

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We are all very happy to have our school back in session. We are feeling rested, relaxed, and ready to begin a new year of exciting studies. Thank you for all the wonderful support this last year. We are thankful for the interested and supportive parents, children and families involved in our school.

In December, we finished our unit on peace. We will continue to practice the virtues of peacefulness, kindness, and compassion, and we will continue to learn more virtues throughout the school year. We were also very busy with Christmas activities such as: making salt dough ornaments, musical rain sticks, and gingerbread cookies.

This month we will be focusing our studies on snow, snowmen, snowflakes and winter weather. We will also be learning about Maria Montessori.

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Care for Pepper

We are looking for weekend homes for our school Guinea Pig Pepper. A sign up list is posted outside the main classroom for anyone wanting to have Pepper as a weekend guest. He is a sociable and easy to look after house guest who loves attention. All food and supplies are included for Pepper. Thank you!

January 2011



Important Dates

Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King Jr.
Jan. 20 – Scholastic Due
April 2 - Good Friday (no school)
April 5 – Easter Monday (no school)

January Science

We will be starting a new unit on science during the month of January. We will be involving the children in many science experiments such as: the disappearing eggshell, mousse pousse, milk kaleidoscope, ice melting, and making crystal snowflakes. If you have any science experiments or projects you would like to share, please let one of the teachers know!

Many Thanks

Thank you to all the families who donated beautiful craft supplies, they were all put to great use! Thank you to all the parents who donated Christmas goodies for our party.

Christmas Amalgamated:

Thank you to all the families who donated to our Christmas Amalgamated hampers. We received everything on the list plus more! The family who received the hamper was very pleased and extremely thankful! Thank you for your generosity, helpfulness, and kindness.

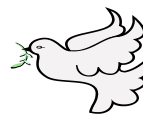
Let it snow!

Please make sure your children are dressed warmly with **labeled** boots, coats, snowpants, mittens, and hats.

Reminders

A reminder to parents to please wait outside the classroom during arrival and dismissal time. This helps both the teachers and the children. Also, please turn off your ignition while your car is in the parking lot. Thank-you! We ask that you hold your child by the hand when dropping off and picking up. With snow and ice, we try our best to be diligent about shoveling and de-icing, however take precaution while walking, it may be slippery.

Please let us know of changes in your address, phone numbers or updates on immunizations for our files. Thank you for helping us keep this important information current!



Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

January 17th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will be talking about the life of this important "Peacemaker" in history.

Donations

We are looking to replace the stove that we are using in the kitchen of our main classroom. Please let us know if you have a working stove that you would like to pass on to our school. Thank you!

Snack:

Our snack schedule is up, please feel free to sign up for one or two days a month to bring snack.



Happy Birthday to you!

Jan. 17 – Lucas Neufeld turns 5
Jan. 21 – Mason Clough turns 4
Jan. 29 – Samantha and Ryan
Finney turn 5
Jan. 31 – Justine Etherington
turns 4

Treasure Book

We have had a great response from everyone who has taken the treasure book home. We want to reassure you that it is still making its way to everyone and if you have yet to receive it, rest assured, this special book will be coming to your house soon! After it has made its way to everyone, the treasure book will become a part of the classroom for the children to look through as they wish. If you do want to take it home again, please speak to a teacher and we will gladly send it with you for another look.

About Juice:

Most children love juice because it tastes so sweet. Fruit is a better choice than juice for toddlers and preschoolers. This is because juice contains vitamins and minerals, but not the fiber found in fruit. A child, who drinks too many sweet drinks, such as fruit, juice, pop and fruit drinks, is filling up on sugar. He or she might not have enough room for healthy meals and snacks. Sipping sweet drinks all day from a bottle or sip cup can lead to tooth decay. Offer milk or water at meals and snacks. Offer water any time a child is thirsty. Offer vegetables and fruit more often than juice. Offer no more than 125 -175 ml of juice per day at meal or snack time. Serve juice in a cup, not a sippy cup. Many fruit drink packages look like they contain real juice, “If the package says: “contains real juice,” “drink,” “punch,” “splash,” “cocktail,” “beverage,” or “__ade,” it is not 100 per cent juice.

- “Leap BC Early Learning Practitioner’s Resource, 2009.”



Welcome:

We would like to welcome a new teacher to our classroom. Miss Reema Patel will be working in our afternoon classroom on Mondays. We are happy to have her and she looks forward to meeting and working with your children.

We would like to welcome new students Ella Nolan, Hudson Jones, Amal Alharthi, Ruby Sakky, Hailey Meredith, and Isabella Maurice to our classroom. We are looking forward to meeting you!

“To stimulate life, leading it then free to develop, unfold, herein lies the first task of the teacher.” Maria Montessori.

We hope you had a restful holiday and look forward to seeing your children’s smiling faces back at school!

**Have a wonderful month!
Michealla and Kirsten**

