



**Roots of Empathy**  
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“What would add more to our progress as a global society than to place at least as much value on the development of positive, fully realized human relationships as we place on the acquisition of academic skills? What greater contribution could we make to our sustainable future than to promote a development of the heart that runs parallel to the development of the mind?”

# Mary Johnston Public School



Mom Trish and baby Will volunteer in Mrs. Ahlberg’s class. Volunteer instructor Jill Magazine sits beside them to guide the lesson. The green blanket is the baby’s special place during the visit. Students sit around the blanket and are invited to take part in offering toys to the baby.

Baby Will keeps an eye on a student in Mrs. Ahlberg’s class. Students learn that babies can observe faces at an early stage. One of the goals of the ROE program is to increase Pro-social behaviour in elementary school children. Pro-social behaviour is considered as any behaviour that aims to help another person (sharing, including, cooperating).



# Roots of Empathy Newsletter



Ms. Hein, a French immersion teacher, watches as mom Quan gets a smile from baby Aedan. Students learn that it is important for a baby's brain development and growth that they are loved and cared for.

Mom Quan observes as baby Aedan "tracks" a toy that is held by instructor Jill Magazine. In each of the 9 themes in ROE students will have an opportunity to learn about the many developmental stages of a baby. The individual personality or temperament of the baby is also discussed.



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Are you a proud parent with a baby who will be 2 – 4 months old in October? You and your baby could be a Roots of Empathy family!

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