

# Sundance Daycare Newsletter September 2016



## Child Development

Our past topic '**Insects and Spiders**' engaged children's learning through examining live house crickets and super worms, viewing spider webs and a wasps nest, and creating fingerprint/stamp bug art. This week we presented a new learning topic- "**Babies**". The children have expressed interest in babies when playing family roles in the house centre, visiting infants when they come to pick up siblings at the centre and sharing stories about their families. Some activities planned include: washing baby clothes in art center, making baby food, diapering and bottle feeding baby dolls. Take a look at our planning poster beside daycare entrance which includes learning outcomes and activities planned.

SunDance Day Care is excited to announce two new partnerships with **Zumba Kids** and the **GRIT Program** -ASaP Continuum Project.

**Zumba® Kids** classes will feature kid-friendly routines based on original **Zumba®** choreography. Instructors Gabrielle Dumont and Jennifer Babits will break down the steps, add games, activities and cultural exploration elements into the class structure. Zumba Kids will visit the centre twice a month to help develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of the children's lives by making fitness fun.

**The GRIT Program** (Getting Ready for Inclusion Today) has received funding from Alberta Human Services to work with SunDance Day Care staff to support children's social and emotional development. The project will provide services to ensure Access, Supports and Participation for quality inclusive environments for all children.

## Sundance Daycare Important Dates

- **September 5<sup>th</sup> - Closed** Labour Day Holiday
- **September 9<sup>th</sup> - Family Breakfast Club**  
- Pancakes with fruit topping (6:30-10 am)
- **September 13 & 27 Zumba Kids** visits 10:15-11:15 am

## Community Events

Zumba Lethbridge- @ South Minister Church-Weekly classes <http://www.zumbalethbridge.com/class-schedule.html>

The 6th annual Lethbridge **The Word On The Street Festival**, run September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a jam packed lineup including over 30 Canadian authors, bands, comedians, poets and storytellers across five stages. Info:

<http://visitlethbridge.com/mobile/event.asp?EventID=3613>

**GRIT Program** (ASAP Project's Pyramid Model) <http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu>

## Reminders:

- **One month written notice to end child care agreement.**
- Ensure Change of play clothes and shoes for exploring, experimenting and getting messy!
- Childcare Fees are due the **1<sup>st</sup> of each month.**

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to schedule a parent/teacher meeting please contact us by:

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