The Launch Pad
Early Child Development & Parenting Centre

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Giving our children the skills to soar

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Launch from Home

Sensory Activities

Sensory activities are a favorite with children. They can be calming or exciting, help to develop fine motor skills and express emotion. Playdough is a favourite and is wonderful on its own or with added toys, or items you gather on your nature walk. Water play needs to be supervised well and you should be prepared with aprons, towels and a plastic drop sheet. Children love to pour, mix, see what sinks or floats etc You can set these up inside or outdoors– and add plastic animals or cars.

Try the Kinetic Sand (below). You can add small toys, pop cycle sticks, small containers and always have a drop sheet (plastic table cloth)
Having a plastic bin for each child is usually best unless you are using a large container. Other items to try—oatmeal, corn kernels, rice, beans, water

Sensory activities can keep children busy and happy for long periods of time

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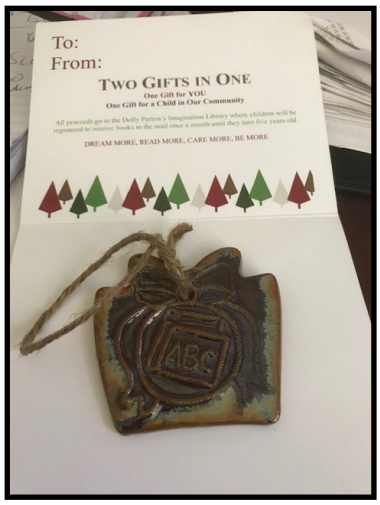
How to Make Kinetic Sand Sensory Recipe:

Combine ***1/2 cup flour*** with ***1/2 cup cornmeal***. Then mix in ***1 Tbsp. oil*** (any kind) and ***1 Tbsp. corn syrup***.

CALENDAR

Tuesday October 13 Video on Facebook Making handprint of family and turning them into turkeys	**Wednesday October 14** Music "Live" on Kids Can Fly Facebook page at 10:00 AM **weather permitting music and story will be held in the park each week** Story: The Family Book by Todd Parr	**Thursday October 15 ZOOM** link posted on facebook What am I grateful for ? Sharing Making finger paint and painting together with Lucy and Jane
Tuesday October 20 Video on Facebook Raking leaves , Looking at all the changes outdoors Cutting and gluing leaves on tree	**Wednesday October 21** Music "Live" on Kids Can Fly Facebook page at 10:00 AM Story : The Scarecrow by Jane Yolen	**Thursday October 22 Zoom** link posted on facebook Story: Therre was an old Lady Who Swallowed some Leaves activity with leaves in kit
Tuesday October 27 Video Pumpkin carving with Lucy and Jane Roasting our seeds and pumpkin	**Wednesday October 28** Music "Live" on Kids Can Fly Facebook page at 10:00 AM Hallowe'en songs, dress up Story: Spooky Hour by Tony Mitten	**Thursday October 29 Zoom** Show and tell Hallowe'en costumes Hallowe'en danceathon
Tuesday November 3 Making vegetable face snacks using fresh fruits and vegetables 	**Wednesday November 4** Music "Live" on Kids Can Fly Facebook page at 10:00 AM Story: The Bear Went Over the Mountain by Iza Trapinini	**Thursday November 5 Zoom** link posted on facebook Game: I thinking of something that is _____(clue)
November 10 Video Creating/making our squirrel , gather seeds from outdoor and sing song	**Wednesday November 11** Music "Live" on Kids Can Fly Facebook page at 10:00 AM Story: The Secret Life of Squirrels by Nancy Rose	**Thursday November 12 Zoom** Playing and a song about a squirrel Sharing our collections of leaves and seeds from outdoors



Kids Can Fly sells handcrafted pottery Christmas ornaments each year to raise money for the Imagination Library program. They are made and donated by Donn Zver. The cost is $10 each. They make a lovely teacher gift, stocking stuffer or collectors item as the shape changes each year. Speak to Jane re ordering or email admin@kidscanfly.ca

Help us to raise funds so we can continue the Imagination Library to benefit the children of Brantford—Brant!

EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TRICK OR TREATING—IT IS FUN FOR YOUR CHILD TO DRESS UP. PERHAPS YOU COULD MAKE A COSTUME TOGETHER AND BUILD IT AROUND DRAMATIC PLAY?

Get Outside to Enjoy the Fall Weather

Both you and your children will benefit from spending time outdoors. Sunny autumn days are perfect for stroller walks to enjoy nature as she changes. Bundle everyone up and visit a farmers market, go apple picking, exploring or play in the leaves. Invest in some rain gear and warm play clothing for you and the kids so you can go outdoors every day. There are so many things to investigate as the seasons change and children thrive on spending time in nature. Bring some nature inside to investigate. Collect leaves, nuts, stones, pinecones and use in crafts and sensory bins.

FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS

5 little pumpkins
Sitting by the gate.
The first one said
OH MY it's getting late.
The second one said
There are witches in the air.
The third one said
But we don't care!
The fourth one said lets run and run and run.
The fifth one said
Let's have some fun!
OOOOOOOOH went the wind
And out went the light
And 5 little pumpkins rolled quickly out of sight!!

Song List for October/ November

The month is October with leaves falling down ,
That once were all yellow and orange and brown
substitute different colours in the verse
The red leaves are *floating* are floating are floating
The red leaves are floating all over the ground
floating, blowing, spiraling, swirling

A very old witch was stirring her pot
OOOOOOOOOO
Two little ghosts said
"What has she got.?"
OOOOOOOOOO
Tip toe, tip toe, tip toe
Boo !

I shut the door and lock it tight
I hide the key right out of sight
I find the key to open the door
And I turn and I turn and turn once more
And then I open the door
(creeeek)

IN A DARK LITTLE TOWN THERE WAS A DARK LITTLE HOUSE
AND IN THE DARK LITTLE HOUSE THERE WAS A DARK LITTLE ROOM
IN THE DARK LITTLE ROOM THERE WAS A WARM LITTLE BED
IN THE WARM LITTLE BED WAS YOU! **BOO!**
LA LA LALALALALALA, LALALALALALA
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