



Roots of Empathy Racines de l'empathie

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“Roots of Empathy is a program for school-aged children that involves them, right in their own classrooms, in the human dynamic of the parent-baby relationship. It is a program that has the capacity to instil in our children a concept of themselves as strong and caring individuals, to give them an understanding of empathic parenting and to inspire in them a vision of citizenship that can change the world.”

Centennial Public School



Mrs. Kenny's grade 2 class observes baby Jack during a Roots of Empathy class. The students predicted the size of Jack before his first visit and during his visit they compare his size to the ROE doll. Billie-Jo Bennett, the volunteer ROE instructor will chart the progress of Jack's size and weight throughout the year.

Mom Linda and Baby Jack volunteer 9 times during the school year. Students prepare questions for each visit and eagerly observe Jack's milestones.



Stewart Ave Public School



Baby Everett is the Roots of Empathy “teacher” with the help of mom Terri. The volunteer Roots of Empathy Instructor is Mikayala Goving who is volunteering with Mrs. Meier’s grade 6 class.



New toys are offered at each visit to demonstrate the developmental stages of the babies. Toys are chosen for their sound, colour, shape and texture.



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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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