

Mes Amis Preschool Newsletter



January

Bonjour Preschool Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope that everyone has had fantastic holiday and that Santa was good to everyone this year! Before I get into this months info I just wanted to send out a very BIG and heartfelt thank you to everyone for making our Christmas parties this year so special. I also want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for all your thoughtful gifts and heartfelt cards. I feel so loved and appreciated by all of you so thank you all for being so amazing.

This month our focus will be on winter themes; more specifically, winter activities and vocabulary revolving around this topic. Our 4 and 5 year olds will be continuing their work with phonetics, letter recognition and printing letters of the alphabet. Our three year olds will be focusing on letter recognition, phonetics and working on name printing. Our work with patterning, printing numbers and counting has been going along quite smoothly and I am often amazed at how sharp my students are when it comes to counting and number recognizance. This month in gym class, we will be incorporating our previously learned throwing and kicking skills into some fun relay games and interval stations. This will be an exciting and fast paced introduction to calisthenics and “whole body workouts”.

Remember that Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are our outdoor play days. Please pack your child with suitable outdoor clothing to wear on these days. My rule of thumb is that on days where the temperature is below -15C, we will not go outside and go to the gym instead. For those of you who wish to meet us

outside to play a bit before home time, we are generally outside from 11:05-11:25am in the mornings and from 2:50-3:10 in the afternoons.

Our sharing theme for this month is “My Favorite Winter Activity”. For this theme, students are asked to talk about what they like to do best during the winter months, whether that is a sport or just a pastime (such as making snowmen). Students can bring pictures or other items to better explain their activity. Your sharing calendars are currently in your child’s mailbox. Our first sharing day will be Wednesday January 9th and Thursday January 10th. 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.

This month we will be going on a field trip to the Stonebridge Public Library. This field trip will take place on Thursday, January 24th and Friday, January 25th. Later this week, I will be sending out more detailed information about these trips (trip times, bus times, library card info etc). I will be need parent volunteers for the trip and will have a sign up sheet on my desk early next week. Please come see me if this is a trip that you could come help out with.

Every year in January I like to organize a fun “movie and pyjama” day for the kids. On this day, everyone gets to wear their comfy cozy pyjamas to school, eat popcorn and sip yummy hot chocolate and watch a movie! We will also be incorporating a body break where we go outside to play for a bit (if the weather is agreeable) or to the gym to get our bodies moving. Pyjama and movie day will take place during regular class times on Thursday, January 17th and Friday, January 18th.

There are still quite a few open parent helper spots for the M/W/F PM class. The following dates will need parent helpers: **Wednesday the 9th, Wednesday the 23rd, Friday the 25th and Wednesday the 30th**. Please remember that you are more than welcome to bring younger siblings with you are coming to help and you may also enlist the help of grandparents (provided they complete a criminal record check). I thank you all for your understanding and help.

There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 28th.

We will be starting back at the library on Monday January 7th and Tuesday January 8th. Please remember to send your child with their library books on our library days. 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 support,

Madame Whyte