



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



Happy New 2021

We hope that you all had a cozy and safe holiday season with your families. It's hard to believe that we're in January already. 2020 was a year like no other and we look forward to better times ahead. We will continue to do what ever is necessary to keep everyone safe and wish for 2021 to be the year that we can all come together again.

This past month the children worked on Christmas crafts and enjoyed using the seasonal materials like numbers with bells, pouring beads, lacing a stocking and working with the geo board. We talked about the meaning of Hanukkah and read the book "Light the

candles" by Joan Holub. It was a nice surprise to have one of our past parents drop by with a gift of a Menorah and dreidels for Hanukkah! The children loved tree decorating and they shared their experiences of decorating their own Christmas trees and some described their favourite ornament. They had fun practicing songs for the winter concert. It was precious to hear them practice "jingle bells" and then throughout the day we continued hearing it sung in the classroom and the playground. The did a wonderful performance on Zoom and we were pleased so many of you could attend!

The classroom has been refreshed for the New Year and new activities are out on our shelves. We are shifting our focus from the festive season to winter and will enjoy popular games and activities to match this season. We will learn about the difference of the two polar regions and where they are located as well as the animals that live there. When and if the snow comes, we have ways to incorporate it into our practical life area as well as enjoy some science experiments with it.

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Dates this Month

Jan 4th Classes resume

Jan 29 Pre-registration forms for 2021/22 due

Sound Cabinet this Month

The children learn a weekly phonetic sound everyday at circle time. This is taught in Montessori by using a small object from our sound cabinet, or by using 1st sound booklets and other materials in our language area. Recognizing letters by their phonetic sounds is the first step in learning to read.

- Jan 4-8 "o" as in otter
- Jan 11-15 "p" as in panda
- Jan 18-22 "q" as in queen
- Jan 25-29 "r" as in raisin



Happy Birthday!

No birthdays this month



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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.

Space Availability

Any one interested in attending more days or are interested in extending their days please let us know soon as we have children starting in January and space is limited.

Year End Tax Receipts

If you require a year end tax receipt, please send me an email with your child's name, name for the receipt and current address

Snow Closures

In the event of a snow closure we follow the same schedule as public schools so listen for radio announcements for Fort Langley Elementary.

REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022 BEGINS SOON!

Parents who are currently registered will be receiving information with regards to registration for the upcoming school year, 2021-2022. This will also be the time to register siblings. Please watch your email for this information.

Contact Info

Please call or text the teachers on the school phone number (778-872-8537) if you will be away or late picking up your child.

Covid Health Inspection and Food Bank Donations

Covid Measures

Our licensing officer came to check our covid measures and was pleased with what she observed. Parents are still not permitted to enter the classroom without permission and if any adults were to enter they must wear a mask. We have masks and hand sanitizer available at the door. We have also been advised that when you are dropping or picking up children, you should be wearing a mask.

Thankyou!

We would like to acknowledge certain families for their support;

Lily and family for the roll of paper;

Ayaan and family for the cookies;

Maristella, Johanna and family for packs of fishy crackers;

Elise and family for chocolate coins.

And finally to all of you for your kind words, cards and thoughtful gifts.

The generous donations for the Langley Food Bank.



*"A child is a discoverer. He is an amorphous splendid being in search of his own proper form." -
Maria Montessori*