



Dear Fellow Educator,

Tiny Town Vaughan is a play space that is dedicated to educational play for children, focusing on hands-on experiential learning. We are founded on the same principles as *Early Learning for Every Child Today: A Framework for Ontario Early Childhood Settings (2007)*, especially the principle that “play and inquiry are learning approaches that capitalize on children's natural curiosity and exuberance”.

Tiny Town Vaughan has an **educational program** that is popular with Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two teachers because of the benefits for students and the direct ties to curriculum. Some of the highlights of the program include:

- **Exposure to play and inquiry-based learning, exploration, and the chance to make connections to their community at large through experience** – Designed as a “town”, the space has different stores and community services set up where children can role play, explore, imagine, and think creatively.
- **A range of opportunities for different types of learners** – The set-up of the space and the activities provided by the Town connect with a multitude of learners. Children can express themselves both verbally and non-verbally through the imaginative play centres. The space is also accessible and has quiet places for children who need them.
- **Health and safety are key priorities** – The Town is a large space with conservative caps on the numbers of children who can be in the building
- **Venue support in running the trip** – Knowing how busy teachers are and the amount of work that goes into the logistics of hosting a school trip, Tiny Town Vaughan ensures that each group gets support from a Tiny Town Vaughan learning guide staff member to assist running the program. Tiny Town Vaughan also has a craft room and a snack room available to our school groups.
- **Hands-on experiential learning space that keeps children occupied and engaged during the whole trip** – We have extensive experience keeping young children involved and interested in the activities we offer in the Town. The space has been created to engage the minds and imaginations of children as young as one, all the way to elementary school ages.

If our school program aligns with your facilities’ values and teaching principles, we would appreciate if you could share this with your educators and teaching teams.

Additional program information, pricing, example schedules are attached and are also on our website - www.tinytownvaughan.ca. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Diana Edwards



Programs, Fee Structure and Sample Timelines

Our **Play Program** focuses on 'free-play' in Tiny Town. Children enjoy role-playing, dressing up, exploring and experiencing their surroundings in an unstructured and self-initiated way. They can freely navigate throughout Tiny Town, using their social skills while investigating their surroundings in our child-size community setting. **\$10 per child – price includes hst and educators are FREE**

Our **Play Plus Program** includes the free-play program and incorporates a Scavenger Hunt at the end of the trip. Each child receives their own 'passport', works in a group to read written or picture clues, then has their passport stamped when they find the clues in each part of Tiny Town. Passports go home with each child. **\$11.08 per child - price includes hst and educators are FREE**

Our **Play Platinum Program** includes free-play, the scavenger hunt and a curriculum-based craft that is facilitated by our educators and chosen by the student's class room teachers. Crafts are based on the specific expectations set out by Ontario's Ministry of Education. See attached flyer for the Play Platinum Program crafts. **\$12.50 per child - price includes hst & educators are FREE**
***Required for groups over 50 children**

Sample Schedules:

- Arrival time will vary. Facility will be available between 9:30am and 1:00pm for trips
- 12:30-1:00 will be the designated lunchtime (if required), but open to the public
- A minimum of 40 students is required in order to close the facility to the public
- Sample time-lines are based on a 2.5-hour program plus 30-minute lunch time
- 60+ children will require the Play Platinum Program

Play Program:

15 min	Arrival from bus, put belongings in coat room, our Facilitator will give a mini orientation of the Town and explain safety rules and expectations
50 min	Free-play in the Town!
20 min	Washroom break and snack in our lunch room
45 min	Free-play in the Town!
10 min	Clean up time
30 minutes	(12:30-1:00) lunchtime in the lunch room
10 min	Gather belongings and get ready to board the bus



Play Plus Program:

- 10 min** **Arrival from bus, put belongings in coat room, our Facilitator will give a mini orientation of the Town and explain safety rules and expectations**
- 45 min** **Free-play in the Town!**
- 15 min** **Washroom break and snack in our lunch room**
- 40 min** **Free-play in the Town!**
- 10 min** **Clean up time**
- 20 min** **Scavenger Hunt with take-home Passport to Tiny Town Vaughan!**
- 30 minutes** **(12:30-1:00) lunchtime in the lunch room**
- 10 min** **Gather belongings and get ready to board the bus**

Play Platinum Program:

- 10 min** **Arrival from bus, put belongings in coat room, our Facilitator will give a mini orientation of the Town and explain safety rules and expectations**
- 40 min** **½ of the children will have Free-play in the Town while ½ of the children will do their Curriculum Based CRAFT with facilitator in the Craft Room. Once craft is complete they may join the class in the Town.**
- 20 min** **Washroom break and snack in our lunch room**
- 40 min** **The other ½ of the children will have Free-play in the Town while ½ of the children will do their Curriculum Based CRAFT with facilitator in the Craft Room. Once craft is complete they may join the class in the Town.**
- 10 min** **Clean up time**
- 20 min** **Scavenger Hunt with take-home Passport to Tiny Town Vaughan!**
- 30 minutes** **(12:30-1:00) lunchtime in the lunch room**
- 10 min** **Gather belongings and get ready to board the bus**