

April Family Drop-in Schedule and Activities

APRIL IS CELEBRATE DIVERSITY MONTH, NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH AND AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH.
LET'S CELEBRATE THE AMAZING DIVERSITY OF OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES AND VOLUNTEERS TOGETHER!

Daily schedule Monday to Saturday from 9:30-12:30 pm:

9:30-9:45 welcome and socialize

9:45-10:25 children's activity

10:30-11:00 circle time

11-11:45: children's activity

11:45-12:15 informal social time

Daily schedule Wednesday pm program from 3:30-5:00 pm

3:30-3:45: welcome and socialize

3:45-4:30: children's activity

4:30-5:00 pm: circle time

New this Month! Get Ready for Science Saturdays!

April's Saturday Drop-in Activities will focus on science!

* Some of these activities will require close adult supervision.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL'S ACTIVITY KITS:

Wednesday, April 14: Paper Mache Bird Nests

Wednesday, April 21: Flower Chains for the Hindu Spring celebration of Ram Navami!

Friday, April 23: Spring Baskets.

Tuesday, April 27: Sticky Contact Art.

Monday, April 26: Thank You Volunteers Card!!!

CMCP will be putting together April activity kits that you can register for starting April 7 and pick up starting April 09. To register for an activity kit, just email Mehmet at mtitiz@cmcp.ca

Thursday, April 1: Easter Egg Decorate and Hunt!!!!

9:45-10:25: Easter Egg Decorating - You will need: 4 - 6 white hard-boiled eggs, food coloring (or a little liquid paint), 3 - 4 plastic containers, metal spoons, crayons, markers, paper towels or some rags. Let's experiment with some different ways to decorate our Easter eggs! **Don't forget** to cover your work surface with newsprint and have a rag ready to clean up messes.

11:00-12:15: Easter Egg Hunt – (Or “anything” hunt). Let's take turns hiding our eggs within our zoom screens. Our friends count to ten (no peeking!); and then we can find the eggs!

Friday, April 2: World Autism Day!

Sorry friends! The Virtual drop-in is closed for the Easter Long Weekend

Saturday April, 3:

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Monday April, 5:

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Tuesday, April 6: Circle Time will focus on stories about famous Autistics!

9:45-10:25: World Autism Awareness Puzzle Heart Design - Let's celebrate World Autism Awareness month by creating our own Heart Puzzles and reminding everyone how we can promote awareness, take action, and support inclusion. You need: construction paper, card stock or cardboard from a cereal box, markers or crayons, magazines or your own pictures, decorations, glue and scissors.

11:00-12:15: Book Reading Together! Let's celebrate inclusion by having everyone read a book together and/or take turns reading! What is your favourite book?

Wednesday (am), April 7: This Week's Literacy Circle will focus on Celebrating Diversity!

9:45-10:25: A Rainbow of Diversity! - To create your "Rainbow of Diversity" you will need: a variety of art materials in a rainbow of colours, large piece of paper, scissors, glue, or any other materials you want to use!.

11:00-12:15: Diversity Dance! We can explore a wide variety of music and dance from around the world! We can get dressed up in our traditional party clothes to dance together.

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3:45-4:25: A Rainbow of Diversity! - Let's create our very own "Rainbow of Diversity"! You will need: a variety of art materials in a rainbow of colours, large piece of paper, scissors, glue, or any other materials you want to use to make your rainbow! Remember to cover your work surface with newsprint and have a rag ready to clean up messes.

Thursday, April 8:

9:45-10:25- Blanket Fort Camping- Using blankets, tables, chairs and other household items we will create our very own fort! What will you use? Let's help each other problem solve during construction, then take turns showing what we made and how!

11:00-12:15- Blanket Fort Camping continued! - Let's play pretend! We'll pack our bags for a camping trip and bring our favorite toys; hike through the forest and row, row, row our boats all the way to our tents. What sorts of animals will we encounter along the way?

Friday, April 9:

9:45-10:25: Make a Train; Count the Cars! - You will need: 3-6 Cardboard tubes (paper towel or toilet paper rolls work great!), string, yarn or pipe cleaners, white glue, plastic bottle caps, markers, or paint. How many cars will your train have?

11:00-12:15: Soccer, Count and Kick- You will need: a piece of scrap paper crumpled up into a ball, something to use as a net (cardboard box, or two objects for goal posts), a piece of paper and a marker. We can kick our ball into the net! We'll tally up our goals with the paper and marker. How many goals will you score?

Science Saturday, April 10: 9:45-10:25- Color Scavenger Hunt- You will need: paper, markers (or crayons). Let's draw out a scavenger hunt sheet using our colors, then search around the house together to find items that match these colors. Ready, set, GO!

11:00- 12:15- Color Science- You will need: 3-5 clear plastic containers, a jug of water, red, yellow and blue food coloring or paint, towels for spills, spoons for mixing, newspapers to cover the work surface. Let's pretend to be scientists and mix water with colors; then we can make secondary colors by mixing the colors together!

