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Tip for Tots – Doing “with”

When a baby is born, one reason the mother is able to give so much to the baby is because the baby feels almost like part of her. Usually a baby has come from the mother's body, she holds it close to her body to feed, and often the milk flows from the mother into the baby, linking them in a close way. Adopted babies “become one” with the mother by being held close during feeding, through the many ways mothers and infants interact. Hopefully mothers “fall in love” with their infants. This is called “narcissistic” love, and this kind of love enables mothers to give to their infants in profound ways. The mother and infant are so close, the mother feels almost like she is looking after a part of herself.

As the infant matures and becomes separate from his mother, narcissistic love must slowly change into “object” love for the child to develop well. This is when a mother can begin to love her child for who the child is, rather than because the child and the mother are so close that they feel almost like one person.

There are many pitfalls for mothers as they move towards this new stage of loving. There can be a wish on the mother's part to enjoy this blissful stage beyond what works

well for the child. Some of these pitfalls can be seen in the area of bodily self-care. How children undertake the task of dressing themselves and how mothers encourage them to do so can be fraught with difficulties. For example, Jeremy, just under two, simply let himself be dressed, cuddling into his mother. He showed no initiative to dress himself, although a smart boy. He sensed correctly that his mother enjoyed dressing him, and that she was reluctant to give up this pleasure. Adapting to his mother's need, Jeremy appeared to have surrendered his independence – but at a cost. He would cast sideways glances at his more accomplished peers in his mom and toddler program and then look downward, as if ashamed. He often refused to try new activities, insisting on his mother's help, never trusting himself to manage alone.

When Jeremy's mother became sensitive to Jeremy's wish to do more for himself and to do well, they started working on Jeremy's dressing and took the first steps towards Jeremy participating in the task. Jeremy's mother was “doing with” Jeremy, and they both experienced a great deal of gratification in this new stage. It was clear that Jeremy felt very proud of each small achievement.



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Here is our FALL 2004 Events Lineup...



Friday October 8 is a Halton Board of Education Professional Activity Day and a WHICH CRAFT CAMP DAY 9:30-3:30. (ext. hrs. available)



Saturday October 23rd is our annual HAUNTED HALLOWEEN CRAFT WORKSHOP from 2 to 4 p.m. Kids will make a spectacular craft to take home



Friday Dec. 3 is a Halton Board of Education Professional Activity Day and a WHICH CRAFT CAMP DAY 9:30-3:30 (ext. hrs. available)



Saturday Dec. 4th is the first of WHICH CRAFT'S ANNUAL KIDS CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS from 2-4 pm. Kids will make a beautiful seasonal ornament to take home

Saturday Dec. 11th is our Most Popular Christmas Workshop for kids. It is WHICH CRAFT'S ANNUAL KIDS GO SHOPPING Workshop. There will be 2 sessions 10-12 Noon & 2-4 pm



Sunday Dec. 19th wraps up the seasonal festivities with our ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE workshop from 1 to 3 pm. Kids will decorate and take home a completed gingerbread house for the holidays



Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. Dec, 20, 21, 22 and 23rd are Halton Board of Education Professional Winter Holiday Dates and WHICH CRAFT CAMP DAYS - camp will be held daily from 9:30-3:30 (ext. hrs. available)



Our next session of ART CLASSES begins the week of October 4th. There are only a few spaces still available. Call TODAY if you are interested in starting your child on a life long love of drawing and creative expression



You must pre-register for all of these events...and space is limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. You can register online at www.whichcraft.ca or you can call the studio at 905-877-8444 or pick up a Registration Form on the front door of our Studio at 72 Main St. South, Downtown Georgetown.