

# St. Greg/IRIC OSP



April is here! This year has flown by and feels to be going faster now that the weather has gotten better.

We spend as much time as we can outside and are grateful for this group of students who love to create, free play and play sports.

One of my favourite things to watch lately is the new formed friendships that have been happening in the program. I've seen some of our more shy students come out of their shells and become little leaders and be so helpful with our younger students.

Dramatic play has always been a favourite of mine to watch as well and we have so many Stars who spend every afternoon playing, acting, dancing and being creative in the games they create.

When children engage in roll play they are developing so many skills such as language, emotional expression and self regulation.

Dramatic play allows children to fall into different rolls and "rules" which can be a great way for them to learn to cooperate, negotiate and resolve conflicts. Play is the best way to learn!

Sports have always been a Star favourite and it is so special to see our "regular" players start to invite others into the sports and teach new skills to the younger or newer Stars, through this I've seen so much patience and kindness!

We are so lucky to get to spend our time with these amazing young people and watch them grow in all these skills!

-Miss Meg

### Reminders:

- This warm weather has created a great space for messy play, and although we do our best to discourage getting really messy, this exploration is great for curiosity and sensory exploration. Please send Stars with all the proper outdoor wear (rain jackets, splash pants, rubber boots) and perhaps extra cloths in case we have a little too much fun outside!
- Please pack a hat, water bottle and a labeled sunscreen as we get to see the sun a lot more and don't want any burns or heat exhaustion!

### Important dates:

April 11- PD Day (both)  
 April 18- Closed for Good Friday  
 April 21- PD Day (both)  
 April 22-25- STG Spring Break

April 20- Easter  
 April 22- Earth Day

### Birthdays:

3 Olivia K.  
 13 Dakota

