

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Monitoring 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 518003	Inspection Date June 10, 2022	
Facility Name The Preschool Centre		Telephone Number (506) 458-8982	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Megan Munden		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected

General Comments

When I arrived for the monitoring visit this morning, all groups were preparing to go outside. The 2's and 3's were travelling to a park at UNB and the other groups were going to the outdoor play space at the centre.

I was greeted by administrators and given an update on the painting and renovations that are planned for the centre.

All washrooms were checked and were clean. The mops and buckets are being stored away from these areas. Diapering areas were also checked and are clean and organized. I observed diaper changing for one group and all procedures were being correctly followed.

In the 3/4 year old room, children were listening to a story before going outside. Please refer to your floor measurements to check how many children are allowed in the loft space and ensure that this measurement is being followed at all times. All children present were in the loft during story and even though they were all seated and lots of precautions were taken when children came down the stairs, this is too many for this space. The room has been rearranged since my last visit and the tables by the wall look great. Opens up the space a lot. There were also invitations to play set out on the shelves and these are a wonderful way to use these shelves.

New homemade wooden creations (small benches and kitchens) have been added to many of the spaces and these look great. The 3/4 year old room has a large fig tree added to their space and an herb garden. There was documentation displayed in the room that extended this interest of planting that the children have.

I observed the other groups outside. Please ensure that educators make sure to bring water bottles outside for all groups. Two groups did not have access to their water bottles outside.

Educators remained engaged and spread around the outdoor play space. I observed children playing on the swings and climbing structure, playing in the water table, creating a bug habitat, and playing ball.

The fence has been repaired since the damage from the winter and it is in good condition. Pea gravel has been

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replenished and is spread thoroughly around the yard. Umbrellas were put up on the picnic tables to add extra shade. A new large gazebo is being added with stumps for seating and logs for a pretend fire pit.

Educators worked as a team and were observed interacting with children in other groups.

When checking the downstairs spaces, I did observe some spots that need some cleaning. The TV area in the 4 year old room needs to be dusted and wiped down and the rug needs a thorough vacuuming.

In the afterschool room, the couch is torn and while there is duct tape in two places, it is coming off. This needs to be replaced or better repaired.

The entrance to the afterschoolers/preschool room needs some attention. While waiting for floor and painting, the area still needs a good clean. There is a large collection of outdoor clothing that is spilling over in a container that needs organizing and there was a pile of other miscellaneous items that need to be stored away.

While it is great that the rules of the room have been listed for the children, it is recommended that these be written in a positive way. Instead of "No Hitting, No Running, No Yelling....these should be listed in a way that you would speak them to the children.."Use gentle hands, Use walking feet, etc."

I also recommend that when the other afterschool location closes, that some of the afterschooler resources are added to this space to add to the variety of age appropriate materials for this group.

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Megan Munden

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

June 10, 2022

Date

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Kristine Schuttenbeld

Signature of Operator/Designate

June 10, 2022

Date