

# JUNE

## Funhouse Story of the Month



### MEET EMILY, ELLA & OSCAR

Emily, proud mom of Ella, 3 and Oscar 1, has been coming to the Funhouse playgroup for 2 ½ years now. “I joined playgroup when Ella was a baby,” says Emily. “We don’t have extended family here on the island and the Funhouse fills some of the functions of a family for us.” “I don’t know what I would do without the Funhouse,” she continued. “As a new mom with a young family there are many times I feel isolated. I can just show up to the Funhouse a couple of days a week and let my kids play. I can relax a bit and chat with other parents in a supportive community environment. I feel less isolated knowing that the Funhouse is here for me when I need it.”

**Playgroup is a free opportunity offered by the Funhouse for kids to play and learn while their parents share tips & tricks with each other, make new friends, and even swap clothing & gear. Playgroup takes place Mondays from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. It is open to all children ages birth to 5 years old, and their caretakers.**



When asked what she likes best about the Funhouse, 3 year old Ella said she likes to play with her friends and the toys and all the people.

“Ella and Oscar have learned so much here at the Funhouse,” says Emily. “They’ve learned social skills and how to take turns. I really appreciate the peer interaction too. I love that there is a mix of different aged children because the little ones learn from the older children and the older children learn how to set a positive example for the babies. It’s very sweet to watch children of all ages play together in a kind and nurturing environment.”

“I just can’t say enough great things about the Funhouse. It really is a huge asset for the Orcas Community!”



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