

Dear Toddler Families,

Working from home with a busy toddler is super difficult! We've put together some simple activities to help keep your little one occupied beside you as you attempt to get some work done.

Just a reminder! If you are attempting the water activities, place a bath towel on the floor then place the bin of water on top to prevent a water mess everywhere. Remind your toddler to keep the water in the bin and gentle splashing. Provide your toddler clear warnings if they become too silly the activity will be over. Then encourage your toddler to help wipe and clean up once the activity is done!

Some families were thinking of toilet training during this time at home with your child. If you like any ideas or tips please do not hesitate to e-mail me and I will try my best to support you. We strongly encourage all families to try their best to follow the daily schedule of the toddler program and continue regular routines at home to make the transition back to daycare as smoothly as possible.

We miss the toddlers very much! We hope all our families are doing well and staying safe during this time. We look forward to returning soon to work with your toddler again.

Macaulay thanks all parents/guardians for their patience and cooperation during this period.

Stay safe and take care,

Macaulay Child Care Centre Staff

20 Activities to keep your little one busy:

- Make a bedsheet fort!
- Decorate a laundry basket into a race car
- Make letters out of tape on the floor to drive small cars on
- Create a soapy water bin filled with measuring cups and whisks to explore.
- Tea party with stuff animals
- Tie Dye with markers and paper. Draw with markers first then spray water on top to blend.
- Make sensory bottles with oil, water and old buttons or beads. Hot glue the cap tightly!
- Mix glue and paint to decorate aluminum foil with cotton swabs.
- Sort your blocks by colour! Stack all the red duplos together...etc
- Fishing for letters with a small wired sieve. Place ABC letters in a water bin for your toddler to scoop out!
- Let your toddler practice using tongs to pick up small blocks / objects to place in a bin.
- Place flour in a container with small cars in for your toddler to role play driving in snow!
- Mix 4 cups of flour and 1/2 cup of coconut oil or vegetable oil to make Moon Dough!
- Let your toddler help sweep! Encourage your toddler to use a broom to clean small toys up with!
- Hide letter cards around the house and encourage your toddler to find the letters! Label a name or object that starts with the letter found!
- Go outside and dig in the soil for some Spring worms!
- Mix cornstarch and water together with food colouring to paint on paper with! Observe what happens when dry!
- Make music with recycled materials! Drum on boxes, shake containers filled with beads inside, squish water bottles to make crackle sounds!
- Hammering ice cubes on a tray! Let your toddler use their toy hammer to break the ice cubes!
- Shape finder! Make large shapes out of tape on the floor and call out a shape for your toddler to jump on top of!