



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



Happy New Year, Fort Langley Pathway

Welcome 2017! May this New Year bring you peace, happiness and good health.

It's hard to believe that we're in January already. We hope that you had a joyous and fun-filled holiday season. The children did a great job singing at our Winter Celebration. For some of the children, it was their first time singing in front of an audience. Thank you so much for attending, and your on-going support! We are looking forward to an inspiring and productive year in 2017. We have refreshed the classroom for the New Year and there are many new activities on the shelves. The winter season is always an exciting time for the children.

Some things to look forward to this month are: discussions on what people and animals do to survive, particularly in winter. We will touch on animal tracks and senses. Our new 'big' word will be: camouflage (for polar bears, arctic hares, arctic foxes). We'll also learn about the anatomy and some special things about polar bears. We will be reviewing the continents and the animals that live there. Our group discussions will include the North and South Poles, the Arctic and Antarctica regions. Some science activities we will cover are: what is ice, and how to melt it. Highlights will include: parts of an iceberg, we will also be

bringing in our own iceberg to the classroom to watch it melt.

Our visit to the library on the 26th will tie in nicely with our Arctic unit. Our lovely librarian will spend a half hour reading us some arctic stories and practicing songs. This will be a walking field trip to the library, located at the Fort Langley Community Hall. Parent participation is not required, as it is just a small library with minimal seating.

We have a few new faces starting in January which we will officially welcome next newsletter.

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Dates to Remember this Month

- Jan 3rd Classes resume
- Jan 26 Walking trip to library for Storytime (parent participation not required)

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 "o" as in ox
- Jan 9 - 13 "p" as in pump
- Jan 16 - 20 "q" as in queen
- Jan 23 - 27 "r" as in run



Happy Birthday!

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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.

Thank you

The Gift of Giving

Our Christmas Food Bank collection resulted in a very large box of food being donated to Source BC. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Wish List

As always, we greatly appreciate all classroom donations. We thank you for your continued donations of envelopes and gently-used items for the class.

A Month in Pictures



We discovered that education is not something which the teacher does, but that it is a natural process which develops spontaneously in the human being.

Maria Montessori