



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 Dunn Learning Academy Inc.	Licence Number 2017204	Inspection Date May 27, 2024	
Facility Name Dunn Learning Academy - Montessori/Afterschool Program		Telephone Number (506) 292-1788	
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Laura Casey		Position Title Inspector	
Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected

General Comments

Upon Licensing staff arrival, the preschool age children were getting ready to go outdoors to play as the infants came indoors. The indoor infant play space was clean and organized. Material such as a wooden playhouse, a wooden kitchen with accessories, a building centre, a soft play climber, a cozy reading space with books and musical instruments were all in good condition. There were mirrors on the wall and elements of nature throughout the space. Later in the morning Educators were observed reading stories with children and were engaged in conversation.

The outdoor play spaces for each age group had plenty of play material. Where the infant and 2-year-old outdoor play space is shared, outdoor play time was rotated. The infant/2-year-old outdoor play space had a wooden play climber, a wooden castle and train, cars, shovels, a pretend lawn mower, outdoor baking pans, bowls, and spoons for a mud kitchen as well small bicycles. Children were observed baking a mulch cake with a large bowl, sweeping, and playing on the wooden train. Educators were spread out and gentle reminders to be kind to friends were overheard. In the preschool age outdoor play space, children were observed using the play structures, looking for insects, using outdoor wooden blocks, wooden balance beams and stepping stumps as well as colouring. Educators were actively engaged in conversation with the children, giving hugs, and playing. Before coming indoors for lunch, the children helped clean up the outdoor toys and headcounts were observed before leaving the gate. Sunshades and flower baskets have been added to the space as the weather has become warm. As a reminder, please remove broken plastic toys from the preschool age storage bin.

Once indoors, the preschool age children were observed hanging up their coats, changing their shoes and washing their hands in preparation for lunch. The 2-year-old room and the preschool age rooms were clean and organized. Play material such costumes, art supplies, wooden play kitchens, wooden blocks, cars, large doll houses and dolls were all in good condition. There were bins of open-ended material, loose play pieces and sensory play. Children's artwork and current learning stories were on display as well as family photos and birthday celebrations.

During lunch, children in each room sat together and Educators were observed helping with feeding and packaging when needed. After lunch, the floors were swept and cleaned, tables wiped, and chairs were put away. Transition to nap was smooth for the infants and 2-year-olds. There was evidence of a daily routine,

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soothing music playing, and the rooms were calm. Nap mats with blankets were spaced out in the 2-year-old room and Educators were observed tucking the children in with their blankets. During quiet time, the preschool age children broke off into stations and were observed colouring, playing with Lego, magnet tiles, dominos, looking at hockey cards and doing a large floor puzzle.

After nap and quiet time, proper diaper changing procedures were followed, all nap material was put away, afternoon snack and circle time with an audio story about spring was observed.

When the afterschool age children arrived, they were greeted at the bus stop, attendance was logged, and hand washing was observed. The afterschool outdoor play space had a climbing rope, a ninja line, a hockey net with balls, stepping stumps and an outdoor cozy space with pillows, tables, and books. The indoor space was organized and clean with a foosball table, board games, art supplies, books and Lego.

The parent boards in each room were visible and required documentation was posted. Monthly fire drills, first aid check lists and playground maintenance checks are being recorded. Staff and child files were verified, and all required documentation was present.

Licensing staff recommends for renewal.

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Laura Casey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

May 27, 2024

Date

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Lisa Dunn

Signature of Operator/Designate

May 27, 2024

Date