



February 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that January has come to an end. It has been a month to celebrate new friends and strengthen bonds with old friends.

Study Topics

The children continue to work at their own pace with the Montessori materials and we have seen some great focus and concentration developing. They are becoming more independent and show greater confidence as they continue to succeed at their chosen works.

As a group our alphabet introductions will continue. 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.

We welcome show and tells that connect with the current letter of study and have found that items found in nature, stories or items connected to real life to be the most successful.

Qualicum First Nations Nature Kits

We have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to explore nature with a culture kit that came to us on loan from Qualicum First Nations. The children will be bringing home their Nature Journals in the next week or two.

February Topics

Our continent studies will move from South America to Europe.

We will be talking about Random Acts of Kindness towards our families and friends and will read about “filling buckets” and what that looks like. It is based on the story Have you Filled a Bucket Today by Carol McCloud. We encourage families to continue the discussion at home and to support your children in their efforts.

Valentines Day

We are planning to celebrate Valentines Day this year with a shared snack, special crafts and an exchange of cards. There are quite a few early readers in our class and we feel that delivering cards to each other can be successfully facilitated. If your child would like to make cards for their classmates please ensure that they send one for each child in their class. A sign up sheet for snack contributions will be posted a week prior to the celebration. If you need a list of class members please chat with your child's teacher.

Independence

We are working with the children to help them learn to be fully independent with getting on their outside, winter gear. We encourage their learning by guiding the process and supporting the children in doing as much for themselves as possible. Doing the same at home when time permits would be very much appreciated.

Program Time Reminders:

Just a reminder that we have 3 different program end times. We really appreciate that the majority of our families are consistent in timely pickups.

If your child is registered in our AM preschool their program ends at 11:45

If your child is registered in our Extended Day Class pick up is anytime before 3:30

If your child is registered in our Full Day Care they need to be picked up before 5pm

Our late fee policy is that we charge \$1.00 per minute when children are picked up late.

Thank you for your diligence.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, February 14 Valentines Day Celebration

Friday, February 17 NO SCHOOL Professional Day

Monday, February 20 NO SCHOOL Family Day

Reminders

*As the weather is unpredictable please ensure that your child has full outdoor gear at school.

*If your child is sick please keep them at home to rest to help prevent the spread of germs and to prevent your child from coming into contact with new germs

*If your child is going to be absent please let us know before 9am.

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 Karen
Miss Juhee, Miss Rita, Miss Megan