

# February 2020 Newsletter



Welcome February, I for one am happy to see the end of January. It seemed like a long month, lots of snow which is great for skiing but not so fun to shovel 😊

I am sad to inform you that Alexis will be leaving us this month. She is moving to Vancouver to pursue her master's degree. We wish her well on her next adventure and will miss her very much. On a happier note, Sam is back as a casual after being off for a year on maternity leave. So nice to have her back!

On February 13<sup>th</sup> we will be visited by some Selkirk College nursing program students. They will be doing a morning of activities around handwashing and "do all bugs need drugs". Should be informative and also lots of fun.

Reminder that we will be closed on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> for Family Day.

I wanted to make sure that everyone had heard about the "Run Like a Mother" event taking place on May 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a first annual half marathon and 10km road race in Nelson. It is also a fundraiser with proceeds going to Kootenay Kids. It should be a fun event so start training now!



## Infant and Toddler News



Hi, we have made the first month of 2020 successfully! It has been nice to enjoy some sunny days, but the coming snow will remind us that it is not spring yet!

We have had an amazing January on infant and toddler program, filling with all kinds of exciting activities. We continued building snowmen and making snowballs with the snow in our yard, and we were able to have a lot of adventures to explore our neighborhood. Our little guys have learnt how to be a great and safe walker by holding each other's hand, looking at the traffic before crossing roads, checking everybody in the team is safe. We also had so much fun sliding down the hill on three to five's yard. You have probably heard children are talking about that! For inside activity, our children have been really interested into painting as a group. There were several water painting projects have been done with snow theme and flowering theme. It is such an amazing thing to see our children take turns, use social skills, build friendships, and be a team player!

In the past month, the theme of weather has been wet and cold. It is probably going to be the same this month. So, we are asking parents to prepare spare mittens in order to stay warm. Also, we appreciate all the families have been supportive with returning our washable and reusable bags for dirty clothes. I believe that is all for now!

## 3-5 and multiage February News



Yesterday was Groundhog Day and due to the sunny Sunday we will be enjoying 6 more weeks of winter! Yeah! We find it easier to stay warm and dry when it's cold outside. Thank you everyone for bringing lots of extra outside clothes.

Last month we learned about Chinese New Year and that it's the year of the rat. We read lots of stories about the animals of each year and the great race. We also celebrated Robert Burns Day. We wore plaid and got a special Highland Dance performance courtesy of Adriana.

We will be playing some carnival music around the end of the month to experience some carnival and Mardi Gras themes, that should be fun!

The multi age room has gone through some remodeling and it seems to be working out well, it's a work in progress. There will be new ongoing crafts involving papier-mache in the coming weeks, this will be an ongoing project and we expect each project will take multiple days so ask your children for updates.

This month we are having a new visitor on the 3-5 side, welcome Moe the mouse! Read about him on the sign in bulletin board. Each child will have a chance to bring Moe home for an overnight visit and families are encouraged to record your visit in the take home diary with whatever adventures you have.

Moe is going to have a new visitor as well. Maggie the mouse is coming to share some time with Moe, Maggie is from a school in Aberdeen Shire in Scotland and is coming with stories to share about their home in Scotland. As well some of the students there will be pen pals with Maggie and Moe. This is a work in progress so stay tuned and thank you Kathleen for bringing us a wee bit of your home!

As always, thank you to all the parents who label ALL your child's clothes as it makes it possible to dry and return items to the same child! We always have sharpies on hand if you have forgotten to label something at home. Enjoy, embrace the cold!!

