



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



Winter at the Woodbine Preschool

We are in the last month of the year 2016! Time is going by quickly and we have seen tremendous growth in the children---socially, emotionally, and academically. The children are very settled into the routines and expectations of the classroom and enjoy helping each other. The children learned about Remembrance Day and made beautiful poppies for the day.

Our theme for the month of December will focus on continents, cultures, and winter celebrations around the world. By celebrating other traditions with food, music, dances, and stories, children begin to see the uniqueness of other cul-

tures and learn to accept and understand how much we all have in common.

The kindergarten children will be exploring how we demonstrate respect for ourselves and others and how we show interest and sensitivity towards them. They will reflect on "How can I show respect and acceptance of people as they are?" We thank you in advance for all your support and participation in helping your child learn more about him/herself and others.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a few parents to help with the clean-up after our Cultural Celebration. If you can help

out, please let your classroom teacher know.



Sound Basket

Children love to share. One way that they can do this is to bring an item to school that starts with the sound of the week. These items will help introduce and reinforce the phonetic sounds of the letters. The item is placed in the sound basket, and when it is circle time we look at all the items that start with that particular sound of the week. Children love bringing some-

thing, so please take some time, and find a small item or object to bring every day your child comes to school. Please place the item in a small Ziploc bag with their name on it.

Nov 28 – Dec 2 "h" as in horse

Dec 5 - 9 "i" as in igloo

Dec 12 - 16 "j" as in jump



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Dates this Month

Dec 16

Cultural Celebration - No regular school Note different location

Dec 19 – Jan 2

Winter Break

Jan 3 School Re-opens. Students Return

Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this month



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REMINDERS:

SCHOLASTIC BOOKORDERS

Thank you to all who placed Scholastic 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 handing out book order flyers in January.

STAFF REQUEST FOR ITEMS

We would also like to add to our cultural baskets in the classroom. Any items you may have picked up in your travels that you can donate such as: small souvenirs of landmarks (ex. Eiffel Tower, Big Ben), coins or paper notes of different currencies, small replicas of dolls or clothing that represent other cultures.

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.

Winter Celebration Dec 16th (9 am table set-up)

We are looking forward to our Winter Celebration on Friday, Dec 16th from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. It will be held at the South Gate Alliance Church at 1436 James McKeivitt Rd. SW, at our second location of Pathway Montessori. Our celebration will be held in the main entrance area of the church. We hope to celebrate all the cultures that are represented by our kindergarten children. A key component of the Alberta Learning Kindergarten curriculum is Citizenship and Identity. This breaks into two parts. One part is titled, I Am Unique. The other is titled, I Belong. The Winter Celebration is the perfect opportunity for each kindergarten child to celebrate themselves! Each Kindergarten family has been asked to represent a country of their origin and will

be assigned a table at the church to showcase this culture. They will display some information about their chosen culture in the form of pictures, souvenirs, flags, and music. We ask that each country provide a small finger food so everyone that wants to can experience a small taste of something that is true to their culture. We would like to extend an invitation to all preschool parents to also take an active role in the celebration and bring something for our appetizer table from your culture, as well. Look for a sign-up sheet by the attendance book for bringing snacks that day. The children will be performing some holiday songs ...bring your cameras; you won't want to miss it! **Kindergarten children are asked to arrive at 9:00, in order to set up their presentations.**

