



April 2023

Qualicum Beach - Newsletter

Dear QB Parents,

April is here! April showers bring May flowers, so please check the weather daily and dress your child accordingly. We ask that parents label as much as possible to eliminate any lost belongings. Many of the children have now been with us since September and are very accustomed to the program and routines. We are encouraging the children as much as possible to be independent and responsible for their own bodies and belongings. In the practical life area of our classroom, we have a variety of different dressing frames, these frames help teach the children to master one skill at a time and use their learned skill and apply them to their lives through dressing themselves, helping friends, etc. We encourage you to allow your children to show you their skills at home too.

Sickness

We really appreciate all our families' support and understanding during this awful sickness which went through our classroom like wildfire. We have been doing extra cleaning and sanitizing in hopes to avoid the return of the bug.

If you notice your child displaying symptoms of sickness please keep them at home, turning a child away at the door can be very stressful for all those involved. Please familiarize yourself with a sickness policy posted on the classroom window to help you to know when to keep your child home. We try to keep our bulletin board updated as much as possible, so we recommend checking it daily.

Reminders

We understand that life can be very busy, and this can cause the occasional late drop off. We ask that if this may be the case, please reach out to us via our work phone to let us know. The same is said for late pickups. Unfortunately, we are having to police late fees which can make things very uncomfortable. Our late fees are \$1 per minute which must be paid at the time of pick up. If you are aware, you will be late for picking up a minimum of 1 day prior, please contact Miss Holly and she can talk with you about options to try to avoid a late fee. Thank you for your understanding.

March

In March we continued our letter work with the letters M, N, and O. For the letter N we spoke about nest and built our very own.

We also spoke about Europe, we looked at pictures of European landmarks and money for a variety of different countries.

As we continued our cultural lessons about the world around us, we began an assortment of different works surrounding land, water, and air to deepen their understanding and knowledge. The children love the hands-on factor of their works, and we hope this will spark an ongoing interest in our planet.

April

In April we will continue our letter work and make our way around the world learning about Asia. If your child has any items from home which are in relation to Asia, they are more than welcome to bring them to school. Please do NOT send toys to school.

We will also move on down the alphabet with the letters P, Q, and R.

In celebration of Earth Day, we will be heading outside of our classroom on our annual field trip. (Friday, April 21st, 2023) This year we will be going to visit the Little Qualicum Cheese Works Farm. There is a sign-up sheet located next to the daily sign in and out form. If you wish for your child to attend, please tick which column applies to you. We will be sending out permission forms closer to the date. We will require parents to offer up their time to help us to make this field trip possible.

Upcoming dates

Wed APRIL 5TH – Easter Celebration (crafts, dancing, easter egg hunt)

Fri APRIL 7th – CLOSED (Good Friday)

Mon APRIL 10th – CLOSED (Easter Monday)

Mon APRIL 17th – Deadline for field trip permission forms to be returned (if forms are not returned by this date, we will assume your child will not be attending)

Fri APRIL 21st – Field Trip to Little Qualicum Cheese Works Farm

As some of you may know Miss Lindsay is no longer taking care of the admin for Bright Star Montessori. If you have any questions, please send an email to Adriana at island@brightstarmontessori.ca.

Parents Corner on our website

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Thank you,

Miss Holly – Head Montessori & ECE Teacher

Miss Sierra – ECE Teacher

Mumma Linda – RA Teacher