

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 518003	Inspection Date February 01, 2024	
Facility Name The Preschool Centre		Telephone Number (506) 458-8982	
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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, children were finishing snack and the 4 year old room left for a field trip to the Aitken Centre.

Morning snack time was observed during inspection. The children had english muffins with jam and cream cheese. The Educators were observed sitting with the children and engaging in conversation. After snack, the tables were cleaned, and the floors were swept in each classroom.

Each classroom was tidy and organized. Children's belongings were neatly kept in cubbies with labels and play material such as bins of open-ended sensory toys, dinosaurs, art supplies, trucks, play kitchens, play food and dolls were in good condition. Children's artwork, learning stories, elements of nature and twinkle lights were in each room. As a reminder, please remove ripped or torn books from cozy corners and replace with new books.

Later in the morning, the 3-year-old room played freely with blocks, doctor toys, wooden puzzles, and a play kitchen. During inspection, the Senior Administrator tightened one of the white railings leading to the loft and was observed sitting with the children colouring and engaging in conversation. In the 3/4-year-old classroom, the children sat together for story time and an Educator was observed asking the children about their supper from the night before. The 2-year-old room near the office were observed playing freely with magnet tiles, reading books, drawing, and playing with a hotwheels track and the 2-year-old room near the end of the hall went outside to play.

The outdoor play space for the younger children had shovels, a large pipe tunnel, trucks, wooden play climber with a slide, sleds, and a large wooden playhouse. Gentle reminders were heard about not eating snow and an Educator was observed clearing icicles hanging from the roof as a safety precaution. The first aid kit and attendance sheet was taken outside and Educators were spread out.

Shortly before lunch, the 4-year-old class returned from their field trip to the Aitken Centre. Headcounts were observed while getting off the bus and entering the facility. Each classroom was observed washing their hands before lunch and the menu corresponded with what was being provided. The children sat together in each classroom having rice, fish sticks, cucumbers, and bananas. After lunch, the transition to nap time for the 2-

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year-old classrooms was smooth. The children had their blankets and stuffed animals set out and went to sleep easily. The 3-year-old room, 3/4 year old room and 4-year-old room went outdoors to play. The outdoor play space in the large fenced area had climbing structures, a wooden playhouse, balls, trucks and a pipe tunnel. Children were observed sliding down the side hill laughing and playing with trucks. Educators were spread out to maintain a clear line of sight and were observed offering kind words of encouragement to put mittens and hats back on.

The daily and weekly routines are on display for each classroom near their doors on a large white board and the parent board in the main entry had all required documentation clearly posted. Fire drills and attendance logs are being maintained as well as child profiles contained all required documentation. Positive child guidance was observed in each classroom throughout inspection and staff files were in order.

Licensing staff recommends for renewal.

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Laura Casey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

February 01, 2024

Date

original signed by
June Dunphy

Signature of Operator/Designate

February 01, 2024

Date