



## Camrose & District Pre-School December, 2019 Newsletter

### Dear Parents:

#### Germ Fighters!

November was a wonderful month with the children getting to know all about themselves and their friends. It was fun to compare what made us the same and what made us different from our friends. **After we talked about keeping our bodies healthy and we became GERM FIGHTERS as we noticed some of those healthy habits we discussed being used in the classroom, such as the children washing their hands using the correct method, using a Kleenex instead of a finger when their noses needed blowing and coughing into the crook of their arm.** With the children's help maybe we can keep some of those nasty colds and flu bugs away.



#### New Friendships



### BEGINS WITH ME

**More importantly during this month we saw more friendships begin to form.** We've seen many children interact with others for the first time this month who haven't done so before. **What's more we've observed all of our children showing amazing kindness towards others by including everyone into their play, making sure they feel ok or simply by sitting beside them during circle or snack time.** Wonderful!



#### Christmas Season

Now on to one of the children's favourite time of the year which is of course the Christmas season. As Christmas draws closer excitement begins to fill the air here at Preschool. It is often a busy somewhat stressful time for us adults however for the children it is a magical and joyful time of the year. **Eyes sparkle and dance and how many sleeps left until Christmas are counted down. Therefore our theme for December will be Everything Christmas.** The children will be practicing a mini Christmas program of songs, poems, music and some other stuff just for fun to present to you on either Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> depending on which day your child attends class.

- **The morning classes will perform at 9:30 a.m. and for this occasion we would ask that the children come to class at 9:00 a.m. this day instead of 8:45.** We want to keep the start on the half hour for performance time as it's easier for everyone to remember and also because the 45 minutes the children would have to wait to do these is long.
- **The afternoon classes will perform at 1:00 p.m. so should come to preschool at the regular start time for class.**



This performance will be fairly short and simple as is appropriate for a four year olds attention span and abilities. We are not hoping so much for a polished performance from the children on that day, rather we want this to be a positive experience for them no matter what happens on performance day.



Please don't be disappointed if your child chooses not perform that day as for many this is the first time for them standing in front of audience and even the most confident child can find this daunting. **Just know how hard each child has worked and all will know the program very well and some of our best performances will have taken place during our rehearsals where the children feel comfortable with their teachers and their peers.** We know we will be proud of them no matter what happens and we hope you will too.

## Christmas Party



After the children's performance we would like to celebrate their hard work by having a bit of a party in our classroom. **We need some help providing a snack for all our guests. We are asking each family to bring about:**

- **a dozen pieces of Christmas baking to share with everyone please.**
- **Remember No Nuts of any kind please.**
- Preschool will provide Christmas punch for everyone to enjoy that day.

We hope you can all join us to share this special time with your children. It may be a bit crowded but that just seems to make our day even more festive and everyone has a wonderful time.

## Donation to the Food Bank

As has been our practice over the years the children will not be exchanging gifts with one another. I once read somewhere that with all the excitement children experience during the Christmas holidays the feeling of sharing can get temporarily misplaced. And that's a shame because no one can share like our preschoolers can.



**Therefore we would like to offer the children an opportunity to share with others who are not as abundantly blessed as most of us are by bringing a donation of food for the Camrose food bank and perhaps help brighten someone else's Christmas this year.**

This might be a wonderful opportunity to share with your child how important it can be to help others. We hope that in the act of giving instead of receiving the children will gain a truer sense of what Christmas is really all about. Of course participation in this is totally voluntary.

## Playtime Before Christmas

**The final week of preschool, before the holidays, is reserved for lots of play time.** By then the children as well as the staff will be so glad the practices for our Christmas program are finally done. (Even though we only have four of them for each class, that's twelve for the teachers.) We will of course still do some regular routine activities, make Christmas crafts, sing some Christmas songs and our favourite non Christmas songs etc. **The last days for classes in 2019 will be Thursday December 19th and Friday December 20th depending on which day your child attends preschool of course. Classes resume on January 7th or 8th again depending on which day your child attends preschool.**

**As we close this letter we want to acknowledge everyone for your suggestions, kind words of encouragement and most of all your enthusiasm for our program.**

**May we also extend our warmest wishes to all of our Preschool families for a very Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year! We look forward to the return of all our young friends in the New Year.**



Yours truly  
Pat Walker and Kelsey Miller.

