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Greenfield Community Nursery School
Newsletter
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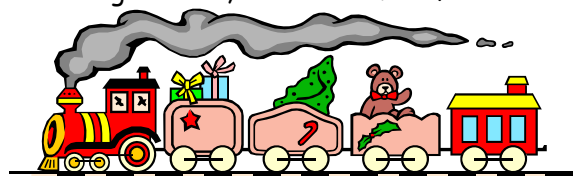
Oh the weather outside is...surprisingly warm! Wow, have we been lucky or what? I am sure that in no time the weather will change and the pretty white stuff will be on the ground. And with that, I want to remind everyone again about taking their shoes / boots off before coming into the classroom. It makes for easy cleaning so if you can keep them at the door, it would be appreciated. The same applies for strollers; please keep them in the boot room.

This past month, we had a parent notify us of their child being sick. As a precaution, we cancelled class for the day and cleaned the room. While the risk of passing the infection on was extremely remote, the precaution to cancel and clean was to ensure no one else got sick. We thank the parent for letting us know in advance and ask all parents to keep their little ones home if they are sick. If you need to let us know, call the school and leave a message or contact an executive member.

We did run into problems contacting everyone about the cancellation because we had some inaccurate contact information. If contact information changes, both the teachers and the registrar need to be contacted so class lists can be updated. Copies of the Personal Information form (which is the form the teachers carry with them at all times outside the class) can be found in the classroom, if changes need to be made.

As some of you may have noticed, we are starting to get in some of the new toys and materials for the classroom. If you have any suggestions for items and see a good sale, let us know. So far we have a train table, furniture, crafts, listening center + CD's, dolls and a carpet for circle time.

Remember to review this month's calendar for the holiday events planned in addition to when classes



will end and resume.

Thanks for helping us make 2008 a successful year and look for more exciting events planned for the New Year.

Happy holidays from the executive committee and have a happy new year!

Mat Matthews
President, GCNS

Notes from your Executive!

- There are vacancies on the Party committee and Scrapbook team for the Monday/Wednesday class. Please contact Kim to volunteer.

Reminder for our Cleaning night on December 18th

The following families are scheduled to help;



These shifts typically take 2 hours, starting at 6:15 p.m. Cleaning supplies are provided but it is recommended that you bring your own gloves and sponges.

The Executive meets monthly to discuss ongoing business of the preschool. Parents are always welcome to attend. November's meeting is scheduled for 7:00 December 8th at Balanced Fitness.

Our 2008-2009 Executive

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Notes from the Teachers



Looking Back...

What a busy month we had in playschool! For the first two weeks of November the children were learning about community helpers. They learned what equipment they use and what they do when children go for their visit to the dentist or the doctor as well as learning how important these jobs are to help keep their little bodies healthy. The children were ecstatic to dress up as firemen, dentists, doctors, etc. The children loved turning the house center into a dentist office or a doctor office. It was exciting to watch the children pretend to be community helpers. The children also took home a dental package donated by Trish Clayton who is a dental hygienist. Thank you so much Trish!

We have been lucky to have the Grade 5/6 class of Sweet Grass School come to visit the playschool to read to the children. The preschoolers enjoy having an older friend to sit down with them and read them a story. You may even hear the preschoolers telling the story their own unique way as they look at the pictures.



This month the preschoolers had fun learning and exploring with their five senses. The children would play a guessing game where they need to put their hand in a box without looking and guess what the toy is just by feeling it. For crafts, they would use different materials, such as cotton balls, sand, different textures of paper, sticks, etc to create their own unique picture. The children sure had fun with their smell and taste sense. They smelled something that had a strawberry/banana scent and tasted sweet... they enjoyed a bit of Jell-O powder!

To wrap up the unit the playschool went on our first school bus field trip to the Telus World of Science. The children learned all about their fabulous five senses. The program was a big success with the children in all classes. Thank you everyone for helping out.

Looking Ahead...

December is just around the corner... wow! Where has the time gone? Wednesday November the 26th and Thursday November the 27th will be the first cooking class at playschool. The children will make delicious fun buns to eat after their regular snack. (Cooking will resume in January due to the busy but short month of December.)

December will be an exciting and fun month. We have planned some great Christmas activities, songs, games, crafts and other fun things to do for the festive season. The children are so excited talking about Christmas and learning fun Christmas songs together.



