



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



February is Heart Month

We have not been able to invite you in for our usual parent observations this year to share how diligently the children are busy working on purposeful activities. The class has been humming along as they explore all areas of the classroom such as learning numbers and sounds, exploring nature and science, working with sensorial and practical life activities, creating crafts and much more. Teacher Arti is excellent at capturing their attention in creative ways; for instance practicing yoga with them. Teacher Sarah has been teaching Spanish lessons, including numbers, colors, salutations and learning a short song.

We talked about winter activities and sports and read

books, like "The Mittens", "Deep Snow" and "Winter sports in Canada" etc. We also learned about the habitats of animals in the Arctic and Antarctic, about penguins and polar bears. They made crafts that involved snow balls, mittens, winter trees and an Arctic fox. Children took interest in solving puzzles individually and in groups. Some of their favorites were the map of Canada, Dinosaurs, and alphabet puzzles. From fine motor, to problem solving, and self-esteem, the advantage of puzzles for children's development are numerous. It's a great opportunity for exercising social skills as they work together to help solve them. February we will be celebrating Valentines Day and

will discuss what it means to be caring and kind to others, expressing how we value friendships by making valentines. We will discuss feelings, problem-solving and the use of kind words and actions. Chinese New Year's starts on Friday February 12th and is the year of the ox. During that week we will learn some of its special meanings and celebrate by decorating the classroom and take home some lucky red envelopes. We will also be covering fire safety and will utilize our Play Safe Be Safe fire safety kit which has a short video as well as games and activities that focus on fire safety. The classroom focus will be on love and kindness acknowledging anti-bullying with Pink Shirt day, February 24.

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Dates this Month

Feb 1	Pre-registration due for 2021/22
Feb 2	Groundhog Day
Feb 12	PD Day – No School
Feb 15	Family Day – No School
Feb 24	Anti bullying – Pink Shirt Day

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.

- Feb 1-5** "s" as in seed
- Feb 8-11** "t" as in tree
- Feb 16-19** "u" as in umbrella
- Feb 22-26** "v" as in violin



Happy Birthday!

Feb 11	Lily Craig	Age 5
Feb 27	Kate Smit	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.

Allergy Alert

Please do not bring **seaweed snacks** that include **sesame oil** as we have a child who is highly allergic.

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

Re-registration forms for our current students and siblings are now due.

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.

Valentines Week

Valentines Week

Valentine's Day does not land on a school day this year but we will celebrate the week prior. As with all our other special events this year, it will be different this but can be just as meaningful. We will be following health and safety protocols **and ask you not send Valentines to school.** Instead, **we will make Valentine's cards** at school during that week and children will decorate their own bags to hold their valentines in. Families are asked not to send any items in for this occasion and we will provide everyone with a pre-packaged treat.



"One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child." -
Maria Montessori