

# May Reflection 2019

As May comes to a close, the Possum room has been a buzz with activity as we prepared this month's S.T.E.M. project and we celebrated National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week.

This month's S.T.E.M. was to prepare and plant our herb garden. This was done earlier in the month but the care of our lovely garden has continued throughout the month. We have also been focused on keeping the rest of our garden space healthy and watered to our plants can grow big and strong. We are beginning to see some wonderful transformations from flowers we planted back in February being mature and full of blooms.

Our Playdough table has been shifted to another space to allow for the children to be able to do other activities in the art area, and still have the opportunity to playdough all day. This new space has renewed our interest in the play dough table. Each time we make a new batch of dough, we offer the children the option to choose the colour. The last three batches have been blue! Looks like our colour recognition is coming along nicely!

Our Dinosaur/Moon Sand table is a daily interest by most of the Possum Room Children. Educators always hear "Roar" and fits of giggles coming from the tables, and sometimes we even hear the occasional "Stop. Don't eat it! It's not food!" directed to each other (Moon Sand is made with oil and flour).

Our painting experiences are always a big interest each day which children having more interest in creating more individual paintings. The children are still very excited about painting together on the big paper, but have been spending longer and more focused amounts of time when they have the chance to painting independently from the group. This is giving them the chance to use their skills they have been developing over the course of this year.

Finally, we wrapped the month up with celebrating National Sorry Day and Reconciliation week. We decided to incorporate our knowledge of our Aboriginal Culture and interests in nature with our creating art interests. Educators did this by offering a few activities throughout the week. We practiced our colouring skills by doing National Sorry Day colouring page on Monday. We decorated Aboriginal Flags with the children by practicing our pasting skills on Tuesday and Wednesday. To wrap up the last few days of the week, we went on a leaf hunt throughout all the yards and collected them for using on sticky contact paper. These experiences are all on display throughout the room.



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