



Camrose & District Pre-School January, 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents:

Welcome Back:

We would like to start off this letter by welcoming back all of our preschool friends. **We hope that everyone had a fun and relaxing holiday season; and that everyone is excited to begin the New Year that is 2020!**

Pat and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the Christmas gifts, cards and holiday greetings we received this Christmas season; they were all so lovely and heart-warming. Please make sure and pass on our thank you to your little ones as well.



Children's Progress:

It has now been more than four months since preschool started, and the children have settled nicely into our daily routine at preschool. The children now seem more comfortable coming to preschool and we are really enjoying, getting to know these little people and their unique personalities that have begun to emerge now that they are more comfortable with us, the other children and the preschool itself!

Introduction of Scissor Skill

Along with the start of the New Year, January will bring the introduction of a new skill to many of the children; **scissor skills!** Towards the end of this month, we will be putting out some simple scissor craft exercises that the children will be given the opportunity to try (please note, these will be optional exercises and not mandatory for the children to complete, however just like always we will encourage their participation).

These simple exercises are designed to help the children develop their fine motor muscles as well as fine motor control; a skill that becomes increasingly important as your children learn to print. These scissor craft exercises will merely serve as a fun, yet challenging introduction to a skill that we will continue to help your children develop throughout the rest of this year.



Winter Theme

This month's theme will be winter, therefore, the majority of our activities at preschool will reflect the winter theme in some way.



Gym Time

Starting in the New Year, we will try going upstairs once/month with the children to do some large motor activities. Our first "gym" day will be on Jan. 27th and from then on, we will be going upstairs to the "gym" about once month until the end of the year. Gym day is always a favourite day at preschool, and one that in past years the children have all eagerly come to await. **During our gym time, we will participate in movement games/activities that will help to develop large motor skills; free play with our gym equipment such as the balls and the hula-hoops . We may also try participating in cooperative games that will further help to develop social skills in the areas of turn taking, sharing, and cooperation.**



Skating

We would also like to extend an invitation to all our three-year-old children to attend the skating sessions that our four-year-old classes are participating in this year. Please feel free to join us for any one or more of these sessions; just look at the skating schedule that is posted on the bulletin board above the blue cubbies with the times and dates for these. Parents and children who have joined us for these in previous year have always enjoyed themselves.



We are extremely excited to be starting the New Year with lots of new and enjoyable activities and experiences for the children to participate in. We are always so amazed at how fast these little ones grow and learn; they have all come so far in just four short months, that we cannot wait and see what the following months bring.

If you have questions or concerns about the information in the newsletter or any of our planned activities, please let us know and we will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours truly,
Kelsey Miller and Pat Walker

Activity Calendar for January 2020 – three year old classes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>This month's theme is Winter!</p>			1	2	3	4
5	<p>Welcome Back!</p> <p>Icy Igloos</p>		8	9	10	11
12	<p>Silly Snowmen</p>		15	16	17	18
19	<p>Marvellous Mittens</p>		22	23	24	25
<p>26 All activities are subject to change without notice.</p>	<p>First "Gym" Day!</p>		29	30	31	