

Riverbend Playschool

Learning though Play

January 2020



Teacher's Message

Welcome back everyone! We are 'beary' happy to see you again. Hopefully you all had a wonderful break and are now ready to get back into a "flurry" of activity! We will start off the New Year talking about our hibernating bears. We will end our week with a Pajama Party on January 9th and 10th. The children will need to wear pajamas and bring a special stuffie that day.

We will be enjoying all that winter has to offer. We are hoping to play in the snow, so be sure to send your child ready for outdoor play EVERY DAY. If weather permits, we will be outside looking for signs of winter in our own neighborhood. This means that our boots, hats, mittens (waterproof please!), coats and snow pants must be warm! It is no fun if we are cold!!!

For the second half of the month, we will be exploring all kinds of ocean life. This unit will end with a "day at the beach" party (Thursday, January 30th for the T/Thur classes and Friday January 31st for the M-W-F classes) for all to enjoy. Be sure to send your child in their bathing suit (under their clothes) on that day and bring along a towel (and underwear) because it is going to get wet and wild! We will be swimming the last 15 mins of class. Please return early to help your child change into their dry clothes. If you are able to stay for a couple of minutes at the end of the beach party to help with the mop up, it would be greatly appreciated.

Laurel, Lita, and Becky

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"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."

—Mr. Rogers

2020/2021 Open House & Registration

Mark your calendars. Open House & Registration dates for the 2020/2021 Playschool year are:

Public Open House:

Wednesday January 29, 2020 from 6PM-7:30PM

Current and Alumni Member Online Registration:

Thursday January 30, 2020 at 7:00PM

General Public On-line Registration:

Saturday, February 1, 2020 @ 8:00AM

Housekeeping & Upcoming

A Special Thanks:

- To Claire's grandma, Penny, for the time you put into designing, sourcing, and sewing of our soon-to-be unveiled Library Bags.
- To Kerry (Kolby's mom) for volunteering your time to help our sewing parent sew some bags.
- Thank you Elise for volunteering your expertise and teaching the 4 pm fun yoga class.

And lastly

- Thank you to all the people who worked at the Casino last month. This event makes a huge difference for the playschool and we really appreciate your support.

Cold Weather Policy

Classes will be cancelled if the temperature is colder than -40, including wind chill, as reported by [Environment Canada](#) at 08:10 a.m.

We will leave a message about the school closure on the playschool voicemail at 780- 988-0704.

Building Independence

We want to work on the goal of independence and confidence, please try:

- runners with no laces
- snack bags that can easily be opened by your child
- please allow your child the time to do their own book-work on library day
- please give the time for your child to find their own cubby box and hang up their own coats

Library Bags



We have newly made Library Bags that will be coming home with your child. This bag will be used for carrying their library book back and forth from home to playschool. Please take special care of these bags. Our plan is to re-use them each and every year. There will be a fee charged for lost and damaged bags. They will need to be returned to us at the end of the school year.

Tuition

January/February tuition cheques will be deposited in the first week of January

Kindergarten Readiness

Is your child ready for kindergarten? If you have any questions, concerns or wonderments about kindergarten readiness, please do not hesitate to ask your child's teachers.

Cleaning Bee

The January cleaning bee will be held on January 22 at 7:00PM. Please mark your calendar if this is your job.

Additional Information

- Please advise teachers if your child is unable to attend class.
- Please make sure you are emptying your cubby box after every class. Our cubby boxes are used for all 4 classes, so they need to be emptied.
- If you have had an address update please email the registrar.