



Camrose & District Pre-School January, 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents:

We are Happy to Be Back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday full of joy and laughter. We also hope everyone had chance for some relaxation too during this hectic time.

Kelsey and I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone for the Christmas gifts, cards and warm greetings we received this past Christmas season. Please pass our

thank you on to your children for us.

Children's Progress

We have been really pleased with the progress the children have made during the fall months at preschool. **All have gained new skills in many areas of their development and through these achievements their confidence has grown.** We hope to challenge them even more with activities and experiences that we have planned for the remaining months of the preschool year. **We want them to meet these challenges with confidence and be able to work on projects and activities on their own as much as possible with a minimal amount of guidance.**



Of course we are always there for them to support and encourage their efforts. **We will also be encouraging the children to begin printing their names by themselves, using several different methods suitable for each child's skill level.**

- **If you are helping them with this at home please use upper case letters only for the first letter in their name.**
- **The rest should be printed in lower case letters.**

Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd
Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh
Ii	Jj	Kk	Ll
Mm	Nn	Oo	Pp
Qq	Rr	Ss	Tt
Uu	Vv	Ww	Xx
Yy	Zz		

And now on to the rest of the preschool year that we hope your children will find challenging, exciting and most of all fun!

Winter Theme

Winter will be our main topic for the month of January. While this not always the favourite season for adults the children love it. Our activities and art projects planned for this month will mostly reflect this theme. **Our discussions will include: vocabulary words like season, freezing, temperature, ice, snow, blizzards, hibernating, south and North Pole, polar bears and penguins.** We will also discuss what we humans do to adapt to winter as compared to what animals do in the winter. throughout the rest of this year.



Skating

Of course winter is a big part of our weather pattern here in our area and an activity that most Canadians participate in is skating. Skating provides us with some much needed large motor activity during this season when we are often stuck inside the house due to cold weather. Fortunately we don't have to skate outside in the sometimes freezing weather

anymore. **We are looking forward to our skating times starting in January at the Max Mclean arena. Our time spent skating in the past has always been thoroughly enjoyed by both the children and**

their parents. We hope that will be true again this year. Your enthusiastic participation is one of the key ingredients to making this activity successful.

The children will love having you there even if you don't skate yourself. If you can't be there another adult such as a family member or parent of another child in your child's class, willing to supervise your child while skating, may attend in your place. This activity also provides a wonderful opportunity for your child to skate and socialize with all their friends from preschool and just have fun. We are always amazed at the level of progress these young children make in improving their skating skills (even those who have not skated before) by the end of our three skating sessions.



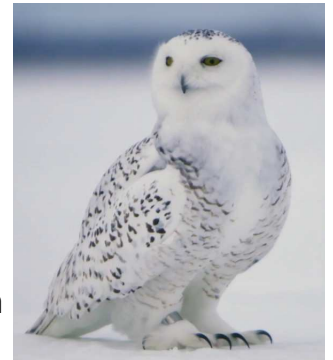
Skating Schedule

Please keep your skating schedules handy with times and dates for these sessions. One will be posted on the bulletin board above the cubbies.

We will still have our snack time just before we leave for skating so please send a drink and snack with your child as usual.

Alberta Parks Visit

On January 30th and 31st an interpreter from Alberta Parks' Winter Bunny program will be visiting our classroom to present a session all about Owls. These sessions are filled with lots of information, hands on activities and loads of fun geared towards preschoolers.



Questions

If you have any questions or concerns about any of these activities please let us know.

Yours truly

Pat Walker and Kelsey Miller.

