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Welcome to the Hunny Bear Room

What Next?

Your child is developing more sophisticated social behaviours and beginning to develop beyond parallel play, playing with others, and their characters are becoming more refined, i.e., shy or outgoing?

A Little About Our Room

The Hunny Bear Room has children ranging in age from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 years. Three staff care for the children: two ECE's, and one assistant. The children that are moving up to the Hunny Bear Room from the Toddler Room and for the children who are just entering into the Hunny Bear Room, get to know the Hunny Bear children and teachers before fully transitioning into the room.

A Typical Day

Staff provide a variety of stimulating and creative activities within the daily routines. We provide a loving and nurturing environment that allows each child to feel secure in a group setting. Here is a brief outline of the day.

Hunny Bear's Daily Schedule:

- 7:30—8:15 Morning playroom
- 8:15 –9:00 Quiet activities, snack and washroom
- 9:00—10:00 Outdoor play
- 10:00—11:15 Creative and indoor activities
- 11:15 - 11:30 Tidy up and Quiet reading
- 11:30—11:45 Learning Circle
- 11:45—12:15 Lunch
- 12:15—12:30 Washroom routine
- 12:30 —2:30 Naptime
- 2:30 — 3:00 Washroom routine
- 3:00—4:00 Outdoor play
- 4:00—4:30 Washroom
- 4:30—5:30 Indoor activities
- 5:30—5:50 Quiet activities, snack and stories
- 6:00 Centre closed

Emergent Curriculum

Educators understand individual differences and arrange their room so that children can explore at their own pace. We base our programme on Emergent Curriculum planning models using the children's interests and needs as the main resource. The goal of our planning programme is to respond to every child's interests. Its practice is open-ended and self-directed.

Some main skills that are emerging through the Hunny Bear Room are;

*Representation—Enjoying Literacy—Self Regulation
 Making Friends—Identify Formation*

Learning Circle: What Is It?

A time when children come together as a group to meet and greet each other as well as learn songs, finger plays, share stories and answer questions such as the weather, and date of the day.

Becoming a Hunny Bear

The end of the day visits while in the Toddler Room help them to know the staff and they get to interact with their new Hunny Bear friends.

Staff in the Toddler Room talk to your child about moving into the Hunny Bear Room. They reassure your child that they will be welcomed and comforted as they enter their new room.

Children visit the Hunny Bear Room the day before their official moving up date. If a child needs to graduate gradually, they are able to go back and visit their old Toddler friends. It helps these children continue to play together outside. Often, more than one Toddler moves up at a time, making the transition easier on the Toddlers.

Many Hunny Bears Are...

- Toilet trained
- Learning how to share
- Starting to problem-solve
- Learning to choose activities

This is the room where children begin to form friendships.

Redirecting a Hunny Bear Child

Most Hunny Bears need support from a teacher in times of frustration. If a child does need some redirection, staff will assist and redirect the child to a new activity.

Typical Hunny Bears

Staff have resources available. If you require more detailed explanations on any of the following, please let us know. The following is a lists of behaviours in the Hunny Bear age group.

Behaviours

- Shyness
- Biting
- Aggression
- Regression
- Possession

Keep these behaviours in mind when dealing with your Hunny Bear. It is a comfort knowing that the stages your child goes through are quite typical of children in this age group.



What to Bring

This room requires more extra clothes on hand than any other room...Toilet Training!

Pack extra underwear, pants, shirts, socks and even shoes every day.

Please label everything.

We encourage Hunny Bear children to leave their toys at home as it is difficult for them to keep track of their belongings. We do not encourage bottles, if required, staff will provide your child with a soother at nap time only.

The Hunny Bear Room has a variety of activities planned throughout the month, including show and share. Be sure to check your child's monthly take-home calendar daily!



Have a Concern?

We are always willing to discuss any concerns that you may have. We take our role in providing care for your child very seriously and value open communication.

Please speak to us when you have a concern. Remember that drop offs and pick ups are usually quite busy, and staff may not have the chance to 'get into a discussion' with you at these times. If a longer discussion is necessary, arrange to speak at a mutually convenient time. It is always important to keep in touch with the staff. Please inform your child's teachers of your child's current issues.