

Gore Bay child-care centre expands

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GORE BAY—The Gore Bay Child Care Centre has recently been upgraded and expanded to service its students in three age groups.

“One of the changes was to provide for a new school-age room, and a wrap-around (classroom) that junior kindergarten students use two or three times a week,” said Anne Giffin, one of the teachers at the child-care centre, last week. “The room has been renovated and now facilitates a new computer centre which the students love, and there are new bathroom facilities with stalls. As well, we now have an office room in the class.”

Across the hall from the school-age room, located in Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay, are the toddler room and the preschool room. “This used to be one big room, with both classes in it,” said Ms. Giffin. She explained the toddler room is for children 18-30 months in age, and

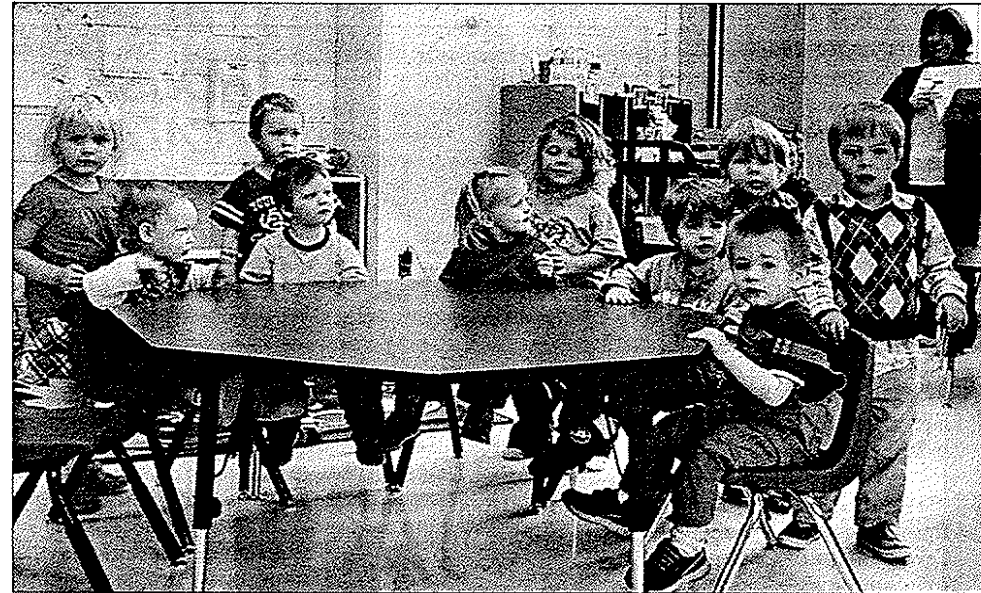
then there is the preschool room for children from 30 months to junior kindergarten age.”

“The room has been separated, and redone, with new drywall, ceilings, and mirrors and bathrooms with stalls,” continued Ms. Giffin. As well, there are new chairs.

“It is nice to be able to separate each age group so that the teachers can focus on each class separately,” said Ms. Giffin. The school-aged children class had been based in the Gore Bay Town Hall for the past month, while the renovations were being undertaken.

It is not only indoors that changes have been made to the child care, as outside there is a whole new playground with all types of activities for the children to take part in. “The playground is pretty,” stated one of the children.

“We do the cooking for all the children in the kitchen, and then bring the food into the other rooms, so they can



Young students at the Gore Bay Child Care Centre are delighted with expansion and upgrades made to their classrooms recently.

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kind of sit and eat together,” said Ms. Giffin.

“The (Rainbow District) school board was generous in giving us these rooms and renovating them, the District Services Board provided funding, and our day-care parents have been very

supportive, as well as the children who put up with all of these renovations,” said Ms. Giffin, who also thanked C.C. McLean principal Anna Armstrong and the board of directors and staff of Gore Bay Child Care.

“We have openings for children in all our programs,” said Ms. Giffin, adding, “We will be starting a socialization program November 30, where parents can bring their children in one or two days per week.”