

Summer 2026

Sooke-West Shore Newsletter

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A Note from the Sooke/West Shore CCRR

It's hard to believe, but Summer is quickly approaching! It seems like only a short time ago we were gearing up for our 9-month long Community of Practice and other professional development, but here we are.

It's time to trade the indoor activities for outdoor sunhats, chalk art, and a whole lot of water play. Whether you're gearing up for a bustling summer program or looking forward to some well-deserved downtime to rest and recharge, we hope your Summer is fantastic.

-Your Sooke-West Shore CCRR Team





Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada
and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS child care is a vital community service that supports healthy families, enables equitable access to opportunity and the workforce, and contributes to a strong economy, and

WHEREAS child care providers and early childhood educators are essential to providing safe child care and quality early care and learning programs, which honour and celebrate children's cultural identity and language and contribute to children's healthy development, and

WHEREAS child care providers, parents, all levels of government, businesses, community associations, Indigenous communities and all people in British Columbia share a commitment to ensure that quality child care is affordable, accessible and inclusive for families, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia supports and promotes the delivery of high-quality, culturally relevant early care and learning options to ensure programs and services are available to support and protect children and families, and

WHEREAS Child Care Month and Child Care Provider Appreciation Day are an opportunity to join with organizations and communities throughout British Columbia that have, since 1982, organized events in celebration of child care providers and all people and organizations working to provide children in British Columbia the best start in life;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 2026 shall be known as

“Child Care Month”

and May 8, 2026, shall be known as

“Child Care Provider Appreciation Day”

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Wendy Cocchia, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-third day of April, two thousand twenty-six and in the fourth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and Deputy Premier

Lieutenant Governor

Happy Child Care Month!

May is officially Child Care Month and May 8th was Child Care Providers Appreciation Day.

Throughout the month of May, to show our immense appreciation, the Sooke-West Shore CCRR delivered goodies to our Family Child Care providers in the area, held giveaways for our Licensed Group providers and celebrated in-person with events.

We truly value all the hard work each and every one of you do, as well as admire your dedication to the children in your care.

Thank you to all of you for everything you do for our communities.





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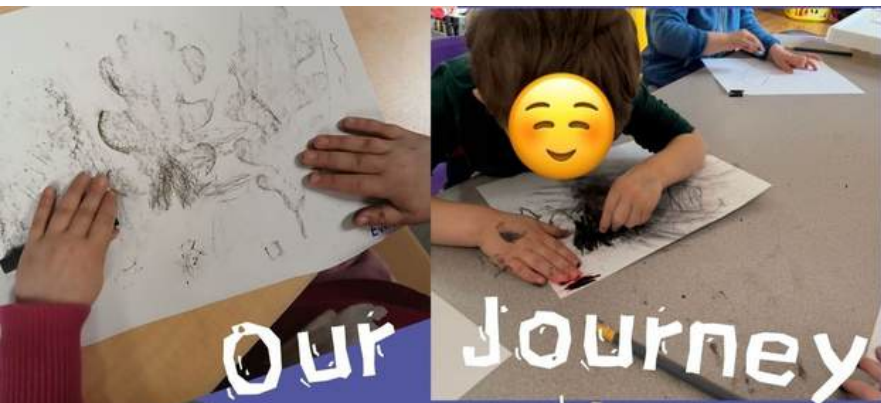
The 2026-27 Child Care Provider Profile Survey now open

“Information from the survey helps the ministry track child care trends in B.C. and helps inform future policy and program development. Child care providers will receive an email with a link and instructions on how to complete the survey.

Please note the survey is a mandatory, annual data-gathering survey entirely separate from regular monthly reporting as well as broader surveys supporting engagement on ChildCareBC.

The deadline to complete the survey is June 30, 2026.”
(2026. Government of British Columbia)

Check out the latest
ChildCareBC Bulletin
[Here](#)



Our Journey Through Art

2025-2026 C.o.P.



Our explorations during the past 9 months and onwards...

We explored many different mediums including things that squished, things that were dusty, and things that were sticky, just to name a few.

We pushed against our comfort zones, and reached into our learning zone (that slightly uncomfortable place - but not too scary). We tried thinking outside of the box; we did things that frustrated us, challenged us, things that we wanted to keep doing - there wasn't enough time!

- We connected and asked questions together -
- How do we want to show up for the children we care for in their exploration of art?
 - When we say no to something - what is our reasoning?
 - Where will we go next in our exploration together?

Melanie Langman



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And then...

Epiphanies and illuminations were had.

"Why is this green?! This is red right? No, it's yellow. That would explain the green then."

Children exploring watercolor crayons and oil pastels on fabric - the watercolors not working well - we need water!

