



July Reflection 2020



July has brought a lot of changes in the Possum Room as the children's interests shift and their abilities and interests become stronger and more developed. The children's interest in painting and art continues, but educators are seeing the marks the children are making now have intent, and the children have begun telling educators what they are painting.

During these last weeks of July, we have had a lot of artistic exploration. The indoor art space has been busy with activity from finishing our ocean experience and hanging everything up, to creating butterflies for our next installation (which is also an extension of the group time and story interests in the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar'). When we are not using the art space for intentional teaching, the children have been exploring their own interests in pasting, colouring and drawing. The art trolley has officially switched from being a sensory table (the children have always had access to materials used in art projects to play, feel and explore which helped them become familiar with these items for future use) to a space where the children can source their own materials for creating projects and building their own imagination and creativity.

Our outdoor play is beginning to see a shift in confidence in regards to physical exploration. Children are becoming more interested in climbing and jumping without support from educators. "I did it", and "I can do it myself" are the common phrases heard around the climbing equipment now. Regular changes to the equipment layout, develops more interest in using it as well. The children are eager to master the new set up and show each other how to manipulate the layout in new ways.

Finally, we had a fun week (to replace Welcome Back week) where the children played dress-up every day, had a bubble day, day full of different games, disco day, face painting and even a hot dog day. These fun weeks allow the children even more opportunity to be creative and explore different ways of being. They are also a lot of FUN!

