

# Immaculate Conception Pre-School Newsletter

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## Play Matters

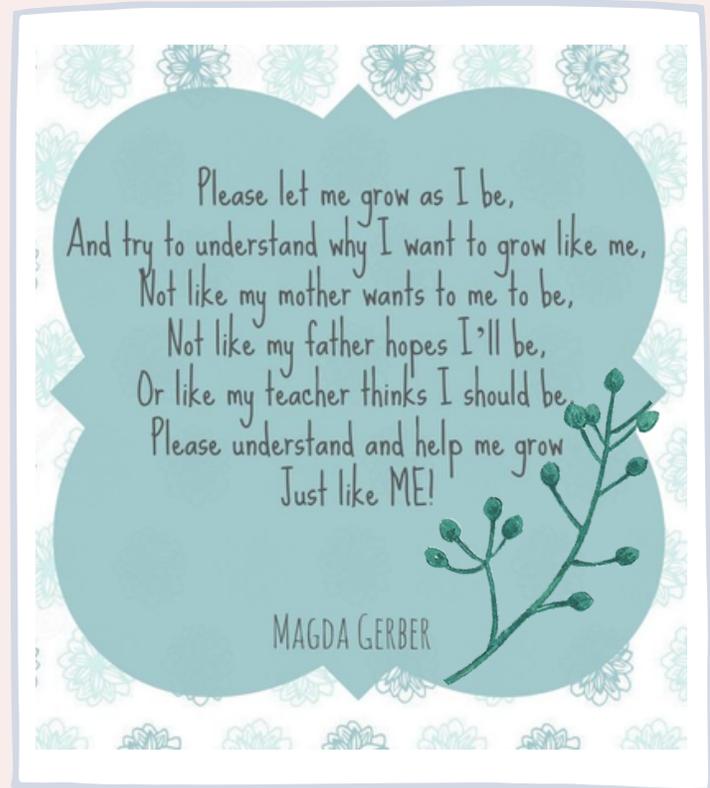
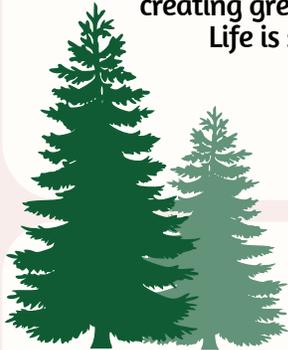
November Issue

Some of the best times during the Pandemic Lockdown were the experiences and memories created with family. Couldn't go to the movie theatres so...we popped popcorn and made hot dogs and watched movies at night in the garden. Couldn't go to restaurants so...we had BBQs and Picnics on the lawn. Tea and Coffee stations were set up on the porch. Couldn't go to the Spa so...Self-Care took place at home, with Epsom salt footbaths, Lavender essential oil, incense sticks and scented candles. Plus there were many quiet and reflective moments just sitting still in nature looking at the plants and listening to the birds. *{Too creative to ever be bored!}*

A Simple Life and Simple Living can benefit our children who seem to be constantly charged, connected and wired.

Slow down this Christmas.  
Give the children *less presents* and give them *more presence*  
Spend less money on *things*, instead spend money on creating great experiences and fond memories.  
Life is short and they grow so fast...

Live Simply  
Live Calmly  
Live Well.  
~S. Dodd-Williams~



Critical Thinking. Creative Thinking. Communication. Collaboration.

Are the 4C's. These are the skills which are constantly being learnt during PLAY.

Later on in life, when our children go for a job interview, the questions asked are usually in relation to those 4 soft skills.

It is extremely rare if ever done at all, that the following information would be required for any job ...

1. How old were you when you learnt the letters of the alphabet?
2. In Pre-School how high could you count up to?
3. When you were three years old, were you able to spell C-A-T correctly?
4. How many books could you read by the time you were four years old?

Put things into perspective and one will see how hilarious (or ridiculous) that job interview would be.

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Are the skills needed for success in SCHOOL and ultimately for success in LIFE.

Our children will nail their job interview if they are equipped with the necessary skills which can be learnt in Pre-School.

Why not allow them to enjoy their academic journey?

Allow children to enjoy playful learning.

**PLAY MATTERS!**



## Upcoming Events

Christmas Concert  
Mon Dec 12th



Christmas Holiday  
Dec 16, 2022

School resumes  
Jan 5, 2023



Let the child be the scriptwriter, the director and the actor in his (or her) own play!

Magda Gerber



### Water Play

**Babies bathing Babies.**

**Water Play using warm water and Lavender Bubble Bath**

The job gets done with good, clean, calming fun!



**Sensory Play using dyed rice.**

Strengthening Fine Motor muscles while learning Life Skills: pouring, scooping, dumping, filling, measuring, Although we may take them for granted, these skills require extreme focus for a Pre-Schooler.



### Sensory Play



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