

December 2019 Newsletter



The snow has arrived! Hooray!! It's so much fun to play in the snow 😊

The children have been practicing their songs for the Winter Potluck. We are hoping everyone will be able to attend. It is on Thursday, December 12th from 5:15 – 6:45. It is unfortunately the same night as the holiday train but hopefully you can fit in both events (just might have to leave the potluck a bit early). We are asking that everyone bring their own dishes and cutlery and to please label their dish for those with allergies.

For the holidays we will be open on Dec. 23rd and 24th as well as the 30th and 31st. We are closing early on the Eve's so Dec. 24th and 31st last pick up will be at 3 p.m. We will be closed on January 1st and reopening on January 2nd. If you know for sure that your child will be away on any days over the holidays we would really appreciate if you could let us know. It helps us to plan staffing.

Anjali will be heading to India for a month for her brother's wedding and to visit friends and family. We hope she has an amazing trip!

We would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday season and best wishes for a fun filled 2020!!



Infant Toddler News

This month has been a fun month of adventures! The children are becoming more curious about what's outside of our yard and discovering new places to explore so we have been going on daily walks to nearby places. We have discovered trails behind the centre and the dinosaur park at the other end of our parking lot. We have also gone across the road to the high school soccer field while talking about road safely making sure we look both ways to make sure no cars are coming before we cross. Going on these adventures helps children to feel capable and confident when going into unknown territories we have also been learned much about safety by staying close together, holding a partners hand, and following behind a teacher. It has become so much of a favourite that every morning when we go outside the children run to the gate all lined up saying, "adventure, adventure!" We sing the adventure song together along the way.



Reminders:

The cold months are upon us and we will still be going outdoors daily so we ask for children to be prepared with warm outdoor gear. Bringing extras also helps in case some gear gets wet such as mittens. We appreciate all the labeling that all the families have been doing for their children's belongings it really helps us to identify what belongs to who and to make sure they get back into the right cubbies if things get misplaced.

Important Dates:

Dec 12th is our annual Winter Festival 5:15- 6:45 we hope to see you all there!

We will be closing early on December 24th at 3pm, and closed for the 25th, 26th, 27th then closing early December 31st at 3pm, and closed January 1st.



Have a wonderful holiday



3-5 and Multi-Age News

Well, we have certainly needed our toques and mittens the last few weeks.....and we are eagerly awaiting our first real snowfall so we can see our play space transform..... Until that happens though, we have had many different play experiences. One day it poured with rain and the children were in their element! Some stood under the gutter on Multi-age and felt the water pouring down on their heads. Others filled and poured and constructed a meandering river. There was lots of



collaboration and team work going on. We were so glad to have lots of extra dry clothes that day. The children have been noticing how ice has been forming in the yard and often go in search of pieces to add to their play.

We have also observed some children exploring trajectory and rotational schemas. There has been lots of rolling down the hills, not just children but different objects such as rocks and balls. It's interesting to hear the children discuss what their ideas are and so lovely to hear their laughter and screams as they experience the movement. Inside, others have been asking to jump off the large unit onto the mats in the 'climbing room'. It is wonderful to watch the children wait a turn, make safe choices and encourage each other in their jumping.

The children have drawn pictures for a certain person in a red suit.... we walked down to the Mall post office to post our envelope to the North Pole.

The children have also been making paper.....top secretso you may not have known this...watch this space! All will be revealed later on in December.

We hope you are able to come along to our Winter Festival/Pot Luck evening - it appears the event clashes with the Holiday Train visit. The children are practising a couple of festive songs to sing for you all - hopefully you can fit in both events.

Thank you for ensuring your child has plenty spare clothes. It is great to have extra mittens because although we try to dry them out for afternoon outside time, sometimes they are still damp.

We are trying to reduce the amount of paper towels and tissues we use and so have now got small pieces of cloth for wiping runny noses. Each child will have a small hook and their photo outside the bathroom to hang their own little towel which we will provide.

Teacher Anjali is returning to India for a little while to attend her brother's wedding - we will miss her while she is gone and wish her safe travels.

