

Mes Amis Preschool Newsletter



December

Bonjour Preschool Parents,

Welcome to the Christmas season! I hope everyone is in a festive spirit and ready for a fun and exciting month! During the month of December, we will be learning various words in French about Christmas. I will also be teaching my students a few Christmas songs which we will be performing at our Christmas concert (see below for more information). We will be moving on the next step of our sorting and categorization unit by learning patterning with our 3/4yr old class and 4yr old classes. This is something that I have been slowly introducing over the past month, so most of the students will be well prepared for this next part of the unit. Our 3yr old class will continue their work on categorization and sorting as well as sequencing. This month we are going to continue our letter printing/recognition with the four year old classes and at the same time I will be continuing on with our letter recognition and phonetics unit with my younger students. This month I will be introducing a “techniques in throwing and catching” unit during our physical education time. Later, in the upcoming months, I will be moving on to the second phase of this unit by teaching students to throw for accuracy, such as hitting a target (such as goal net or through the 0 in a hula hoop). You can work on this at home with your child by playing a simple game of underhand throwing and catching using a medium sized foam ball or other light and soft material ball.

Our sharing theme for this month is “My Christmas”. For this theme, students are asked to talk about how their family celebrates Christmas or the holidays. Students can bring small items such as a favourite Christmas ornament or photos to better tell their stories. If you do not celebrate Christmas, you may wish to have your child talk about any other family traditions or activities your child may participate in around this time of year. Your sharing calendars were placed in your child’s mailbox last week. Please don’t worry if your child is absent on their sharing day as we can always make it up on the next day that they are present at school.

Thank you everyone for remembering to place outdoor shoes on the boot racks by the front doors. Please remember to remove your outdoor shoes as well when you come into the school to pick up the children.

Outdoor playdays are on Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's provided that the weather is decent. Please make sure to pack appropriate outdoor clothing for your child on these days. I do have extra snow pants, mittens and tuques that I am willing to share for the odd time where we happen to forget outdoor clothing at home.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all those who have helped with our Festival of Trees field trip. We had a wonderful time on our trips and I am looking forward to other trips throughout the school year

This Christmas season, we have decided to do our part to help out those in need in our community by participating in the Christmas hamper project. Here is how this will work: Each class will get a family and a list of items to provide (groceries, and (if possible) a collection of money to buy a grocery gift card for the family). Once we receive our lists, I will divide all the items we are to provide among each student in each class (notes will be placed in your child's mailbox with their item to bring). Anyone who is able to come help pack hampers and/or deliver hampers is welcome. I will be sending out a follow up email about the Christmas Hampers once I have received word about the packing date. Thank you to everyone in advance for your care and generosity. Every family deserves to have a blessed Christmas this season.

We will be having a Christmas party/concert for the T/Th classes on Thursday December 20th and on Friday December 21st for the M/W/F classes. This will be a shared snack event so I am going to have a sign up sheet prepared by next week for those of you who wish to sign up to bring a treat. Please be aware that there will be more of us sharing snacks than usual as there will be parents and additional family members at this event. Our concert/party will take the place of our regular class that day therefore classes will only last for an hour to an hour and a half at most. This is a family event so I am inviting all parents to come and stay for our concert and party. We will be making gingerbread houses as a craft on this day so please bring one empty individual sized milk carton (smallest size), icing and candies to decorate your gingerbread houses. I will provide everyone with gingerbread for the body of the houses. I will have Parent Helper Calendars posted during our party so please feel free to sign up for any days you'd like to come help out in class during the months of January to June. This will also be our last day before the Christmas break so please remember to take home any items that you may need during the break.

If you have questions or concerns you can call me at school @ 659-7820 or e-mail me at hahlstedt@hotmail.com . If you call the class during class times I will not answer the phone but I will retrieve messages as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support,
Heather Whyte