Monday, April 12: First Day of Ramadan – begins at sundown and ends May 11

9:45-10:25: Ramadan Moon and Star Collage - A new moon marks the beginning of Ramadan, a month of prayer, fasting and good works. So let's start the month of Ramadan with a collage of the night sky. You need: various colours construction paper, Glue, scissors, and any other decorative bits to add sparkle to your night sky.

11:00-12:15: Spring Stretching - We can use our bodies to imagine that we are elements of nature unfolding all around us! Rain is falling; birds are flying; and the wind is blowing in the trees. What signs of spring are you seeing in your neighborhood? Let's stretch and pretend we are part of nature!

Tuesday, April 13:

Join Jerry, from the 519 for a Glitterbug Circle; followed by Share and Play time for 2nd Activity
Today begins the Sikh New Year – Baisakhi, a Harvest festival that involves taking a dip in the sacred Ganges River!

9:45-10:25 - River of Gratitude- You will need: blue construction paper, markers and a variety of art materials of your choice! We'll be tracing our arm onto blue paper to form the river, then we'll use crayons, markers or paint to decorate and draw some fish; finally, we will think about things we are grateful for and have our adults help us to write them down on each of the fish.

11:00-12:15: Share and Play Time with Glitterbug!

Wednesday (am), April 14:

This week's Literacy Circle will focus on Birds and their nesting habits!

9:45-10:25: Paper Mache Birds' Nests - Let's create our very own bird's nest! You will need: a soup bowl, saran wrap, white glue, a brush, a plastic container, and a variety of nesting

materials (yarn, thread, shredded paper, feathers...) Remember to cover your work surface with newsprint and have a rag ready to clean up messes. **Don't forget to register for an April Activity kit to get the materials you'll need to complete this activity!**

11:00-12:15: Nature Count and Move! How do the trees move in the wind? Can you fly like a bird? How many petals can you count as they open from their buds? Let's share our favourite spring nature music, moves, and motions; counting our way into Spring!

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Thursday, April 15:

We acknowledge and celebrate Deaf History Month - March 13- April 15

– Join us for a Circle Time featuring sign language songs & stories!

9:45-10:25: "I love Play" ASL Sign Poster - You will need: Construction paper, glue, scissors, and anything else you would like to create with. We'll trace and cut out our hands using construction paper; then fold down the 2 middle fingers to make the sign for "play" Glue the "play" sign onto the middle of a large piece of construction paper and then embellish to show all the ways you love to play! Adults support with printing words to go with the pictures.

11:00-12:15: Sign language Story Time and Pretend! We'll share a short story using ASL sign language and then use our ASL signs and our whole bodies to act out the story!

Friday, April 16:

9:45-10:25: Nature and Water; Count and Discover! – For this activity you will need a bin of water, a towel to cover your work surface, rags to clean up spills, and a variety of nature items Leaves, rocks, twigs, feathers, shells...even fruit and veggies will work. Go on a scavenger hunt in your backyard or to a park to find what you will need. How many pinecones can you find?

11:00-12:15: Learn Shapes with Sticks - Let's make some shapes with the sticks we found in our backyard/parks. How many sticks can you find? What shapes can you make? Can you spell your name using sticks?

Science Saturday, April 17th

9:45-10:25: Dinosaur Stomp and Play - Let's look up different types of dinosaurs and pick our favorites. Then we'll stomp around, sing about dinosaurs and play pretend. Do you have any books about dinosaurs that you'd like to share?

11:00-12:15; Vinegar and Baking soda Volcano- You will need: vinegar, baking soda, small and large plastic containers, towels to clean up any spills, newspaper to cover your work surface, (optional: food color or paint). Let's mix baking soda and vinegar to create a volcano eruption!

Monday, April 19: 9:45-10:25: Animal Washing Station- You will need: a large bowl, water, soap, plastic toy animals, a sponge (or a washing brush, like an old tooth brush or dish washing brush), and a towel for spills. Give your animal toys a good bath; then dry them with a towel!

11:00-12:15: Animal Yoga- What is your favorite animal? Let's stretch our bodies into different animal yoga positions!

Tuesday, April 20:

9:45-10:25: Make a Bunny or a Chick Pizza snack with Donia! - You will need: whole wheat English muffin (or bread of your choice), pizza sauce, grated cheese, veggie toppings of child's choice (ie...sweet peppers, olives, tomato, zucchini, carrot...), chopping block, child-safe knife, and a cookie sheet. Let's decorate our pizzas to look like chicks and bunnies!

11:00-12:15: Play and Pretend Cooking: We'll continue the cooking fun, and pretend that we are chefs and can create all kinds of wonderful recipes for our friends. We can also sing songs, rhymes and read some books related to cooking and eating food!

