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A FUN look behind the scenes at CURIOUS KIDS

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*Child Care Pics >>>*

*A Picture Really is Worth a Thousand Words... Maybe even 2 Thousand!!*

## A Year at a Glance

*Oh the FUN we all had this YEAR!*

*“Anyone who does anything to help a child is a hero to me.”*  
*Fred Rogers*

Oh the fun we have had this year at CURIOUS KIDS! We have the best kids to hang out with and they are so willing to try whatever fun, silly idea we plan for them to do. Whether it is dressing up as pirates, hiking at Lindsey Valley to look for a waterfall we never did find, having our lunch outside with the bugs and the wind, playing in the rain, attempting to make slime, building robots with boxes and 4 year olds, making mud pies, walking on the trail so overgrown it resembles a jungle, and I could go on FOREVER! When I think back over this past year it is hard to believe another year has come and gone...well almost☺

When I go back through our pictures of the kids I am in awe of their enthusiasm for life and of the millions of things they learn

*Children deserve to have the right to play and get dirty and wet while exploring their world of possibilities!* through play. We really do believe that play sets them up for so many possibilities for their futures. Oh what will our kids grow up to be?

Will they be artists, engineers, doctors, mothers, fathers, nurses, business owners, teachers, negotiators, comedians, lawyers, farmers, professors, environmentalists, parentologists, chefs, bakers, decorators, consultants, dentists, dental hygienists, researchers...



set them up for success >>>

# Benefits of a Preschool Program in a school setting for your child

CURIOUS KIDS is blessed to be in two beautiful schools with designated rooms. We are a part of the school family and have the privilege of having gym time, library time and we participate in assemblies right along with the other school students. Our playgrounds are AMAZING!



Our preschoolers participate in the routines of the school such as standing for “O Canada” each morning, walking in lines in the hallways, sitting and listening in classroom events with the grades K-2 students, playing on the playground at the same time as the school students, hearing the school bell, having a reading buddy, signing books out of the library, and so much more!



## Children of all ages

Yes it is more than OK for your preschool child to be in the same center as an after school child. Our preschoolers and afterschoolers learn so much from each other. They learn life skills such as problem solving, patience, understanding, flexibility, caring for others, listening, proper use of their words and communication, and the list goes on.



The SMILE tells the story...

## Katelyn's Smile

*Katelyn is a grade 1 student who is a delight to be around with her sunny disposition and her kind heart.*

**Kaitlyn is just one of our afterschoolers who comes to CURIOUS KIDS each day. One of our goals is to have as many smiles as possible all the time! We just love HAPPY KIDS and we just love having FUN with our kids! Be sure to take the time to check out the pictures of your kids on the bulletin boards, our facebook pages, or scattered through-out the room☺**

play advice >>>

## The Benefits of Play...

*Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact in the world around them.*

The Importance of Play in Promoting Healthy Child Development...

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org>

At CURIOUS KIDS we love to play! When we play with our stick bugs we can see their little eyes, and discuss how cool it is to see their skin that they shed when they grew bigger. When we play with the blocks we are amazed at the architectural designs the kids come up with. Simply playing provides numerous learning opportunities and enhances skills such as listening, cooperating, socialization, decision making, problem solving and getting along with others.



# NB Designated Child Care Center – That’s US!

*ECERS-R which stands for Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale Revised is designed for preschool child care classrooms serving children 2 1/2 through 5 years of age as a program quality assessment tool.*



CURIOUS KIDS Child Care Inc. was assessed using the ECERS-R scale and both Townsview and Lincoln became Designated Centers on March 1, 2019. We were evaluated on a total of 43 items and received a score of 1-7 on each item. If we did not meet all the requirements in one scoring area then we could not receive a higher score on that item, even if we met the requirements in the higher scale. For instance, item 7 is space for

gross motor play. We could not get a rating higher than 3.2 because our playgrounds are not fenced in. We know that we have all the other requirements for the highest mark in this item such as 7.1 outdoor gross motor space has a variety of surfaces permitting different types of play, 7.2 outdoor area has some protection from the elements such as shade in the summer, sun in the winter, wind breaks, good drainage, 7.3 space has convenient features such as being close to washrooms, water, accessible storage for equipment.

Our goal is to increase our rating in those areas that we can in order to obtain a higher rating during our next assessment. We believe that operating a quality program is of utmost importance and that our families deserve the best we can offer.

As we continue to achieve higher ratings we may have to call on our parents for help. For instance, one of the items we fell short on was parent evaluations. Thank You to all of you who made the time to complete the parent evaluations that we sent out. Stay tuned for more exciting updates!



## Parents are ALWAYS Welcome

*We have an open door policy and parents are always welcome to drop in at CURIOUS KIDS to hang out and make some memories with their special little people.*

## Daily Outdoor Play is a Must at CK!

As a licensed NB Early Learning and Childcare center we are required to have outdoor play at least 1 hour each day, weather permitting. We exceed this time frame every chance we get! Outdoor play is vital to a child’s healthy development and they love their time outdoors where they can run, yell, explore, play, imagine, and learn in a natural environment. We are blessed with beautiful outdoor spaces for which we are so thankful for!

## Dressing for the Weather – think Layers

Parents play such a crucial role in the success of our outdoor play time by ensuring that their child has the right clothing for the weather each day. It is no fun playing outside if you are too cold or too hot. Dressing in layers allows child care providers to assist the kids in being properly dressed for their outside play that day. You can always take off or put on a piece of clothing but only if it is available. Thanks for making our outdoor play FUN!

### ask the experts >>>

**Q:** *What is the #1 Priority in Quality Child Care*

**A:** *The SAFETY of the Children*

Ensuring that all children are safe at all times must be the #1 priority in your child’s center. This does not mean that children cannot be allowed to play and take some risks but it does mean that staff have to be aware of each child’s personal development and abilities and guide them to make safe choices. Reasonable boundaries must be implemented and children must be aware and constantly reminded of the safety rules. Staff must always be attentive to the children in their care providing direct supervision.



# kids thoughts...

WHAT DO WE NEED MORE OF at CURIOUS KIDS?

So we asked the kids what we need more of and here are some of their answers: more bey blades, barbies, gym time, outdoor time, Bingo, candy, dinosaur pictures, room to play, trees, clocks, people, books, markers, white board markers, and slime 😊



## WHAT do you NOT LIKE at CURIOUS KIDS?

- Inappropriate conversations
- Loss of bey blades as a consequence
- Reading
- Barbies (we don't make them play with Barbies; honest! BUT we have seen them in that corner from time to time of their own free will...LOL)
- Going outside on hot days
- Having to wear coats
- Getting in trouble

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING to do at CURIOUS KIDS?

- ✓ Outdoor Play
- ✓ Gym Time
- ✓ Bingo Games
- ✓ Drawing
- ✓ Barbies
- ✓ Playing cars
- ✓ Dawson
- ✓ Friends

coming soon >>>

## LINCOLN SUMMER DAY CAMPS 2019

Stay tuned for more information regarding our weekly camp activities for Summer 2019



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