

“Don’t look back. We’re not going that way!”



Step into new beginnings.....

Here’s to outdoors! Bringing literacy outdoors

With the warm weather here and the opening of summer programs, more time is spent outdoors. Here is an idea for bringing literacy outdoors. Although these took place indoors, both lend themselves to being performed outdoors! There are also other simple stories which lend themselves to being acted out.

Wedding off after dragon attacks castle, kidnaps Prince!!!

During the March break program at Peterborough Family Resource Centre’s Antrim St. location, two famous books were brought to life. First was the retelling of Robert Munch’s famous story ‘The Paper Bag Princess’. Local educator Bonnie Kimmitt played the castle-destroying dragon who takes away the prince. Prince Ronald was played by PFRC staff Rick Sloukji. ECE student and local actor/musician, Hannah Bailey played the role of Elizabeth. She sets off to find Ronald and deceives the dragon, only to see Ronald’s true colours! They do not get married after all!



There was then a performance of the classic story of ‘Caps for Sale’ by Esphyr Slobodkina. The pedlar was played by Bonnie while her four grandchildren, played the monkeys dressed with tails and ears made from stuffed stockings. The children in the audience delighted in trying to help the pedlar find his missing caps while the monkeys chattered in the tree above.



Other resources for the outdoors:

- [Ready...Set...Wonder! Nature Prompts for the Early Learning & Care Educator](#)
- [8 Science based reasons for letting your kid play outdoors](#) : Parent.co website / April 18
- [Mud Kitchens](#): ‘Muddy Faces’ web blog
- [International Mud Day](#): World Forum Foundation - June 29



Congratulations go out to the following people:

- Martha Friendly for her recent honorary degree from Trent University in recognition of her contribution to child care in Ontario and beyond.
- Lorrie Baird RECE, the 2015 alumna of distinction at Fleming College
- Susan Scoffin RECE on her election to the College of ECE Council

Announcing!!

Investing In Quality is joining the digital age! We are now on Facebook and on Twitter. As part of the strategic planning process which occurred over this past year, IIQ is committed to offering up-to-date information in the field of early learning and care and in our own community.

You can check us out at:

- Facebook: [Investing In Quality Peterborough](#)
- Twitter: [@iiqpeterborough](#)

Dietary and program staff had the opportunity to learn more about using and growing herbs and container gardening with Jill Bishop from the Peterborough Community Gardening Network. They each made a planter with herbs and then had a cooking demonstration with Elaine McCarthy at the Superstore..... with a little tasting, too!



Upcoming Professional Opportunities

Outdoor Learning: Nature Play

Join Adam and Jill Bienenstock for a full day on **Saturday, October 3** looking at ways to connect children with nature and activities to offer them. There will be time spent looking at designing outdoor spaces and time spent outdoors as well. For more information visit the IIQ website: [details](#)

How Does Learning Happen?: Interested in becoming more familiar with the new pedagogy? This 3 part series will take a closer look. Join us to explore the four foundations, reflective practice and how they link to your program and practice. **Dates:** Mondays Sept. 21, October 19 and November 30.

Observation and Documentation: This 3 part series explores observation, interpretation and documentation of children's play and learning. Relevant to educators working with all ages of children in early learning and care settings. **Dates:** Tuesdays Sept. 29, Oct 27 and Nov. 24.

It's Child's Play and it Matters

City of Kawartha Lakes 4th Annual Conference: November 6 and 7
For more information visit: www.communitylivingkl.ca

ECE Recognition and Appreciation evening ...Save the date! Wednesday November 18 2015. Join us for an evening of celebration, recognition and inspiration. Watch for further details and registration.

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