



# Treasure Our Young Ones Child Care Centre

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learning about nutrition. ☺ Miss Bree made smelly mint play dough with the group and the children got to take some home. The children have also planted a bunch of seeds in the classroom and have been examining the root systems and talking about how seeds grow and what plants need to live. As an extension to this activity, we have been taking our sprouted seeds to the next door community garden where the children have been busily weeding and planting their garden. So far we have blueberries, peas, arugula and carrots growing. On one of our local neighborhood walks, we were excited to discover a local pond complete with beaver dam, beaver parents and beaver babies ☺ This has been a great source of excitement and we keep going back to check it out.

**In the Infant/Toddler Room,** Miss Lisa and Miss Chloe made a growth chart with the children—we look forward to tracking how much the little ones are growing in their time with us ☺ We have a new baby in the I/T room and this has pushed the children’s interest in babies over the moon. We now have a couple of baby dolls and our little friends are being excellent caregivers, wrapping them in blankets and feeding them. This is only secondary though to all the attention to the REAL baby, so we have been working a lot on gentle touches (“klooth klooth ah ee”-gentle and “klooth klooth ah nook”-gentle hands).

***Why do we report on the past month’s activities instead of what is coming up? Simple ☺ We believe in following the interest and excitement of the children. A responsive teacher observes a child’s interest and provides experiences that enhance and allow it to grow and blossom. This is how children learn best—by learning about what excites them when they are interested in it.***

#### AQUARIUM FIELDTRIP

On July 11th we took the 3-5 group to the Aquarium and had a blast! We got to see many different forms of sea life, learn about our natural habitats and experience touching some of the creatures in the touch tanks. Miss Bree got donuts from the donut shop and we had a picnic at the park complete with dessert! Because this was SO successful, we hope to plan many more outings in the future!

