

Discovery Preschool Newsletter

December 2011

Teachers' Message:



Important Dates:

Class Holiday Celebration, this will be a holiday fancy dress event for the children (more information to follow):

- o 4s and PM class - Wed Dec 21, 2011
- o 3s class - Thurs Dec 22, 2011

Preschool Closures

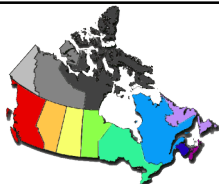
Holiday Closures begin Friday December 23, 2011 till Friday January 6, 2012

Classes begin again on Monday January 9, 2012

2012-2013 Registration

Re-registration deadline for current students/parents is January 20th, forms will be ready after returning from Christmas Holiday.

Also registration date for new students on February 9.



A Quick Look Back

November was a busy month; we began the month by finishing up our unit on Space. We learned a great deal about the far off world in the sky and found that the children took in and enjoyed many of the topics we discussed. We felt that a great unit to transition from space would be to learn more about our own country of Canada. We began by looking at Canada and some of our features, which include the flag, our national animal and the geographic diversity of arctic, prairies and mountains, which is how the classroom is represented. We have currently looked at the forest/mountain regions, animals in the area, Inushuks, totems poles and the arctic.

This month we will be looking more at the arctic and animals found in the area, igloos, northern lights, followed by the prairies, Calgary and the railroad.

Please bring in ice daily for our arctic table, this adds to the children's experience

Our Canada board of the children's pictures is ongoing, please bring in 2 photos (4x6) so we can display their Canadian travels

In November, we completed the first Discovery Preschool Parent/ Teacher interviews and enjoyed sitting down and talking with our families.

We had our first Cleaning Day on November 10, which was a very productive and extremely busy afternoon. Thank you to all the Ladies that came out and helped on this day.

Reminders

Each child has as a LOCKER LABEL in the coatroom, please place their items there each day and remember to leave the label at school, this helps the teachers and volunteers identify your Childs belongings.

Please look in your Childs folder each day at pick and drop off, for their special projects. Due to the number of children and amazing projects they produce we can hold these pieces for a limited time

The weather is continuously unpredictable; please remember to ALWAYS pack appropriate outside clothing for your children. Please LABEL your Childs items that are in and out of their backpacks.

Toys

Beginning in January, we will not be allowing any outside toys in the classroom, we have found this a sensitive issue to some of our children, and by bringing toys to school we have found some are being misplaced or have even been damaged. If your child enjoys bringing a small toy to school we ask that it be kept in their backpack, in the coatroom for safe keeping until the end of the day. If you have any further questions please feel free to speak to us.

We want to wish all the children and their families, a very Happy and Safe Holiday season. Enjoy every special family moment and memory during a joyous time of year.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! See you in 2012!! Miss Jennifer and Miss Ana