



Child Development Dayhomes June 2026 Newsletter

Information for Dayhome Educators and Families in Edmonton and Area

Congratulations!

To the following dayhome educators celebrating their anniversaries
with Child Development Dayhomes in the month of June

Lenie Dela Cruz	26 years	Najnin Habiba	6 years
Tanya Mahlitz	20 years	Frances Baars	6 years
Sadia Malik	15 years	Gina Salunga	4 years
Parvesh (Pinky) Sharma	12 years	Analyn Marquina	4 years
Sadaf Shahab	11 years	Lourdes Medenilla	4 years



Cool Freebie from EPL

WHAT: Check out a Family admission pass for TELUS World of Science – Edmonton at one of five branches of Edmonton Public Library.

WHERE: Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Abbottsfield, Clareview, Highlands, Sprucewood and Woodcroft branches of EPL. Holds cannot be placed on the passes.

HOW: The pass is good for family admission (2 adults and up to 4 kids) at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton for a period of up to 21 days.

Upcoming Statutory Holidays

(Dayhomes and office are closed)

Canada Day: July 1, 2026

Civic Holiday: August 3, 2026



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CDDH Surveys

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Family Survey



Educator Survey



Attendance Records Due:

Monday, June 22 by 6:00pm

Dayhome Educators, please ensure all the times for the month have been entered on TimeSavr.



Community Events

▶ Farmers' Days Rodeo & Exhibition in Stony Plain

Date: June 5 - 7, 2026

Location: Stony Plain, AB

Parking: Park & Ride shuttles at 3 locations

Website: [Link](#)



▶ Pride in the Park in St. Albert

Date: June 20, 2026

Time: 12:00pm - 7:00pm

Location: Lions Park, St. Albert

Address: 21 Sir Winston Churchill Ave

More [info](#)



▶ Indigenous Peoples Day Events

30 Year Anniversary and Oilers Special Guests

Date: June 21, 2026

Time: 10:00am - 11:00pm

Location: Re/Max Field 10233 96 Ave, Edmonton

More [info](#)

Tours for Tots: Indigenous Peoples Day

Date: June 17, 2026

Time: 10:00am - 11:00am

Location: 2 Sir Winston Churchill Square NW

More [info](#)

▶ International Mud Day in Strathcona County

Date: June 25, 2026

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: 160 Festival Way, Sherwood Park

Website: [Link](#)



Book Ideas:



[Indigenous Culture](#)



[Conversations on Gender](#)



Recipe Ideas

▶ Granola Bars

Recipe: <https://www.heartandstroke.ca/healthy-living/recipes/breakfast/lunchbox-granola-bars>

How to Choose Store Bought Granola Bars: [Link](#)



▶ High Protein Bagel

Recipe: <https://whatmollymade.com/cottage-cheese-bagels/>



Activity Ideas

▶ Roots for Trees

Root for Trees is an enhanced tree planting initiative through the City of Edmonton.

More info [here](#).

▶ Outdoor Activities, Invitations & Play Ideas



See all the ideas [here](#).



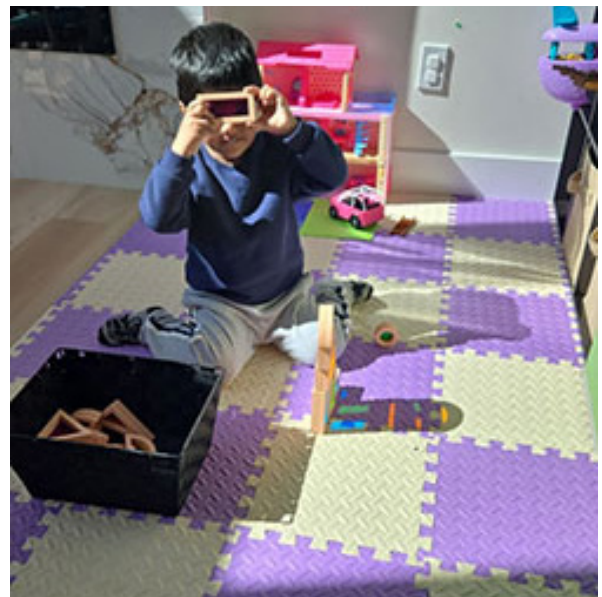
Learning Story

► Exploring the World Through Colour and Light

By Meenu Chhabra, Dayhome Educator

Merrick found himself captivated by the way the afternoon sun poured across the playroom floor. He wasn't just building with his wooden blocks; he was experimenting with optics and light.

Merrick picked up a rectangular block with a translucent purple center and held it right up to his eyes. He peered through it, looking out at the world in a whole new shade. After exploring the room through this “purple lens,” he noticed the vibrant, colorful shadows cast by the other blocks he had stacked on the mat. He sat quietly for a moment, observing how the sunlight transformed the solid wooden shapes into glowing patterns of blue, orange, and green on the purple and white tiles.



The Learning Behind the Play

Merrick's engagement with the sensory blocks highlights several key areas of development:

Scientific Inquiry: Merrick is exploring the properties of light. By looking through the block and observing the colored shadows, he is learning about transparency, translucency, and how light travels.

Visual Perception: He is experimenting with how his perspective changes when a filter is applied. This “filtering” of his environment helps him process visual information in a complex way.

Focus and Persistence: Merrick showed great concentration, moving between looking through the blocks and examining the shadows they created, demonstrating his ability to stay engaged with a self-directed task.

Reflection

It was wonderful to see Merrick so engrossed in the simple beauty of light and shadow. He didn't just see the blocks as building materials; he saw them as tools to change how he perceives his surroundings. His “Aha!” moment came when he realized that the same light hitting the blocks was creating that beautiful “stained glass” effect on the floor.