



Wolseley Family Place Playroom: Creative and Innovative Child Development

Using the EDI data to prepare children for life and learning

Emotional Maturity

- Attachment focus
- Parents on site
- Developmentally appropriate independence encouraged
- Parenting consultations and classes



"Emotional nurturance is an absolute requirement for healthy neurobiological brain development. Human connections create neuronal connections."

(Dr. Gabor Mate, Dr. Daniel Siegel)



Social Competency

- Lots of free play time to interact and practice social skills
- Trained staff to guide and model social skills
- Francophone playgroup
- Partnering with resource agencies to address children's behaviour challenges



Language & Thinking Skills

- Reggio Emilia approach to learning and teaching
- Books to read, books to make, books to love
- Developmentally appropriate learning centres
- Art for the whole family



"Many learning activities are set up as invitations, and as a result children have both a voice and a choice in their learning. Some invitations are taken up and others are not."

(MASS Journal, Howard Ryant, Spring 2009)



Communication Skills & General Knowledge

- Sign language
- Music therapy - Expressing yourself through music and rhythm
- Resources accessed for specific needs such as speech therapy
- Sensory rich environment



Physical Health and Well-being

- Movement activities
- Family swim
- Daily nutritious snacks
- Health education
- Children in nature (part of MNACC)



Encourage the wonder of nature and a curiosity to learn
Bring nature in to explore the outdoors with your family

"Children are disappearing from the outdoors at a rate that would make them top of any conservationist's list of endangered species if they were any other member of the animal kingdom."

(Tim Gill)



Resources for Parents

- Respite service
- Supervised visitation facilities
- Parenting workshops