

Art Making with Dawn

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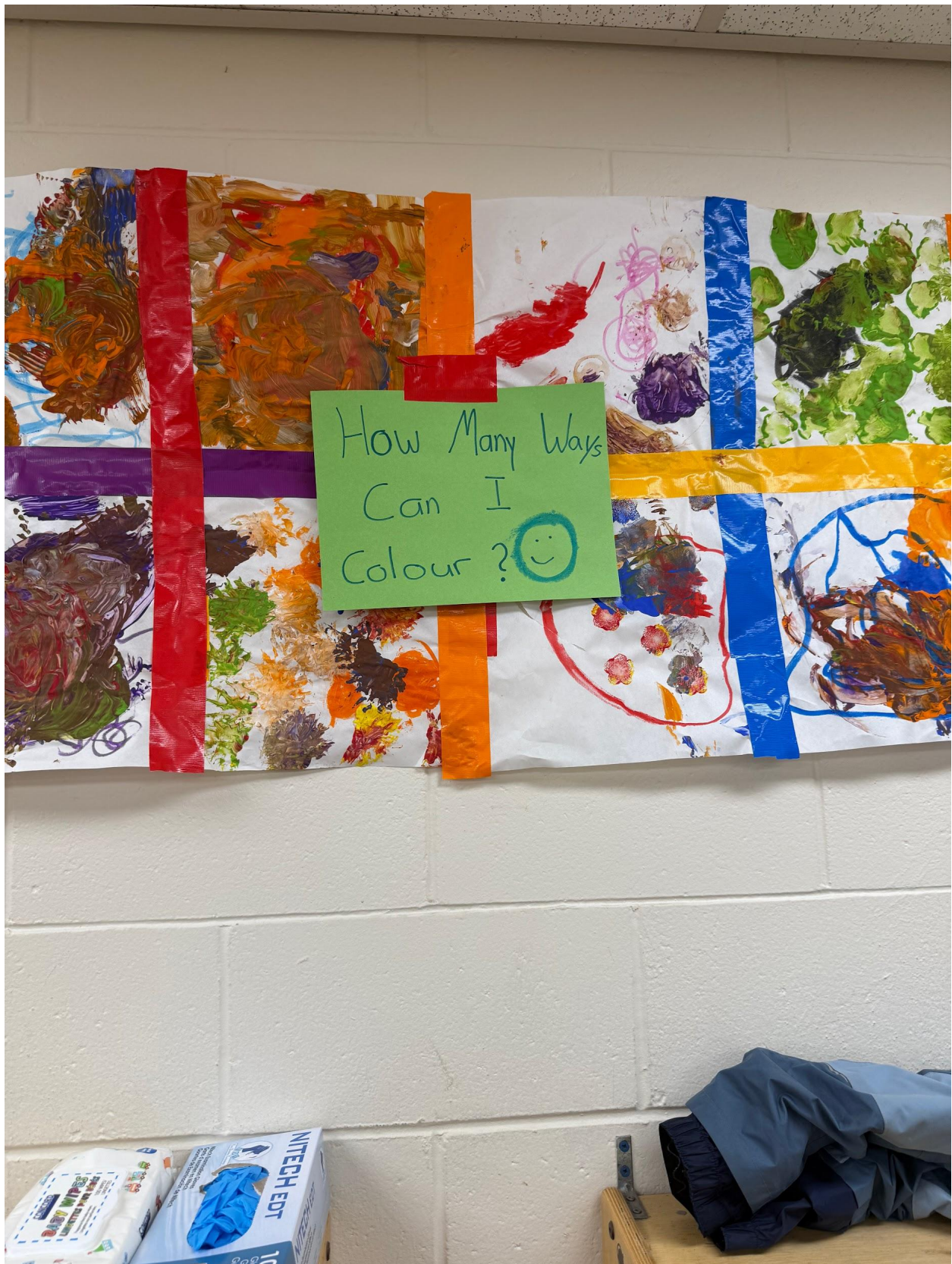
“100 Languages”

Creativity begins with Imagination. Materials are a beautiful way to explore imagination. I enjoy encouraging children to explore materials fully by providing them with stimulating materials and activities. Here with Greendale Early Learning Centre, I provided infants with a visual display of cellophane and tissue paper. I also introduced how they sound. They were also given the opportunity to colour on mirrors with dry erase markers and engage with colourful bean bags!



I continued providing moments of layered material exploration from painting, to matching tape colours, alongside mark making with paint markers and acrylic markers. This activity with Greendale was particularly engaging because I gave toddlers the opportunity to switch seats and colour on each-others art. They used paint, markers, and paint sticks along with sponges, rollers and brushes .





Foil prints and painting on foil was another wonderful activity. We really played around with the sound of foil and they also kept their foil imprints.



