no longer be taking temperatures effective November 2nd.



We will not be doing Picture Day this year! However the staff are periodically taking pictures of some of the fun and exciting times during the day. We can send those to you every now and then!

Please ensure that you are sending your child in with the appropriate clothing for outdoor play given the time of year. The weather is constantly changing and each day seems a little colder now!! Items to consider are splash pants/snow pants, winter jacket, winter boots, hat, mittens. Please include your child's name on all belongings.

Board and Staff News

The Board Meeting will be held on Wed. Nov 11th at 7:00pm via zoom. Please be sure to let Shannon know if you would like to attend.



Our thanks to all families who participated in recognizing the dedication and devotion to the children and families here at Terry Tan during Child Care Appreciation Day held last month.

Special Dates

- 1st-** Daylight Savings Ends (turn back clocks)
- 11th-** Remembrance Day
- 14th –** Diwali



A REMINDER for next month!

Terry Tan will be closed at 2:00pm on December 24th and December 31st.

Nature and the Outdoors

Winter does provide unique nature opportunities if you are willing to expend a bit more energy and bundle up. In reality, nature hasn't left – it's just different. So use this time to point out differences and introduce the little ones to the changes that come with the changing seasons. Much of science is observation, and you can begin to teach observation skills to the littlest of persons.

One idea is to add winter nature walks to your schedule. Even once a week. Fresh air, even cold fresh air, can make such a difference in focus, attentiveness, and release of pent up energy. Encourage children to use their different senses and begin simple comparing/contrasting during winter walks.

Here are some suggestions:

What can you SEE?

What colors do you see? Which colors are natural and which are man-made? (Cars, houses, landscaping, etc.)?

Look for evergreen plants – point out, observe, and describe the difference between plants. Break a twig and describe it – does it “snap” easily (dry) or bend but not break (wet)? What are other indicators of “dry” or “wet” environments? Describe the leaves of the evergreens and compare – how are they different from leaves that are green?

Wildlife - Birds – Are these birds different from birds in the summer? How?

Bugs – Some bugs do hang around during the winter in the more temperate climates, but you may have to hunt for them to see them.

Other animals – Cats? Dogs? Deer? Rabbits? Clouds – What do they resemble? Do they look like different animals?

What can you HEAR? Wind? Birds? Bugs?

What can you SMELL? Smoke from burning firewood? “Wet” or damp smells? Farm animal smells?

What can you FEEL? The sun or wind on your face? Is it relatively warm or super cold?

How does the temperature change on your skin if you are standing in the sun or in shade? Pick up leaves, sticks, rocks, etc – rough? Smooth? Crunchy? Cold?

Favorite Spot — Find a favorite spot (creek, field etc.) and visit it often. Observe how it changes each time and over time.

Hopefully this little list of suggestions will empower you and your littles to get outside and start observing!

Most of all, have FUN with it!