



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



Happy New Year Woodbine Preschool

Welcome back, Happy New Year to all, and we hope that you had a great holiday season with friends and family. We want to thank all the families for the thoughtful gifts and cards that were given to us before the holidays. We would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" for bringing family and friends to the Cultural Celebration. We had a wonderful turnout and delicious food brought in by all. The Kindergarten children did a fantastic job on their cultural presentations and the whole school put on a wonderful performance with their singing. We hope you enjoyed their performances! Another thank you to all the parents who

helped put away chairs after our celebration. We certainly appreciated it.

In January, the children will be learning about the calendar, days of the weeks, and months of the year. The children will also be introduced to a unit on Space. The Kindergarten children will continue with their "All About Me" theme and scrapbooks focusing on physical characteristics. We would also like to welcome three new students to our class--- in the mornings: Kristina and Kylie; and Emmett will join in the afternoon.

As we have had some pretty cold temperatures before our Winter Break, and likely

to have them again in the new year, we would like to remind the parents with Kindergarten children to send your child in appropriate outdoor clothing. Waterproof mittens are preferred over gloves as it tends to keep their hands warmer. Full snow gear is requested on snowy days. As you are all aware, your children go outside to play every day after lunch, unless the temperature or wind-chill is colder than -20 C. We leave the school around 12, and come back anywhere from 12:35-12:45. We attempt to spend a good 30 minutes or more a day outside.

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Dates this Month

Jan 3 School Re-opens. Students Return

Jan 12 Parent Night - Kindergarten Q & A 7 - 8 pm

Jan 25 & 26 Parent Teacher Interviews (6-8 PM only)

Jan 27 Parent Teacher Interviews). **No school for children**

Happy Birthday!

Jan_10
Lomini Liyanage - Age 4

Jan_23
Samuel Scott - Age 4

Jan_31
Isaac Reid - Age 6

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 something, 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.

Jan 3-6 "k" as in kite

Jan 9-13 "l" as in lion

Jan 16-20 "m" as in mat

Jan 23-26 "n" as in nest

Jan 29 -Feb 3. "o" as in ox



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REMINDERS:

REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018 BEGINS SOON!

Parents who are currently registered in our preschool will be receiving information shortly with regards to registration for the upcoming school year, 2017 – 2018. Please watch your email for this information. Public Registration for the upcoming year has been on going with first priority going to existing parents up to January 31. After that, we will fill available spaces from our waiting list in order of the date of the completed application. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

YEAR END TAX RECEIPTS

If you require a year end tax receipt, please send me an email with your child's name, name for the receipt and current address. I will process requests in order as I receive them as quickly as I can.

UPDATE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Changed your phone number, email address or emergency contact? Has your child received health immunizations recently? Please email if you need to make any changes! Thank you!

Parent Interviews – Kindergarten Q & A

We will be holding Parent/Teacher Interviews from 6 – 8 pm on the evenings of Jan. 25 & 26 and during the day on Jan. 27th. Interviews will be limited to 15 minutes. There will be a sign up sheet available for you to schedule a time for your interview. If more time is needed, you can make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at another time.

KINDERGARTEN? / IS MY CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

We will host a Kindergarten Question and Answer Parent Night on January 12th from 7-8pm explaining the benefits of maintaining those Montessori foundations through the child's elementary school experience. If you have a child that is eligible to go into kindergarten next year (your child has

to be 4 years old by March 1, 2017 to qualify) this will be a great session for you.

TAKE HOME READING:

Some of the children who are ready will begin their home reading program. Every Monday your child will choose a book from our class library. Every night he/she should practice reading the book to his/her parent using strategies we are learning in class. He/she needs to remember something about the book to tell the teacher on Thursdays during our "Book Time." You or your child should write the title of the book on our monthly "Book Reading Log" found inside the baggie. The person who reads the book to the child should sign/initial their name. Keep the form

in the bag. The reading program will begin in mid-January.

