

# River Parkway Children's Centre

## NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas Holidays

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
DEC 17 OPEN 7:30 – 5:30	DEC 18 OPEN 7:30 – 5:30	DEC 19 OPEN 7:30 – 5:30	DEC 20 OPEN 7:30 – 5:30	DEC 21 OPEN 7:30 – 5:30
DEC 24 CLOSED	DEC 25 CLOSED	DEC 26 CLOSED	DEC 27 CLOSED	DEC 28 CLOSED
DEC 31 CLOSED	JAN 1 CLOSED			

### A Discovery with Reading for All By Roslyn Walker

Recently I read a book that was both informative and thought provoking. The book was titled "READING PICTURE BOOKS WITH TO YOUR CHILD." The author was Megan Dowd Lambert; in association with The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art. That there was such a museum was my first lesson in reading this book. I was unaware that such a museum existed. A museum that I would love to visit.

The author's approach to reading books with children encompasses "the whole book approach." This is different than the usual way adults read picture books to young children. I will try to pin point the salient points that I found to be most thought provoking and essential to a R.E.C.E.

Reading a picture book WITH rather than "to" children is vastly different.

This "whole book approach" encourages everyone to "look" at the picture book from the front cover to the back cover. It is also important to look at the end paper (paper which is attached to the front and the back cover of a book). Everything is an integral and important part of the story. Young children will be able to "see" how the art work is important to the reading experience. Young children will be able to do this on their own terms.

Dowd Lambert refers to reading with young children as a triangular relationship between child, adult and book. The book being discovered is the anchor, ideas flowing between all involved. The author encourages open ended questions such as "what" "why" rather than close ended questions. This encourages the young child and adult to think critically about what they are seeing with their eyes. I have often amazed by a young child picking out the tiniest artistic detail on a page of a book. A good example of this way of reading with young children is "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". The colours of the butterfly are the exact same colours as the food that was eaten. The art on the cover of the book is an invitation to explore the book.

Dowd Lambert is a proponent to "slow down and look" at the art as well as the text. As adults we can assist a child to be literary critics of a book. We can ask children what they think will happen by looking at the art work on the cover and end paper of a book. Two books that are excellent for beginning to use with "the whole book approach" are "Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".

Happy reading WITH your child.

We plan to have a Christmas Raffle. Do you know anyone who would donate items for the raffle?



Having a hard time thinking about Christmas ideas....

River Parkway is having a QSP Magazine Fundraiser. (You can order online until November 15 at [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca) Group ID 5527296)

### PROGRAMMING NEWS

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

MUSIC & MOVEMENT PROGRAM with Maya Ethier:

9:30 – 10:00 Toddler 1 & 2

10:00 – 10:30 Juniors & Seniors

November 9<sup>th</sup> A librarian from the Carlingwood Branch of the Ottawa Public Library will visit us for STORYTIME.

November 12<sup>th</sup> We will talk about REMEMBRANCE DAY and reflect on the sacrifices made by many Canadians.



November 17<sup>th</sup> The First Unitarian Congregation will hold its Fall Fair on Saturday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. There are usually great bargains in clothing, books, handicrafts, toys, etc.



November 20<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CHILD DAY:

It's a time for all Canadians - children, teenagers and adults - to appreciate children, to learn from them and to show them how much we care.

The HEARTSTRING is the symbol of National Child Day. It is a sign of the love shared between adults and children themselves. It's a simple way to show that children matter! The HEARTSTRING also serves to remind us to think about how we see children, how we treat them and how we can improve their well-being every day of the year on the 20<sup>th</sup>.



At River Parkway, we will celebrate NATIONAL CHILD DAY by serving a special lunch and snack.

### STUDENTS

We have 1 Algonquin student from the Bachelor of Early Learning and Community Development program. **Emily Farr**, a second-year student, is with Trudy every Wednesday.

We will also have 1 first-year ECE student from Algonquin. **Rachel Hobbs** will be with Roslyn in the Toddler 1 room, from November 13<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Roslyn and family following the loss of her mother in October.



