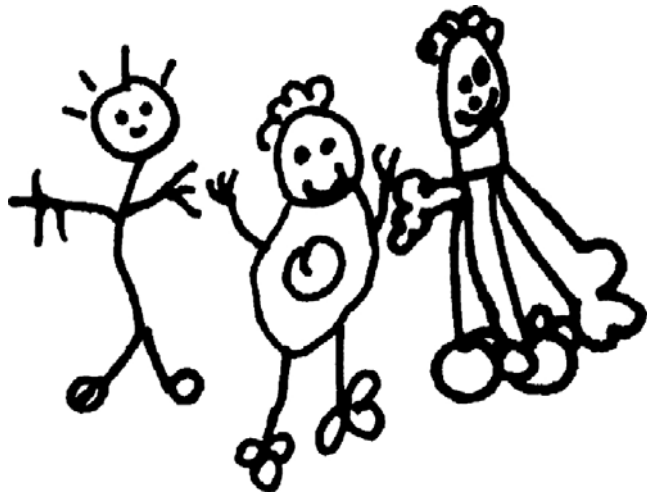


**Bridlewood
Child Learning
Centre**



**Preschool
Program
Room #3**

The Chickadee Room

Welcome to the Chickadee Classroom at Bridlewood Child Learning Centre. Our room is set up in the family grouping style. This means our ages vary between 2.5 years and 5 years of age. The total numbers in our classroom is 24 children with three full time staff and one permanent split shift staff. Our ratio is 1:8. The children are separated into three groups corresponding to their age, this group is linked with one full time staff. This teacher does group work , one on one activities and shares lunch with your child each day. This still means that the other staff in the room do interact with your child and are made aware of any incidents that occur throughout that day.

Each child in the chickadee classroom has an assigned cubby in our coat room, where they may leave any item needed for outdoor play and knapsacks. Within our classrooms are baskets again each assigned to a child. These are used for personal items from home, and an extra change of clothes. Also by the classroom cubbies is our art file. Children each have a section where they can deposit their art work that is completed. We ask that you take their work home every Friday.

You will also notice in our classroom above the children cubbies are the children's communication books. The books are filed according to your child's teacher. These books are just a reference of what your child did that day at daycare. We will inform you of the menu, how they ate, if they slept and if there were any bathroom accidents. We also make general comments of things we did that day. Next to the files you will find an open binder. Here we write all the activities we did during the day, centers that were open, our project work and things we did in our outdoor playground. **Please take the time to read this each day**, to familiarize yourself of what goes on in your child's classroom. We also use the book to inform you of any changes or requests we may have. Above this area is the parent communication board, we have a calendar of the months events, a schedule of our day and any other important information that we feel needs to be passed on to the parent/guardians.

Our program follows a Reggio Emilia curriculum. Instead of themes we respond and initiate ideas that are set forth by the children. Once an idea is created we continue through brainstorming a project plan. Our projects can be quite detailed and very hands-on. We work on projects Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. All projects are documented through digital pictures, descriptions and art. Past projects include the human body, art museum and bugs. We will continually inform you of our projects progress and changes. We also try to include field trips related to the project. Parents are

always notified in advance and if necessary volunteers will be requested.

Free play in our classroom consists of all centers being open and the children choosing where they would like to work. The staff monitors this play and often redirects children who become stuck in one area or have difficulties managing. We try to encourage children to try new and different activities.

On the two days (Monday and Friday) that we are not doing project work we break into our three teacher groups and do small group work. This provides your child and their teacher the opportunity to practice necessary fine motor, printing, language and math skills.

Please keep in mind that Bridlewood Child Learning Centre is a **NUT FREE** environment. Due to peanut allergies and others we ask that no food from home enters the centre. Thank you for your co-operation. If your child is on medication, please be sure to hand it to your classrooms teacher and ensure the proper form is filled out so we may administer the meds. We keep all medication locked in the kitchen.

Finally Bridlewood and the Chickadee room are computer interactive. If ever you want to drop a line our address is: chickadees@bridlewoodchildlearningcentre.com

We would love to hear from you! Please feel free to exchange emails with us and we can send pictures of things that your child did at daycare that day or correspond with you. If ever you have questions or concerns please address them with any of the classroom staff either in person or written. We intend on working together as a team for your children.

Items That Your Child Will Need

Please supply your child with a bottle of sunscreen. The sunscreen must be at least SPF 30 and please no coloured sunscreen as it stains clothing.

Everyday at 1:00pm your child will rest. Your child is welcome to bring a sleep toy and/or a special blanket to feel a little more at ease during this time.

Please supply an extra change of clothes for your child. For example, in the summer a pair of shorts and a tee-shirt and in the winter an extra pair of pants and a sweater. As well it is always handy to have an extra pair of underwear and socks for your child in case of any accidents.

Outdoor wear is extremely important, for we go outside everyday. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately according to the season and that days forecast. Sunhats are extremely important for the summer and a warm snowsuit is essential for the winter.

Any item of clothing that your child will be wearing at the daycare **must be labeled**. We have many children within the daycare and items sometimes do go missing. Having your child's name labeled on their clothing will help reduce the number of misplaced items.

We always welcome a child to bring in a special blanket, sleep toy or book from home. Please make sure it is labeled and notify us if the item needs to be returned home each evening.

Room #3 - Daily Schedule

- 7:00a.m. Day Care Opens. All children accepted into room #3
- 7:15a.m. Toddlers move to room #1
- 7:30a.m. Cardinals move to room #2
- 7:45a.m. Snack
- 8:15a.m. Short Morning Circle
- 8:30a.m. Free Play
- 10:00a.m. Tidy up time, project work or small group work
- 10:30a.m. Toilet routine, prepare for outdoor play
- 11:45a.m. Lunch
- 12:20p.m. Toilet, brush teeth, prepare for quiet/rest time
- 12:45p.m. Quiet/rest time
- 2:30p.m. Rise and shine, toilet routine
- 3:00p.m. Snack time
- 3:30p.m. Toilet, large circle time
- 4:00p.m. Outdoor play
- 5:15p.m. Return from outdoor play - Quiet activities
- 5:45p.m. Departure. Centre closed.