Wednesday (am), April 21: Wednesday's are Literacy Circles. This week we'll focus on Spring! Today is Ram Navami, the Hindu Spring Celebration of Lord Rama's Birth

9:45-10:25: Flower Chains for Ram Navami! – Let's make flower chains to decorate our homes for this Hindu Spring Festival! You will need: construction paper, scissors, glue stick, and pipe-cleaners. How many flowers did you make? **Don't forget to register for an April Activity kit to get the materials you'll need to complete this activity!**

11:00-12:15: Flower Grow and Dance - We can practice our dancing, twirling, and growing movements as we move to the rhythms of traditional Indian music!

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Thursday, April 22: Let's Celebrate Earth Day Today!!!

9:45-10:25- Bug Hotels- You will need: Recyclables, such as boxes, egg carton, plastic containers, paper scraps...you will also need: glue, tape, and string. Bug hotels can help local pollinator insects by providing them with shelter and protection.

11:00-12:15- Sorting Recycling- Let's look through our recycling bin and sort out the paper/cardboard, plastic, glass and metal. We'll observe the differences between each of the materials. Can you spot something that may have two or more different materials in it? Do you have any ideas for other ways we could use recycled materials?

Friday, April 23:

9:45-10:25: Spring Baskets - We will make a spring basket to collect nature things when we go to the park. You will need: popsicle sticks, brown paper bag, pipe cleaners, glue, scissors, and assorted items to decorate your basket. **Don't forget to register for an April Activity kit to get the materials you'll need to complete this activity!**

11:00-12:15: Animal Dance Party - Do you want to dance like your favorite animals? Well, get up and get your body moving as we dance to our favourite animal theme songs!

Science Saturday, April 24th

9:45-10:25: Spring time yoga- We will stretch our bodies like animals, grow from a seed into a tree, and stand strong like a mountain.

11:00-12:15- Hand washing science- You will need: a plate, some water, a pepper grinder or some other dark spice, dish soap. This simple but powerful experiment will help us understand how soap works to clean and rid our hands of germs!

Monday, April 26: April is Celebrate Volunteers Month!

9:45-10:25: Thank You Volunteers Card!!! - You will need: card stock, markers, crayons, glue, scissors, and a variety of collage materials. Let's decorate a beautiful card to give to our **CMCP volunteers!** Let's hold up our cards to take a screen shot we can share with all of our amazing volunteers! **Find the materials you need for this activity in your April Activity Kit!!!**

11:00-12:15: Kitchen Musical Instruments - Let's look around the house and in the kitchen to find things we can make sounds with. Grab some pots, pans, and plastic tubs too! We will use our hands or a wooden spoon to create a beat like real musicians! What sounds can we make?

Tuesday, April 27:

9:45-10:25: Contact Sticky Art- You will need: Sticky contact sheets (clear packing tape also works well), a tray or cookie sheet, tape, and bits of scrap paper, string or yarn, tissue paper, or any other materials to stick onto the contact sheets **Find the materials you need for this activity in your April Activity Kit!!!**

11:00-12:15: Where's the toy? Alphabet Memory game- Our staff will place a small toy under one of three alphabet cups; then they will mix them around, can you remember which cup the toy is under? Let's take turns guessing, and hiding the toy! Is it under the A, C, or B cup?

Wednesday (am), April 28: This week's Literacy Circles will focus on Outer Space!

9:45-10:25: 5 Little Babies in a Flying Saucer - You will need: a paper dinner plate (or the back of a cereal box cut into a flying saucer shape), aluminum foil, construction paper, glue, tape, scissors, and markers. Let's make a Flying Saucer with 5 little baby faces in the windows!

11:00-12:15: Zoom, Zoom to the Moon...to the Sun...to Jupiter....and beyond! – Let's take turns to roll the dice (if you have) We'll count the number it landed on and then do a "count-down" (or a count-up) to blast off into outer space!

Wednesday (pm), April 28: Developmental/Communication Screening with Staff

3:30-4:30: Join our Drop-in staff to get an introduction to these 2 developmental screening tools. The Nipissing Developmental Screen is available for a range of ages and stages starting at 0 through to 6 years of age. The Early Abilities Communication checklist focuses on language development and milestones for children from 2 months to 4 years. Register for this developmental/communication session by emailing Durriya at dkhambati@cmcp.ca

Thursday, April 29:

9:45-10:25: Play Dough Fossils - You will need: plastic animals, bugs or dinosaur toys, play dough, rocks, sticks, and shells. We'll make fossils using our toys, rocks, sticks and shells!

11:00-12:15: Dinosaur Stomp and Play- Let's look up different types of dinosaurs and pick our favorites; then we can stomp around, sing and pretend to be dinosaurs. Do you have any books about dinosaurs that you'd like to share?

Friday, April 30:

9:45-10:25: Four Season Handprint Tree – Let's make handprint trees to appreciate the seasons of the year. You need: construction paper, scissors, markers or paint, and glue sticks.

11:00-12:15: Happiness Dance Party - Spring is a season that makes us very happy; and when we are happy... we want to dance! Let's all share our favorites songs and take turns DJing! What is your favourite song?