



# PATHWAY MONTESSORI



## February— A Very Special Month

### Hello Friends

January has gone by so quickly. The children have all settled back into the classroom routine and are working hard exploring all the new and not so new activities. They are learning sounds and numbers as well as practicing life skills and independence while working with many fun practical life activities on the shelves.

Circle time is always a fun time and children love all the finger plays, songs we sing and stories we read. They even got to use the musical instruments and pretend to be in a band! We have been talking about the winter season and what it looks like. The children learned that small animals, such as birds, struggle with finding food

during the cold season and how we can help them by hanging bird feeders and filling them with a variety of seeds. Later this month we will be making some pinecone birdfeeders and observe them in the playground. While we haven't recently played in real snow, the children did an experiment and made their very own snow that doesn't melt! They enjoyed watching how dry powder(polymer) absorbed the water and grew in size!

**Our special events** this month begins with two Valentines celebrations on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. After that we will be learning about Chinese New Year's which starts on February 16<sup>th</sup> and this

year will be the year of the dog. During that week we will be learning about some of the special meanings surrounding it and doing things like decorating the classroom, having a tea party and trying out chop sticks. Children are then welcome to wear their pink shirts on Feb. 28th for anti-bullying day. We will be having a simple group discussion that day about feelings, problem solving and using kind words and actions. It is important for these children to learn how kind it is to help everyone feel included.

### Our Sound Basket Exercise

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 :

- Feb 5-9 "t" as in ten
- Feb 13-16 "u" as in uncle
- Feb 19-22 "v" as in vine
- Feb 26- "w" as in water



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### Dates to Remember this Month

- Feb 2 Pre-registration forms for 2018/19 due
- Feb 12 Family Day – No School
- Feb 13,14 Valentines Friendship Party – Regular school day
- Feb 23 Professional Development Day – No School
- Feb 28 Anti bullying - Pink Shirt Day

### Happy Birthday!

**Feb 4** Mila Macpherson Age 3

### The Trailblazer

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### **REMINDERS:**

#### **RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 ENDS SOON!**

To re-register for preschool or childcare for 2018/2019 school year, and to assure your space for next year, we will need the forms returned by February 2. Time to take advantage of your preferred status at our school is limited. After Feb 2, we must open to the public. If you know of a friend or neighbor that is interested, please refer them to [pathwaylangley@gmail.com](mailto:pathwaylangley@gmail.com) to set up a tour or request a registration form.

#### **Drop in Days**

Mornings - \$20

Afternoons - \$15

All Day - \$35

There is often space on some days to provide extra time for your child. It is subject to availability. Just pre-book with Nancy and pre-pay when you drop them off. This is also available through e-transfer to Nancy's email.

#### **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

## Valentines Day Information

### **VALENTINES DAY**

The week leading up to Valentine's Day we will be discussing what it means to be caring and kind to others and will be making valentines. We will be hosting Valentines celebrations on Tues. Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and Wed. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. These will be regular school days where we make friendship pancakes with the children and enjoy them together. Children may bring toppings such as bananas, strawberries, whip cream etc. We would only require each child to bring small amounts (eg a few strawberries, 1 banana etc.) for the pancakes. They may bring 25 valentines that are not addressed to each child but only signed. This makes it much easier to distribute them and assures everyone receives one.

### **Extra Thanks**

Thank you to Timofey for the lovely books and to Julien for sharing his "P" for popcorn with the class.

Also thank you all for all the clothing donations! We have plenty now.

*"Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment." Maria Montessori*

