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- Welcome to the world of Early Learning!
- Early Learning is Everybody's Business!
- Take some time to notice the ordinary, magical moments of children at play!

It's Magic!.....Jacky Molyneux

As I entered the Family Centre, my eyes lighted upon dragons, race car drivers and various other babies and toddlers in dress up. I knew I had come to the right place on a weary afternoon. I simply sat on the sidelines and watched the children play. Within seconds, my heart smiled. My attention was drawn to a group of babies, toddlers and adults, surrounding



a Halloween pumpkin. Drawn in by the crowd, I saw children clapping and counting to three. One! Two! Three! Like Magic....the pumpkins lit up. It took me a minute to realize that a crafty adult, was manipulating the light switch...but to the children it was simply magical. One! Two! Three! Light! I was mesmerized and in sheer delight. I inched closer and closer to the action, secretly hoping to get a turn (even adults need to play, right?)

One little boy caught my eye. A little boy with gusto, readied himself to light up the pumpkin. Complete joy, wonder and curiosity beamed through his whole being.

He joyfully clapped and counted....One! Two!....Eighty Two!...Much to his chagrin, there was no light. I heard a soft and gentle voice say, "I don't think 82 works! Try again!" With a little bit of watching, the boy with gusto tried and tried again. After a minute he began clapping and uttered..."One!Two!Three! The pumpkin lit up,,like magic! The boy's face lit up brighter than the pumpkin (and so did mine.)

One! Two! Three! It's Magic!

Diwali...the festival of lights.

The light of the pumpkins took me back to a time last year when I visited a Family Centre celebrating Diwali. I quickly learned that Diwali is an official holiday in India popularly known as the "festival of lights". Small clay lamps were filled with oil and lit to represent the triumph of good. My eyes were drawn to a little girl and her mother dressed in beautiful red traditional dresses. The mom came to take a picture of me with her little girl. We did not share the same language, but, we shared the warmth of Diwali, the festival of light. This year, I am looking forward to attending the Diwali Celebration being held at Maples Collegiate on Nov. 8.

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