



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



Near the End of the Year

We are in the last month of the year 2019! As we near the holidays, children are busy creating crafts and preparing for our upcoming concert. We have had interesting circle times this month talking about the hibernation of the many different animals that have been entering our classrooms hibernation cave.

Sarah has been busy coming up with crafts each week that correspond with the letter in the sound basket. We are also introducing a virtue each week inspired by the deck of Virtue Cards purchased at the BC Montessori Association

workshop the teachers attended last month. The cards we have discussed so far are gentleness and peacefulness.

Thank you to Arti who shared with us all about Diwali and everyone painted their own Diya. We wish her a great trip to India and will see her back in January. We walked to the Fort Langley library twice this month and participated in Storytime. Lois the librarian will be coming on Dec 13th to visit us! Thank you to Mathai and his family for putting us in touch with Chaya from the Hebrew school who will be coming to talk about

Hannukah on Dec 11th. We always encourage parents to come and share their cultural heritage or other talents with the class.

The children are busy learning about multiculturalism which goes with our practicing of many cultural songs for the upcoming Celebration. Teacher Nancy will be setting up a Christmas tree in the classroom which the children will be helping to decorate. As well, teachers will be switching out our practical life area and replacing them with more seasonal activities.

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Dates this Month

Dec 20 Winter Celebration 9:30 a.m.

Last day before winter break

Jan 6 Classes resume

Sound Basket this Month

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 the time to locate a small item they can bring with their name on it.

Dec 2-6 "n" as in neck

Dec 9-13 "o" as in otter

Dec 16-19 "p" as in panda



Happy Birthday!

Dec 4 Andy Lange Age 4

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REMINDERS:

Dress for the Weather

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather with the rainy season and colder weather on the way. Please remember to label all outside clothing---boots, hats, mitts, jackets, etc. It makes it easier to ensure your items will be returned.

Snow Closures

In the event of a snow closure we follow the same schedule as Fort Langley Elementary.

Space Availability

Any one interested in attending more days or are interested in extending their days please let me know soon as we have new children starting in January and space is limited. Drop in days are pre-paid and are subject to availability.

Thank you!

Thanks to Lillia for bringing worksheets for the letter F to share.

Thanks to Jackie for the beautiful candles.

Thanks to Nikkia for bringing juice to share. It was a great idea for the sound basket.

Thanks to Mathai for bringing crackers and jam to share with everyone.

Special Days at Pathway

Winter Celebration

Please plan to attend the Winter Celebration. This presentation promises be a perfect photo opportunity, so remember to bring your cameras. 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. Children may dress up or they are welcome to wear clothing from their culture or tradition. Please remember to take home all the beautiful creations the children made after the celebration. 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.

The Gift of Giving

We are collecting for the Langley Food Bank throughout the month of December again this year. Please help your child bring non-perishable food items (e.g. pasta, canned fish/meat/fruit/veggies, baby food, crackers, soup, cereal, etc.) The last day for collection is Dec 20th. Thank you for contributing to our holiday community service project.

Wishing You the Best Holiday Season Ever

We wish all of you a happy, fun-filled Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you all back – rested and rejuvenated- in January!

