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Fort Langley Tis the Season

We are in the last month of the year 2017! As we near the holidays the children are busy creating crafts and learning about the change in seasons, continents, cultural diversity and celebrations. They are exploring all areas of the classroom and the new water activities that have been added to the shelf are very popular.

This past month we noticed a lot of growth in the children socially, emotionally and academically. We walked to Fort Langley library last month for Storytime and we also had Amanda the librarian come and visit our classroom. She will be back again this month! Meanwhile, Teacher Lenka showed the children a science experiment using vinegar, baking

soda and a balloon. As the balloon began to expand all by itself, the children were fascinated!

Our lunch bunch has been growing! We still have space on Monday and Wednesday afternoons if anyone is interested in afternoon registration or would like to do a drop-in day. We go outside rain or shine so please have children dressed for the weather. Children have been enjoying games of hide n seek and tag outside and they love to dance and play games inside as well. A very enthusiastic group!

Of course, the children are practicing for their concert almost every day and it is the main focus this month. After our winter celebration,

please remember to take home all the beautiful creations the children made. If your child will be away, please let us know so we can make sure they receive their small gift from the teachers and be sure to take home the crafts they made for their families.



Sound Basket for September

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.

Please take some time, to find a small item or object to bring and place the item in a small Ziploc bag with their name on it.

- Dec 4-8 "m" as in map
- Dec 11-15 "n" as in nub
- Dec 18-22 "o" as in oblong



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Dates to Remember this Month

- Dec 19** Firehall Field Trip 9:30
- Dec 21** Last school day before break
- Dec 22** Winter Celebration 9:30 a.m.
- Jan 8** Classes re-sume

Happy Birthday!

- Dec 19** Timofey Malyshev Age 3

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REMINDERS:

Food Bank Donations

We are collecting for Source BC throughout the month of December again this year. Please help your child to bring non-perishable food items (e.g. pasta, canned fish/meat/fruit/veggies, baby food, crackers, soup, cereal, etc.) The last day for collection will be Dec. 22.

New Ratios and Limited Space Availability

Several parents have approached me requesting adding in more days or an extended day for their child starting in Jan. Please let us know ahead of time if you are interested in doing this and I will see if I can accommodate you. Keep in mind that our new license has affected our ratios. Those people who may be planning to extend their days please be aware that space is very limited so let us know as soon as possible. Drop in days are subject to availability.

Thank you

*Thanks to Trail and his family for the homemade apple sauce. Teacher Lenka and I love apple sauce! Also it was a great idea for the sound basket. J is for jar! K is for kale! Thanks for sharing Kale chips with the group most of the children loved them! *Thanks to Mathia and family for the sunflowers! One of them went into the Practical Life area where the children tweezed the seeds into a dish. The other ones went into our nature tray. Also thank you for the beautiful poinsettia plant that is now in our classroom. *Thanks to Leven and family for the pink gerberas flowers! The children enjoyed arranging them into vases and choosing where to put them in the class. We later put them in our flower press and now the pressed flowers have joined the nature tray. *Thanks again to Lincoln and family for the newly purchased materials! The children love the screwdriver and wrench work as well as our two new step boards one for numbers and the other for shapes.

Dressing for Weather, Reminders and Requests

Firehall Field Trip – Thurs. Dec. 19th

We ask all parents to meet us in front of the Fort Langley Fire Hall #2 (23137 96th Avenue) Thursday morning at 9:30 for an initial headcount before the tour begins. There will be no transportation provided and children must be accompanied by an adult for the entire field trip, which is expected to end around 11 am. Babies and toddlers may also attend with their parents. There will be no morning class this day; *however children who normally attend in the afternoon on Thursdays may return to the school for the afternoon session.*

The Preschool Program will discuss Hot and Not Hot (pictures of hot items such as a stove and safe items like riding your bike with a helmet), Stop, Drop & Roll (using pretend felt flames to teach the children how to do Stop Drop and Roll), Crawling Low (using a blanket to demonstrate "smoke"

teaching them to crawl low on their hands and knees) Children learn why and when we call 9-1-1. Firefighter's Are Your Friends (a chance to see a firefighter in his/her gear) and your children will get to sit on a fire truck and have their picture taken in the driver's seat. There is no cost but please let your teacher know if you will not be attending so we can let the fire station know what our numbers will be.

Winter Celebration

The children have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming performance so please plan to attend the Winter Celebration. This presentation promises to be a perfect photo opportunity, so remember to bring your cameras. If you and your child will not be attending, please let the teachers know. We will also enjoy a potluck together

so watch for the sign-up sheet closer to the time. Plates, napkins, utensils and juice will be provided. Please bring family and friends to this special occasion.