Exploring multitasking and our comfort around taking "inside" items outside! Yay!!!

Does soap help the chalk float for the prints, or is it better with just a very small amount of water?

Can we make collective art using some of the techniques and mediums we've explored - yes we can!

What three mediums will you put out to explore?



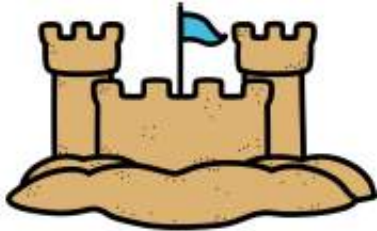
Sharing time!



Felting, Self-Care and so much more!
Thank you for joining us this year!



Beach Songs!

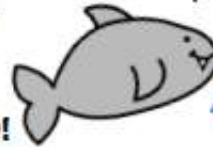


Five Little Sandcastles

Five Little Sandcastles
 Sitting By The Shore
 Whoosh! Goes A Wave
 And Then There Were Four!

Five Little Fish

Five Little Fish
 swimming in the sea
 teasing Mr. shark
 you can't catch me!
 along came mr. shark
 as quiet as can be...



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I'm A Hawaiian Child

Sung to: 'I'm a little teapot'



I'm a Little
 Hawaiian Child
 Look at Me!
 Living on an Island
 in the sea.



I like to dive and
 I like to swim.

The fish and sea stars
 are my friends.



Four Little Sandcastles
 Sitting By The Shore
 Splash! Goes A Wave
 And Then There Were Three!



Three Little Sandcastles
 Sitting By The Shore
 Crash! Goes A Wave
 And Then There Were Two!

Two Little Sandcastles
 Sitting By The Shore
 Whoosh! Goes A Wave
 And Then There Was One!

One Little Sandcastle
 Had Lots of Fun
 SSHH! Goes a Wave
 And Then There Was None!

The Crabs on the Beach

Sung to: 'The Wheels on the Bus'

The Crabs on the beach go
 Pinch, Pinch, Pinch (repeat 3X)
 The Crabs on the beach go
 Pinch, Pinch, Pinch
 All Summer Long!



The Jelly Fish on the beach go
 Wiggle, Wiggle, Wiggle (repeat 3X)
 The Jelly Fish on the beach go
 Wiggle, Wiggle, Wiggle
 All Summer Long!



The Waves on the beach go
 Up and Down (repeat 3X)
 The Waves on the beach go
 Up and Down
 All Summer Long!



Ocean

Sung to: 'Take Me Out To The Ballgame'

Take me out to the Ocean
 Take me out to the Sea!
 Show me the foamy waves
 Rolling there
 As I breath in the salty air!
 Let me look, look
 Look at the Ocean
 See the sea and explore
 For it's fun to
 Dive from the top
 To the Ocean Floor!



