



## March 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that February is behind us. We are not sure how it passed so quickly but are happy that the chance for more snow is getting less and less likely.

### **Bucket Filling**

Many thanks to all the children for embracing our discussions about “filling buckets”. We have seen children: offering to help a classmate needing assistance, offering hugs and sympathetic pats on the back when a friend is emotional, teaching lessons to younger friends, helping to clean up works that were forgotten, checking on friends to make sure they are ok, independently fixing works on the shelf and many more gestures of kindness. It is so great to see that children of all ages are so aware and in touch with their instinctive kind natures.

### **Study Topics**

As a group our alphabet introductions continued with the letters m, n and o. We are concentrating on the phonetic sound of each letter so your child might be able to identify a letter by sound instead of by name. This is done to make the process of reading easier when the children are ready for that step.

Samples of our works are on our parent board.

### **March Topics**

In March we will continue our letter studies and will explore the continent of Europe. We welcome flags, artifacts, and any item of cultural significance to be included in show and tell.

We will also incorporate some St. Patrick’s Day Activities while exploring all the colours of the rainbow.

Additionally, we will focus on the practice of respectfulness. We will be revisiting grace and courtesy lessons, and talking about respectful choices with each other, our families, and the world at large.

### **Important Points**

We have gym days for our active times on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. We ask parents send appropriate footwear (running shoes) on these days to better support the kids and prevent trips/falls on the hard gym floors.

We are also asking that parents please supply their own utensils from home for lunches when utensils are needed. Although we do keep some on hand, this will help us minimize germs and dish loads for the staff.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

#### ***School Pictures – date to be determined***

Thursday, March 31: Deadline for fall registrations – siblings and existing children

Thursday, April 14: Easter Celebration in class

Friday, April 15: Good Friday **NO SCHOOL**

Monday April 18: Easter Monday **NO SCHOOL**

Friday, April 29: Parent/Teacher Interviews by phone appointment **NO SCHOOL**

Friday, April 29: Registration deadline for the summer 2022 program

### **Classroom Observations**

Sadly, we are still not able to offer the opportunity for classroom observations currently. We look forward to a time when we can welcome families back into the class to view their children in action.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

For parents who would like to have a parent teacher interview we will be offering phone interviews only on Friday, April 29.

A signup sheet will be posted 1 week prior to conferences.

Please note there will be NO CLASSES on this day to allow conferences to take place.

### **Last but not least...**

We would like to extend our thanks to Deyus's Mom, Miss Alicia, for helping in our classroom community as a Responsible Adult (RA) as we navigated staffing shortages the past couple of months. We couldn't have done it without her.

We are also happy to welcome Miss Katie, our new Early Childhood Educator Assistant to the team. She will be assisting in both classrooms as of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Miss Katie started in this field as an RA and completed her ECEA in December 2020. We are looking forward to having her on board as we round out of 2021/2022 school year and head into our summer 2022 program.

As always, the teachers are very grateful for our children and our families. We welcome your input and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Miss Linda, Miss Kate

Miss Juhee, Miss Rita & Miss Lindsay

Miss Rema, Miss Alicia & Miss Katie

## **Newsletter March 2022 – Qualicum Beach**

Dear Parents,

Spring is in the air; can you feel it? We sure can in our classroom. We have filled our classroom with beautiful spring flowers. Many thanks to all those who signed up and donated indoor plants and lovely flowers. If you wish to donate there will be a sign-up sheet just outside the classroom door.

### **Things from home**

Thank you to everyone who has been mindful of keeping toys at home. We are very grateful and can already see the positive effects in our classroom.

### **February**

In February we continued our letter works for the letters L, M, and N. We created lovebugs and lacing for the letter L. We explored the letter M with story monkeys jumping on the bed and learning about many different types of monkeys. For the letter N we built nests and went on a nature walk to discover what nature lives around us.

As a group we learnt about the continent Africa, we looked at pictures of life in Africa, spoke about the different animals and listened to music. The children really enjoyed this class subject, and we hope they shared what they learnt with you all at home.

We also celebrated 2 special holidays in February, Valentine's Day and Family day. We had a small Valentine's Day celebration where we all shared what we love most about our selves and our friends. For family day we spoke about what family looks like for each of us and read a special book about families at circle time.

On the topic of love, kindness, and sharing we have many grace and courtesy circles to discuss our classroom golden rule and how to be a helper. Many of the older children were paired off with a younger child and asked to help them throughout the day. The children loved the independence and role of helper this gave them, while strengthening the children's friendships and bond with each other.

## **March**

In March we hope to spend more days outside enjoying the wonderful weather. We will continue our letter studies and moving on to learning about the continent Asia.

If your child wishes to bring a show and tell to school, they may bring something from nature or relating to our continent studies. (ASIA)

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, is the deadline for fall registration. (Siblings and existing children) Please contact Lindsay regarding more information.**

## **Important dates**

**(School Pictures – date to be determined.)**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Spring Break (Classes as usual)**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – Deadline for fall registration.**

## **Sickness policy**

Currently we have a zero-tolerance sickness policy in place. This is to ensure our classroom is as healthy as possible. Temperature checks are being taken at the door (please wait until your child has had their temperature taken before leaving). If any symptoms or fever that arises while a child is in care will see a call to parents for immediate pick up. All children must be 100% symptom free to return to school. No exceptions. We ask parents to use their best judgment and make the decision at home instead of bringing their child and having to be turned away at the door which can be very hard on everyone. For any questions, concerns or complaints please contact director Adriana Antonic.

Thank you,

Miss Holly

Miss Michele

Momma Linda