

May Reflection 2020

It is hard to believe that it is already half way through May and our children in the Possums Room have been busy enjoying the opportunity to continue with their various projects and updated play spaces.

We have been working on the next level of our STEM project by trimming all our bushes in the yard to prepare them for the winter months. We have prepared our garden beds for new plants and trimmed our herb garden which is going strong and full of delicious herbs to use in our lunches by Catherine and Ange. Now that we have developed more understanding about how to care and be gentle with our real plants, the children will be planting new vegetables and flowers throughout our garden space over the winter months, starting next week.

The children have now finished our Mother's Day presents and, by extension to our painting interests, the Possum Children have been painting cards which we will give out for International Nurses Day on May 12th.

The children have become strong within their understanding of the room routine. They are enjoying group time and have a good understanding of the transition between group time and lunch. The children are eagerly waiting for their card (with their photo and name on it) to be shown so they can collect the card and take it to the bathroom for hand washing. Many of the children are becoming quite strong with verbally announcing the person going next. These cards are giving the children the opportunity to practice saying their friend's name on a daily basis. This is also an extension of the children's developing independence as they are learning to scrap their own dishes at mealtimes and using leftover water in the pitcher to water the garden.

There has been a lot of physical development occurring in the room as well. Activities such as small motor and hand eye-coordination by using the puzzles, interactive experiences (which additionally explore our imagination and creativity), and Legos, to the large gross motor and balance development from climbing and jumping. These experiences are also building self-confidence and more understanding of how our bodies bend and move and what we can do with them. So much learning is happening in such a fun and social setting. Who knew?!



Links to the National Quality Standards: Quality Area 1, Educational Program and Practice and Quality Area 1 Program and Practice and TRCC Philosophy