

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Renewal Inspection

Pursuant to section 21 of the *Early Childhood Services Act*, operators of licensed early learning and childcare facilities must post their most recent inspection report in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility.

Name of operator The Preschool Centre Inc.	Licence Number 508114	Inspection Date October 23, 2023	
Facility Name The Preschool Centre on Clark Street		Telephone Number (506) 458-8981	
Address 125 Clark Street Fredericton NB E3A 2W8			
Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Laura Casey		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
39(2) A licensed facility shall have a separate locked storage space that is inaccessible to the children for each of the following: (a) toxic products, chemical products and cleaning supplies;	39(2)(a)	Oct 23, 2023	Oct 23, 2023
Comments: Administrator placed in locked cupboard during the inspection. Deficiency is now compliant.			

General Comments

Upon Licensing staff arrival, the 3-year-old class and the 4-year-old class were getting ready to outside. The 3-year-old class set up a station in the front of the building to explore the inside of pumpkins. Kind words were heard to encourage the children to touch the pumpkin seeds and scoop out the inside. After spending some time with the pumpkins, Educators were observed conducting a headcount before leaving the front of the building and before going through the gate into the outdoor play space.

The preschool age outdoor play space is large and consists of many different stations. The children were observed playing in a sandbox with toys, on swings, using the permanent play structure, climbing on a wooden platform around a large tree, and in pipe tunnels. Educators were engaged with the children and were spread out to maintain sight lines. An Educator was observed collecting leaves with some children and asking them to search for red leaves. The children were excited to take part in the activity. In the toddler and infant outdoor play space, children were observed jumping in small puddles, playing on the wooden train structure and with balls. Educators were also spread out to maintain clear sight lines and were engaged with the children. First aid backpacks from each group were taken outdoors and hung up.

The indoor spaces were clean and tidy. In each of the rooms, age-appropriate toys were organized in bins with labels and easily accessible to children. As a reminder, please remove ripped and torn books on the shelves and ensure new replacement books are in good condition. In the infant and toddler rooms, children were observed enjoying the large mirrors on the wall and using the cozy corners. The children were also playing with balls, a soft climber and sensory wall toys. Educators were playing with the children on the floor at their level and were engaged. Family photos, children's artwork, and current learning stories were on display throughout each of the rooms and children's belongings were organized with their names.

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During the inspection, lunch time was observed. The posted menu in the main entry coincided with what the children had for lunch; macaroni and cheese, cucumbers, and clementines. Educators sat with the children and positive child guidance was observed. After lunch, the younger children went for a nap and the rooms were calm and played soft music. Educators were observed sitting on the floor rubbing backs to help the children fall asleep and in the infant space, Educators sat quietly in the main room.

Later in the afternoon, while the other groups continued to nap, the 4-year-old children had fun doing a Halloween activity. An Educator used the coloured tiles on the floor to group the children together and the children then took turns wrapping each other in toilet paper pretending to be a mummy. After the activity, children were observed painting, playing with Lego and K'nex and other open ended material.

Child and staff files were in order and contained all required documentation. Three Educators completed their first aid course over the weekend. As a reminder, please send me a copy of their certificate once received. The main entry parent board was organized and required postings were visible. Smaller parent boards were outside of each room. The daily routine and monthly activity calendar were posted and Fall decorations made the doors and hallways welcoming.

Licensing staff recommends for renewal.

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Laura Casey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

October 23, 2023

Date

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Jennifer Coffin

Signature of Operator/Designate

October 23, 2023

Date