

Mes Amis Preschool Newsletter

February



Bonjour Preschool Parents,

Here we are, already into the month of February! It seems that this school year has been just flying by. We've been very busy this year with many different themes and activities. This month I am focusing on the themes of "sharing/partager", "friendship/l'amitié" and "love/l'amour". We will also be starting a unit about numbers; learning to recognize numbers 1-10 in French as well as our older students will be working on printing their numbers.

Our sharing theme for this month is "Qu'est-ce que tu aimes?/ What do you love?" For this theme, students are asked to talk about what they love, whether that is a person, a pet, a toy or even an activity. Get as creative as you want! Your sharing calendars will be in your child's mailbox by next class. Our first sharing day will be Friday February 1st. 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.

We will be having a field trip to Can Am Gymnastics this month on Monday February 11th from 9:00am to 11:30am and on Tuesday February 12th from 9:00am to 11:30am. The bus will be here to pick us up at 9:15am and will drop us back off at the school again by 11:20ish am. I will only need a few parent volunteers for this trip as they have their own staff on hand to work with the kids. Any additional parents who wish to come along will be asked to watch from the viewing area at the venue. I will confirm with the staff at the gymnastics studio but as far as I am aware we will only need two parent helpers from each of the T/Th classes and 3 parent helpers from each of the M/W/F classes to come along to help on the floor. Please have your children dress for this trip in comfortable clothing and they will be asked to remove their socks and place them in their shoes when they arrive. Please let me know as soon as possible if this is a trip that you'd like to come along to help with.

This month, I am hoping to continue to take the students outside in lieu of our gym time on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The rule of thumb for our outdoor days is that if the weather is reasonable (no colder than -15C), we will be having an outdoor day. Please be sure to send your child with adequate winter clothing for these days.

I will be placing February book order forms in mailboxes early this month. This batch of order forms are due this Friday, February the 8th. Please get in your orders as soon as possible so that we may get our books back before the break.

I also wanted to let everyone know that we will be having a Valentine's Day Party on Wednesday February 13th and Thursday February 14th. This will be a shared snack party and I will be posting a snack sign up sheet outside the classroom door next week. For parents that wish to attend and share our delicious snacks and play some Valentine's Day themed games, you are more than welcome. We will start our day as usual; however the party will begin 10:45am for the morning class and 2:30pm for the afternoon class. Please send your child dressed in "pink/rose", "white/blanc" and/or "red/rouge". I will also be adding a list of student names in your child's mailbox this week so that your child may bring Valentine's cards for their classmates as we will be making our very own Valentine's Day mailboxes for this special day.

There will not be any school the week of February 18th - 22nd.

Please remember to send your child with their library books on our library days. This is very important as I am not able to sign out additional books for students until overdue books have been returned. There is a library bin on the shelf by the classroom door in which you can drop off your child's book when you bring them to school on Monday and Tuesday. Library times are as follows:

AM – 10:30- Mondays and Tuesdays

PM - 2:15- Mondays and Tuesdays

This is all for now. 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 continued encouragement and support,

Heather Ahlstedt