Class Christmas Parties!

On Wednesday Morning December 17th

*The ***3yr old AM class*** will have their class Christmas party at the regular class time.*

Parents can send in a healthy food snacks for the class party day. Please make sure the food is store-bought and un-opened. **NO PEANUT OR NUT PRODUCTS ARE ALLOWED.**

During the last 30 minutes of class time parents, grandparents, and guardians are invited to come into the playschool room to take pictures and listen to the children sing fun Christmas songs.

Parents...**PLEASE MEET IN THE PLAYSCHOOL BOOTROOM ENTRANCE AT 10: 45 am** and someone will come and invite you into the room when the children are ready to sing.

On Wednesday Afternoon December 17th

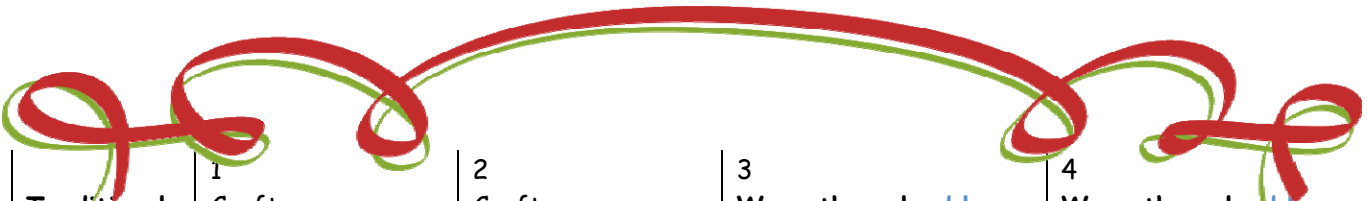
*The ***Mon, Tues, Wed. 4 year old PM class and the Tues/Thurs 3/4 year old AM class*** will have their Christmas party together from 12 noon to 3:00pm. Please arrive at the playschool by 12:00 noon sharp. During the last 30 minutes of class time parents, grandparents, and guardians are invited to come into the playschool room to take pictures and listen to the children sing fun Christmas songs. Parents...**PLEASE MEET IN THE PLAYSCHOOL BOOTROOM ENTRANCE at 2:30pm** and someone will come and invite you into the school when the children are ready to sing.*



There will be no class on Thursday December the 18th. Classes will resume on January 5th and 6th.

Have a very merry Christmas everyone. We wish all of you the best for the holidays.

Thank you,
Teacher Thérèse and Teacher Claudette

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<p>Traditional Tales and Nursery Rhymes</p> 	<p>1 Craft: Gingerbread person Craft: Fairy tale art Craft: Magic art</p>	<p>2 Craft: Gingerbread person Craft: Fairy tale art Craft: Magic art</p>	<p>3 Wear the color blue or yellow today! Craft: Nursery Rhymes Craft: Prince and princess crowns</p>	<p>4 Wear the color blue or yellow today! Craft: Nursery Rhymes Craft : Prince and princess crowns</p>
<p>Christmas fun and surprises</p>	<p>8 Craft: Christmas reindeer art Puppet. Craft: Santa's Elf Craft: color Santa's outfit?</p>	<p>9 Craft: Christmas reindeer art Puppet. Craft: Santa's Elf What color is Santa's outfit?</p>	<p>10 Wear the color green or red today! Craft: Sponge paint with Christmas prints. Craft: Christmas art</p>	<p>11 Wear the color green or red today! Craft: Sponge paint with Christmas prints. Craft: Christmas art</p>
<p>Special Event: Class Christmas parties!</p> 	<p>15 Craft: Make green Christmas trees and decorate in many colors. Craft: Bells Craft: Santa</p>	<p>16 Craft: Make green Christmas trees and decorate in many colors. Craft: Bells Craft: Santa</p>	<p>17 The 3yr old Mon, Wed class will have their Christmas party at the regular time. ----- ----- The 4yr old Mon, Tues, Wed pm class and the 3/4 yr old Tues, Thurs am class will have their Christmas party together from 12 noon to 3:00pm.</p>	<p>18 There is no playschool today for the Tuesday/Thursday 3/4 am class. Merry Christmas everyone!</p>

December