



# PATHWAY MONTESSORI



## Starting the New Decade at Pathway

Welcome back! We hope that you had a great holiday season with friends and family and wish you all a very Happy New Year. Our Cultural Art Gallery and concert had a wonderful turnout despite the weather which we and the children greatly appreciated. The delicious food was enjoyed by all, while families were able to view the art displays. The children made connections with the art and the countries they were introduced to. The many different mediums from painting to tearing paper for a collage and gluing pre-cut shapes added to the joy and excitement of creating together. A special

thank you to our volunteers who made our set up possible!

During the month of January, we will be discussing and discovering the theme "Hibernation-Where did the Animals Go?" The children will be learning some fun facts about the following animals: **Leopard frogs** that hibernate in the mud of ponds.

**Bats** who hibernate in caves, mines, seeking the ideal temperature and humidity.

**Skunks and snakes** that are less active during the winter.

We will also discuss **bears, squirrels, and groundhogs.**

### Kindergarten News

We completed our Habitat Study with each child preparing a poster board displaying information they researched with me in an artistic fashion. They all did an amazing job! The children's reading / word family work continues and we will resume our word family work and sight words adding to their journey towards reading. We began addition memorizing the "twin" numbers and completed their first math booklet. In the New Year we will re visit addition facts and review math concepts. Then I will introduce subtraction using the same number sets they already know from addition.

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### Dates this Month

- Jan 6** - School Re-opens Students Return
- Jan 31** - No school - Parent Teacher Interviews

## Sound Basket this Month

We would like objects that emphasize the **short phonetic** sounds of the letters especially for the vowels: ant instead of ape, egg instead of eagle, insect instead of ice, ostrich instead of oatmeal, and uncle instead of unicorn. The same goes for the letter "g"- words that start with the hard g

sound as in girl, grape, gift, instead of giraffe or giant.

- Jan 6– 10 "m" as in mat
- Jan 13 – 17 "n" as in nest
- Jan 20 – 24 "o" as in ox
- Jan 27 – 31 "p" as in pot



### Happy Birthday!

- Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Weston Bowley Age 5
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Jia Sisodiya Age 5



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### REMINDERS:

#### **Behaviour**

We would appreciate your support talking to your children about following the school rules. We will be focusing on: #1 Not running in the classroom. #2 Talking in quiet indoor voices. #3 Putting work back when completed in the same place as it was taken from. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Scholastic Book Orders**

Thank you to all who are supporting our monthly book orders. We have earned quite a few "bonus bucks" and have put them towards some resource materials for the teachers and some new storybooks for the classroom. Book order flyers will be sent out the first week of the month and we ask that you fill your orders online by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

#### **Snacks**

Please ensure that your child's snacks are of the healthy variety. Please do not send cookies or junk food. Also, please try to send foods that children can manage to eat neatly and without a lot of additional messes. Finger foods are wonderful as they are easy for them to eat without assistance.

#### **Absences**

Please let us know if your child will be absent with a text message to 403 402 0901 or an email to [pathwaymont@gmail.com](mailto:pathwaymont@gmail.com)

## Parent Teacher Progress Meetings and Registration

### **PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS**

We will be holding Parent Teacher Meetings during the day on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. If you cannot be available for a daytime appointment, we can make one for you between 6 – 8 pm on the evening of Jan 30<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be limited to 15 minutes. There will be a sign-up sheet available for you to schedule a time for your interview on the 31st. If more time is needed, feel free to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at another time

### **2020 - 2021 REGISTRATION BEGINS**

Parents who are currently registered in our preschool will be offered priority for registering for the upcoming school year. Registration forms will be available at the Parent Teacher Meetings. Priority for specific days and limited seating for Kindergarten will be available until Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. After that date, we will open the registration process to the general public, and confirm availability to those currently on our waiting list for next year.

