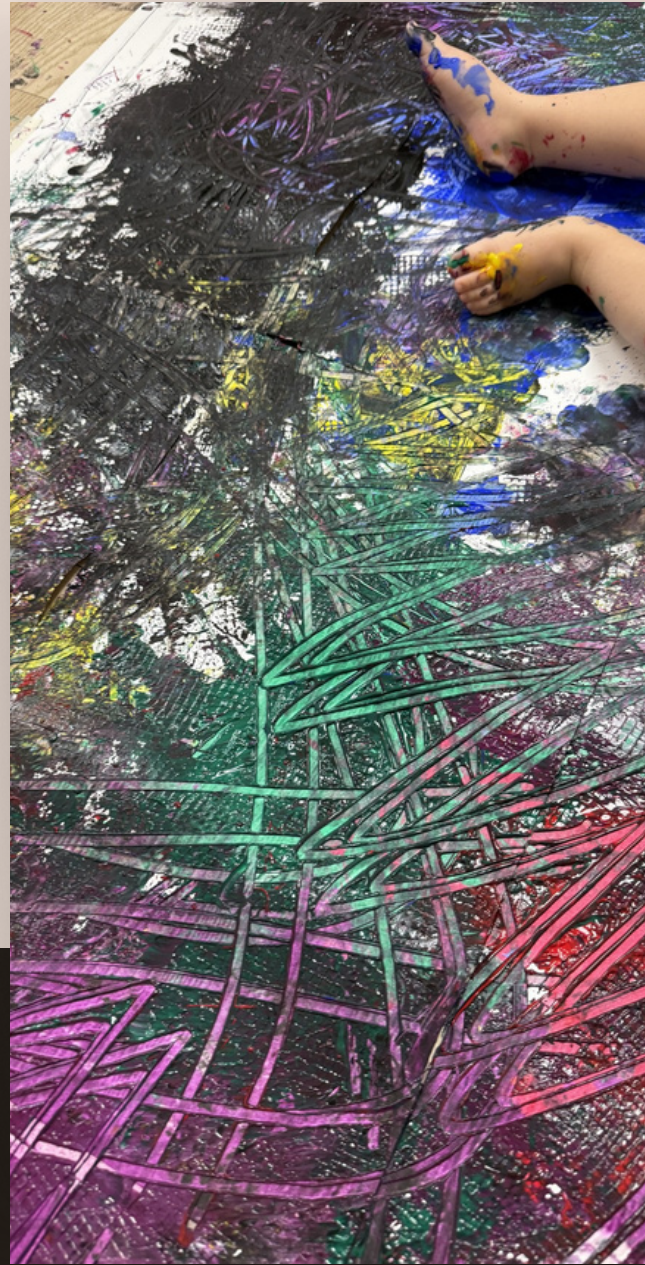


Art making with Dawn



Arts for all 2026 proved to be a very uplifting term with various points of engagement, learning and mindfulness. As a therapeutic art practitioner I facilitate programs that not only highlight the 1000 languages of children but also provide them with the opportunity for self exploration and expression. I find programs that address different senses to be very engaging to younger children, giving them a layered experience in art making and a sense of autonomy

At Greendale this term we did a variety of activities that introduced the children to different ways of colouring, molding and expressing themselves creatively.



Let's begin here.

I found one instrument - a simple fly swatter in the shape of a hand, created such fun sensory play for the infants, engaging them in creating textures imprints. I even introduced them to roll back cars, letting them explore making marks by sliding the car through the paint.



Another exploration in paint including dot paint scraping. Where we dropped different dots of paint and used popsicle sticks to scrape the colour down. The children furthered this exploration by adding paint sticks to their pictures. I really loved how unique these papers came out!



Sensory Play!

One week they had the opportunity to play with wax sticks - making shapes with them and exploring how they feel. They stuck them on the windows and were fascinated with the ability to place art "elsewhere"



I loved introducing the children to different textiles and ways they could create art with them. At times they simply decorated recycled cones, using glue to stick on pompoms, felt and paper art. They even added eyeballs to them - creating such unique characters that they were so proud of!



Art is Fun!

At other times we used water based paint activities, exploring bleeding tissue paper and the transfer of colour when sprayed with water.



I built on this activity and later introduced them to hydro dripping exploring the relationship between oil and water and bath fizzy colours. They were so intrigued to see how their papers took baths in their concoctions, adding pieces of bleeding tissue paper to add more colour



All The Colours

On the thought of bright colours, I chose neon coloured cardstock to introduce this term as I wanted to lively things up! These colours were such a hit. They used them when exploring scissors and hole punchers along with the thought of cutting out art to paste it back on in a different way.

I found the washi tape really helped to carry this activity to another level of cut, glue and paste. I even gave them a long piece of contact paper and they were able to stick on their punched out holes alongside other embellishments



I introduced the the kids to contact paper again when creating personal flags and gave them different embellishments for them to stick on. These flags were such a fun and engaging form of self expression!



Grateful!

It was such a wonderful term sharing art with the children in our community. Greendale is a very special place and always grateful to share space with them.



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