



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



March(ing) into Spring at Pathway

The month of February was a busy one, which included special days like Groundhog Day, Valentine’s Day, Lunar New Year, Family Day and Pink Shirt Day. Children are still enjoying puzzles and working on pre-writing skills such as pin punching, lacing and beading. Some have been busy tracing the sandpaper numbers and letters and others are building words and reading from a set of early readers.

Valentine’s Day was different yet meaningful this year as the children hand-crafted Valentines cards for each other and put them in Valentines bags which they took home at the end of the week. They made heart sun catchers and did some sewing around hearts. They

brought out the best of themselves at circle time where they took turns sharing kind and caring thoughts towards each other. We explored fire safety using the activities in our Play Safe be Safe kit and watched a short video. We learned about Lunar New Years by reading books, making a craft and Teacher Arti incorporated the animals of the Chinese zodiac signs into her yoga class. In Spanish, children practiced numbers 1-10 and named colors. Next month Teacher Sarah plans to introduce the names of various animals.

Outside, children are having fun with our new rakes and shovels and everyone wants to try the new tricycle. The fire and recycle trucks that

Teacher Sarah donated are very popular as well! We did a big refresh in the classroom on the PD day and on Pink Shirt Day we talked about what it means to be kind, respectful, and accepting.

Looking ahead, we will learn about food and nutrition this month by borrowing some learning bins from the Langley Child Care Resource and Referral Center. Although St. Patrick’s Day will be on March 17th, we will bring out our St. Patrick’s Day activities on the last days before spring break which includes shamrocks, crafts and coloring the Irish flag.

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Dates this Month

- Mar 12**
Last Day of School
- Mar 14** Daylight Savings
- Set clocks ahead
- Mar 15—26**
Spring Break/School Closed
- Mar 29**
Classes Resume

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.

- Mar 1-5** "w" as in wax
- Mar 8-12** "x" as in x-ray
- Mar 29-Apr 2** "y" as in yak



Happy Birthday!

- Mar 16**
Keegan Naples Age 5
- Mar 22**
Harrison Crees Age 3



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REMINDERS:

REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

For anyone who has not secured their spot for next year please be informed that registration is now open to the public. If you know of a friend or neighbor that is interested, please refer them to pathwaylangley@gmail.com to set up a tour or request a registration form

Scheduling

If anyone is interested in changing or adding in days check in with us to see what we have available. Changes depend on availability and often require one month's notice. Please be reminded that our policy is that everyone's days are reserved and that there is no switching or making up days.

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.

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.

March(ing) into Spring (con't)/ Summer Program Input

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After we return from Spring Break, we will be planting flower boxes and a little garden in one corner of the playground. We are happy to receive help or tips from anyone that has a green thumb! We also look forward to bringing nature into the classroom and having children plant and care for their own little plant. Children will soon be decorating their scrapbooks and then will fill it with some of the things they have been working on.

Thanks

Thank you to **Lily** for sharing her photo books and a packaged treat for her birthday. Thanks to **Kate** for sharing packages of goldfish snacks with the

class on her birthday! Thank you to **Teacher Sarah** for the fire and recycle trucks, tool set and cute set of pots and pans.

Summer Program

We would like to give everyone the heads up that we are making plans for our summer program now. We are thinking of doing something similar to last year in regards to hours and a schedule of themes. We appreciate any input you would prefer for dates and hours. Information will be sent out in March.



"Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world" -

Maria Montessori