

"STORE DAY"

WHY?

"Store day" day was created to make the transition from school to 'daycare' a more enjoyable, flexible and a slightly grown-up walking-to-CARE experience.

Additionally, and long ago, it was noticed that on the way home from school (Ossington Old Orchard & St. Lukes schools), many children went to the nearby stores either by themselves or with their parents to purchase treats. Attending 'daycare' after-school with rigid limitations placed on children did not make allowances for this to happen.

Store Day also helps to enhance children's social skills (asking the storekeeper questions, sharing, cooperation) and numeracy skills (adding and subtracting

WHEN?

Fridays after-school. If Friday is a P. A. Day (or it's the last day of school before a holiday), store day takes place on Thursdays after-school. On 'store day,' our return to CARE is delayed. The expected return time is approximately 4PM-4:30PM.

WHERE?

<u>Givins/Shaw school</u> shops at Family Mart at Queen and Shaw St. <u>10 Plus and Niagara Street Public School</u> shops at the 7-11 located at Queen & Walnut Avenue.

HOW?

"Store Day" is a privilege and it's earned when your child follows all the street safety rules (on the walk to CARE) throughout the week. Every effort is made so that your child can attend 'store day,' however, 'store day' may be cancelled due to unsafe / inappropriate behaviours that affects and compromises the safety of the rest of the children in the group. Children earn "Store Day" by being responsible, respectful, listening to the educators and following street safety rules.

Because we use 'store day' as an incentive for following street safety rules, we urge you not to use 'store day' as a disciplinary measure at home.

Giving your child \$2.50 to \$3.00 for 'store day' is sufficient. This ensures that we don't stay at the store longer than necessary, that large purchases aren't made, limits how much candy is purchased and eaten and although we encourage sharing, it ensures children aren't purchasing items for others.