



July Reflection 2020

The month of July has brought us some new experiences and opportunities to extend on the children's interests. The weather has been cold and somewhat rainy but we have taken full advantage of the good days we have had over the past few weeks by enjoying our outdoor space with all things bubbles. The children are learning how to pucker up their lips and blow air out through the bubble wands. This is an interesting concept to learn and aids building the children's facial muscles for future emotion development as well as language development (helping to form different words through the use of their mouths).

The most exciting interest at this time in the Possum Room is artistic experiences. The art trolley has now been completely converted from a sensory table (full of art supplies with different textures, shapes and sizes to initially explore) to an art trolley for the use in our projects. The children are now understanding that these materials are for use at the art table and the children have been exploring their interest in pasting with these supplies.

This interest has continued to flow into projects around the room such as our Possum Room Ocean which is hanging on the ceiling. We have now created Jellyfish, pufferfish, seahorse and now our octopus. These projects teach the children about how we can all work together to create something bigger than ourselves when we cooperate and work together respectfully. These types of projects allow educators to continue to develop positive language between peers, role model sharing and turn taking and encourage children making good choices. When other children see this type of interaction, they in turn will try to mimic this behaviour and develop their own positive language skills.

Another artistic project we have started was the spontaneous pasting and painting experiences. Every child in the room has created their own interest, whether it be more for pasting and sticking materials to the glue, or using a tool to paint onto a paper. These projects have been so exciting for the children, we have both activities on display. The pastings are hanging on the Art Gallery wall and the painting were framed out and hanging in the hall way just outside the Possum Room door.

Over the next couple of weeks our room will wrap up the Ocean project and start painting outdoors again using spray bottles with paint water inside. This will allow the children an opportunity to create in a new way, develop more fine muscles in their hand (as they squeeze the trigger on the bottles) and explore how colours can blend together to make new ones.

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

