



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



Happy New Year, Fort Langley

Happy New Years!

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

Welcome 2018! It's hard to believe that we're in January already. We hope that you all had a joyous and fun-filled holiday season. Before the break we had story-time visits from Amanda the Fort Langley librarian and enjoyed a very educational field trip at the firehall. We also learnt about Hanukah and had a winter party. 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.

The classroom has been refreshed for the New Year and there are many new activities on the shelves. Some of the new activities finding their way to the shelf in January are some favorite water activities which include pouring, transferring, funneling, color mixing and clean up. Charlie will be returning from her trip to Australia later this month. We look forward to hearing about her experiences which also gives us the opportunity to explore the continent of Australia. In the language area children are progressing in learning the phonetic sounds of the letters. Many are matching objects to first sounds and

some of the older children have started word-building exercises.

We are looking forward to an inspiring and productive year in 2018. We will be continuing with some winter activities as well as continuing to utilize our **Play Safe Be Safe** fire safety kit.



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.

Our sounds for this month :

- Jan 8 -12 "p" as in pen
- Jan 15-19 "q" as in quail
- Jan 22-26 "r" as in ruler
- Jan 29-Feb 2 "s" as in salt



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Dates to Remember this Month

Jan 8 Classes resume

Jan 22-26

Parent Observations – will post sign-up sheet

Jan 29

Parent Conferences- No Regular Class

Happy Birthday!

Jan 8

Oliver Bell-Irving Age 3

Jan 25

Charlie Rueff Age 5

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REMINDERS:

REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 BEGINS SOON!

Parents who are currently registered in our school will be receiving information shortly with regards to registration for the upcoming school year, 2018 – 2019. Please watch your email for this information.

Change of Clothes

Please remember to dress your child warm as we go outside almost every day. If anyone has any extra clothing they would like to donate it is always good for us to have cozy items on hand.

The Gift of Giving

We had several large boxes of food to donate to Source BC. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Year - End Tax Receipts

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

Special Classroom Number for Parents

You can call or text a Parent line that connects directly with the classroom, that number is (778) 872-8537

Parent/ Teacher Conferences and Observations

Observations

We will be inviting Parent observations during class time, the week of Jan. 22-26th. This is a nice opportunity to observe your child in their school environment. Observations will be one half hour in length. Look for the sign-up sheet that will be posted a week prior.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

School will be closed on Jan. 29th for parent/teacher interviews. We encourage you to write your name on the sign up sheet that will be posted the last week of January for an interview to discuss your child's progress. If you cannot make it for an interview or an observation on this day it will be possible to make arrangements for another time.

Extra Thanks

Thanks to Mathai and his family for sharing the meaning of Hanukah by reading a book and lighting the Menorah. We also played with dreidels, ate chocolate coins and colored! The children were very engaged and interested. Thank you to Julien for bring-

ing in oranges and hot chocolate to share! Thank you to Timofey for bringing in a gingerbread kit which we had fun decorating!

*"The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn".
- Maria Montessori*

