



# PATHWAY MONTESSORI



## Winter at Pathway's Evergreen Location

We are in the last month of the year 2016! As time passes we have seen tremendous growth in the children---socially, emotionally, and academically. The children are very settled in their routines and expectations of the classroom after a very busy start to the school year. The teacher's and children have adjusted to our new location and are very happy in their environment. The children enjoy helping and working with each other. The children learned about Remembrance Day and made beautiful poppy crafts representing this special day.

Hibernation was a very interesting topic covered last

month. Many stories, crafts, and activities were met with great enthusiasm by all the children.

December theme:

The end of the calendar year brings with it a wonderful variety of holidays, traditions and celebration from a world of cultures. It is the ideal time to create awareness in children that all families do not celebrate the same holidays or traditions; however every celebration is important, has meaning and is valued. During the month of December we will be talking about different winter celebrations like Hanukkah (Chanukah), Kwanzaa, Eid – Al- Adha and Christmas and learning about some of their

traditions, foods and crafts.

Interested in sharing your cultural celebrations with your child's class? Please let our teachers know.

We wish to send out a very heart-felt thank you to Miss Robbi-Lee deGrace, our practicum student from Red Deer College completing her Early Learning and Childhood Certificate. She will finish her practicum with us on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The children have come to love her and will certainly miss her in the new year. She has been a wonderful help in music, crafts, and circle time activities. We want to wish her all the best as she continues her studies and into the future.

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### Dates this Month

- Dec 16** – Winter Celebration- Last day of school
- Dec 19 – Jan. 2** – Winter Break
- Jan 3** – school reopens- children return

## Shape and Colours and Sound Basket

Children love to share. They have enjoyed bringing in objects for our "shapes and colours of the week" basket. As many of the children have been introduced to the sandpaper letters for learning the phonetic sound of the letters, we would like to begin the sound basket in January. Thank you for taking the time to help your child find a small item or object to bring to school

that will represent the beginning sound of the week. We will begin with: Beginning January

Jan 3—6 "a" as in apple

### DECEMBER'S SHAPE and COLOUR:

- Dec. 5 – 9 Purple
- Dec. 12 – 16 Diamond



### Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this month



### The Trailblazer

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### REMINDERS: SCHOLASTIC BOOKORDERS

Thank you to all those who placed book orders in November. We had a great response and have collected \$150 in bonus coupons! We will purchase some theme-related reference books and some seasonal story books with these coupons. We will resume our book order flyers in January.

### CHANGING WEATHER

Please use extra precaution during these cold months ahead. Though we are clearing our parking lot and walkways, they may still be slippery. Please help us to prevent falls by walking slowly and wearing weather-appropriate shoes.

### ILLNESS PREVENTION

Thank you to all the parents who have kept their children at home when they have been sick with runny noses, coughs, and colds. This is the season teachers are fighting off sore throats and colds as well. Making sure that your child is well before he/she returns to school will result in happier children and less chance of infecting others.

### STAFF REQUEST FOR ITEMS

We would like to add to our cultural baskets in the classroom. Any items you have picked traveling that you can donate such as: small souvenirs of landmarks (ex. Eiffel Tower, Big Ben), small replicas of dolls or clothing representing other cultures, coins or paper currency.

## Winter Celebration for 2016

Our class will hold a Winter Celebration on the last day of school – Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>. **It will not be a regular school day and we would like to invite parents and children to come to the classroom from 9:30 to 11:00** to share some special time with their child and our school family. **The children are encouraged to wear something red and black.**

They will sing three holiday songs and share a craft with you. They have been working very hard learning their songs and actions and we are so proud of them! We would ask that each family please bring a dish of an appetizer/snack/finger food to share. Cultural foods would be very welcome! Beverages will be provided. Please do not bring dishes that need to be heated as we do not have the

proper facilities to provide for this.

Our Woodbine location is having their Cultural Celebration this day as well, downstairs in the lobby of the church. At 11:00, you are invited to go downstairs and view the cultural displays presented by our Kindergarten students. This is a curriculum requirement and our students do a fantastic job every year! Hint: You will want to bring your camera to this event.