Having the opportunity to plan engaging activities for different age groups was a fantastic opportunity to challenge myself as an artist.

Introducing layered activities is something I really wanted to focus on as well this year. With this activity we mixed paints with powdered vegetable dyes and water, and then hammered paint dipped cotton balls into paper. Adding bubble wrap to it was really explorative on the splats and sounds.

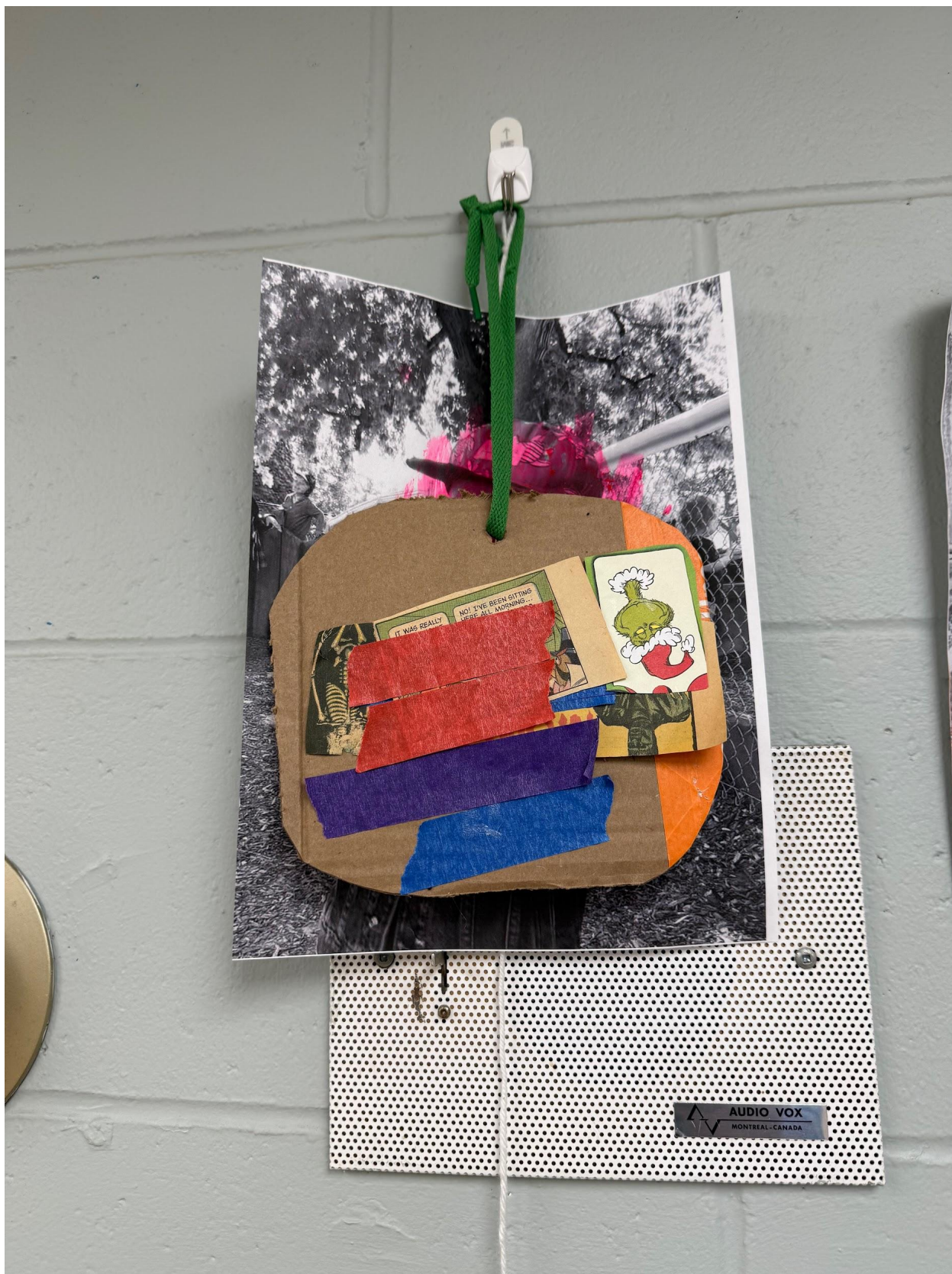






I decided part way through my sessions with Arts for All this season, to switch it up and introduce activities that would not only be sensory but engage fine motor schools. Here I am collaging with Greendale





And just like that our term has come to an end. I took the art we had created over the weeks and made an engaging display for parents to see. This not only included their art, but also an array of photos and a legend of materials so parents could explore fully!



Thank you for the opportunity to share in the “100 languages” of our youth through Arts for All.

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