

# August Reflection 2020

The current extraordinary circumstances in the world have kept the Possum Room children and educators on their toes.

The first week began with its normal busyness in the Possum Room. The children shared in helping educators with changing out some of the experiences for the new program changes. Exploring the new activities like the home corner and car/community play spaces has been exciting to watch.

Our group time space has also taken on a transformation which the children are enjoying with spontaneous teddy bear picnics and sing along to the CDs. The children seem to consistently enjoy when the outdoor yard equipment is shifted and rearranged. Finding new ways to manipulate the changed spaces becomes a race. Who can be the first to find and play with the new experiences available for exploring?

The wetter weather means our sandpit is in prime conditions for creating and building sand castles so out came all the buckets, shovels and special shape moulds for practicing our castle building skills. This is an important sensory tool which the Possum Children explore daily, regardless of what experience has been created there. Building sand castles takes some strategy and helps the children learn about following instructions. Mirroring patting the sand tight into the container and tapping it with "a little magic" to make it just perfect takes patience and skill, which majority of the children are eager to perfect.

The next week has brought us to new restrictions for Covid-19 and this presents us with new challenges as well as opportunities to connect with the Possum Children. For the foreseeable future the Possum and Joey rooms will be combined which allows for the children more opportunities to play more together.

The educators have some interesting things planning for the children of the Possum Room, both here and those children staying home. Be safe and we will see everyone soon. In the meantime, watch this space!



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Quality Area 1, Educational Program and  
Practice and Quality Area 1 Program and  
Practice and TRCC Philosophy