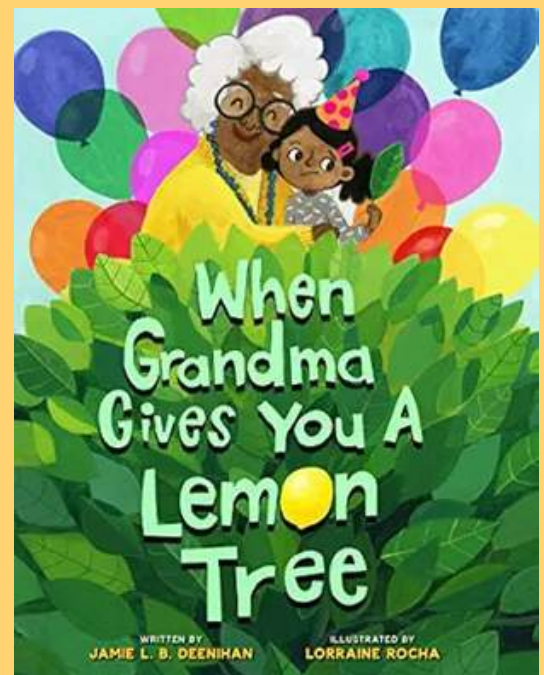
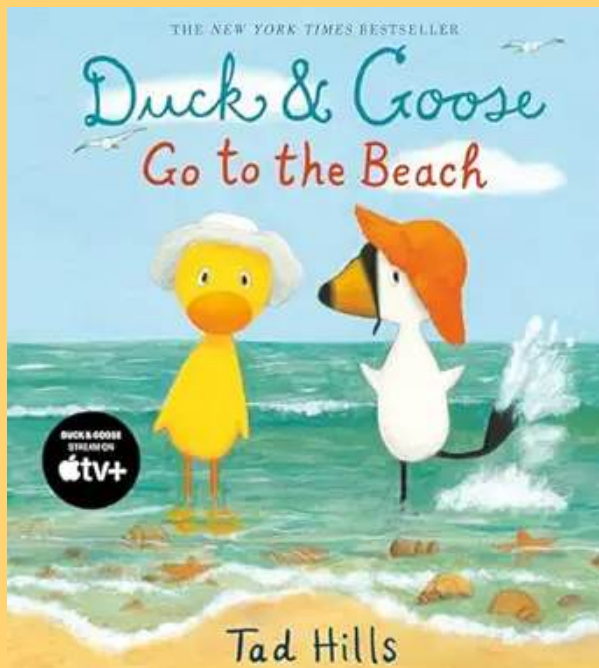
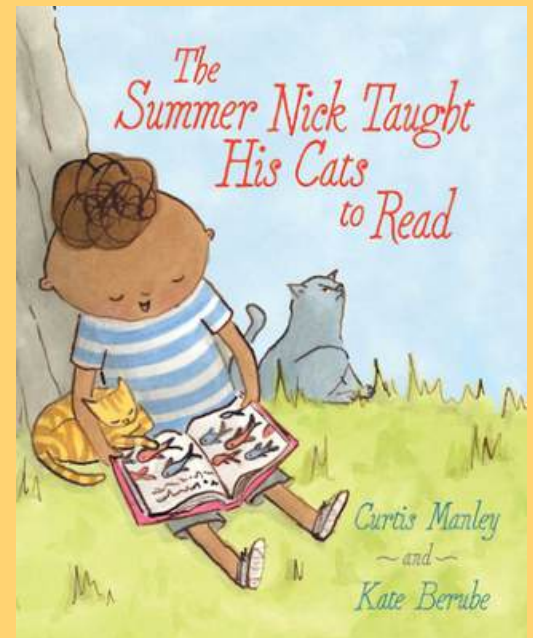
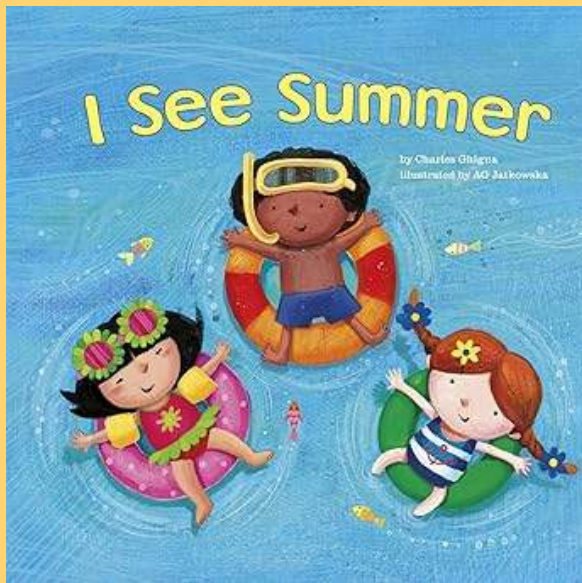
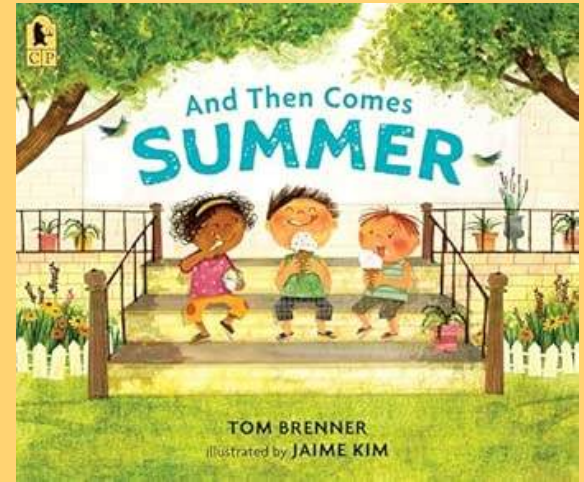
I'm A Little Fish

Sung to: 'I'm a little teapot'

I'm a little fish
 watch me go!
 I swim fast, and
 I swim slow

When the sharks come out
 I dare not play!
 I dive down deep
 And swim away!

Summer Children's Books



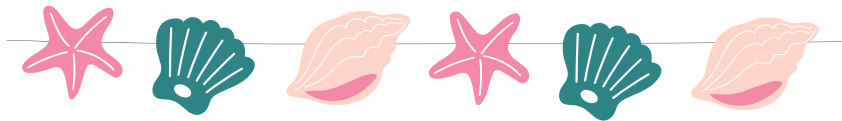
Crafty Corner





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