

January 2019 Newsletter



Happy New Year Everyone!! Sorry this is coming out so late this month. I was away the first week in January and then we were experiencing some email problems. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

Some updates on staffing.... Kathleen was supposed to return on the 21st but due to some travel delays will now be returning in the week of January 28th. We are also hoping to have Ray-Ann back sometime within the next month or so. Two new casuals have been added to our staff, Jaymes and Nicole. We also have two practicum students attending on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are Tao (aka Joey) and Sumandeeep. Big welcome to them, feel free to introduce yourself to the new faces in the programs.

I also want to welcome a few new families to the centre and a few children new to the 3-5 program, transitioning from I/T. Staff are excited to get to know you and your children better.

Reminders... payment for childcare is due on the first of the month for that month. If you are behind in payments please contact me to arrange a payment schedule if needed.

Our next scheduled closure date will be on Monday, February 18th for the Family Day stat. We are planning on having a Valentine's Day Tea on Thursday, February 14th. If you have time in the morning please join us for tea, coffee and treats!



Infant Toddler News



Happy New Year! We hope everybody had a wonderful holiday season. Thank you to everyone for making our annual winter festival the best one yet 😊.

As the snow keeps coming down we are spending our outside time shoveling snow to build up our snow mountain, riding in sleds around the yard and loading up our wheelbarrows to transport snow. The group is also working on the self-help skills of putting on and taking off some of their outside clothes independently. During our inside play the group has been showing special interest in our ocean exploration toys. They have been having fun learning the names of the different sea creatures and listening to the ocean sounds with the shells.

Thank you to all the families for bringing weather appropriate clothing; with the snow and the rain and the rare bit of sunshine we never know what the day might bring 😊. We would like to remind families to label mittens and other items of clothing as there can be the occasional mix-up in the cubby room. If you have noticed anything is missing please check the lost and found in the cubby room and let us know so we can keep an eye out for the lost items.



3-5 and multiage news



A new year! Here's wishing everyone a fun filled family time kind of year.

December was certainly busy with the holidays and songs and the first dumps of snow.

Thank you to all the parents who labeled their children's mittens, toques, jackets, snow pants and the other dozen or so items of clothing, we so appreciate the effort as we really do want to see these things go home with the right owners each afternoon. Now for those of you who haven't labeled your child's clothing..... We try to keep a permanent marker with the pens by the sign in sheet. The staff really appreciates the effort as we stress out when we can't figure out whose things are whose!

We had two students from China come last week and give some of the children a cooking demonstration on making dumplings. It was very interesting to get a chance to see how they are laid out, filled and rolled into the different shapes that we usually only see in the restaurant ready to eat! It was a good opportunity for the children to connect with another culture as they all filled and folded their own dumplings.

Speaking of which, here in Nelson and area we have the blessing of being exposed to a number of various cultures, and we would encourage anyone who would like to come in and share something, anything, from their cultural heritage. Food, clothing, anything you would like to share, it doesn't have to be a big production. Exposure to various cultures is an important learning experience.

The snow is here, the ice is here and the children have been enjoying playing and sliding in the snow and breaking ice on the ground, there's just something so fun in throwing ice on the sidewalk and watching it smash into a bunch of pieces. Yesterday the multiage kids learned how to roll a snowball to the top of the hill so they could roll it down and watch it get BIGGER. Then they built a snowman with the big snowballs

